

West Union Village Council

May 25, 2021

West Union Village Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m., on 5-25-2021, at the Municipal Building, Mayor Jason Buda presiding. Call to order, pledge to the flag, and roll call: John R Lafferty – present, Mark Brewer – present, Jason Francis – present, Donna Young – present, Randy Brewer – present, Steve Rothwell - present; also in attendance: Tanya Johnson – Clerk, Shelley Gifford – Treasurer, Jerry Kirker – Village Administrator/Fire Chief, Tim Sanderson – Police Chief, Danni Studebaker – WULS. Visitors: Paul Brown, Ashley McCarty – People’s Defender, Kent Bryan – CT Consultants, Alice Hoop, Roger Riley.

Motion by Randy Brewer to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting on 5-11-2021, as distributed, second by Jason Francis; roll call vote: all yea, motion passed.

Motion by Donna Young to approve payment of bills as distributed, second by Mark Brewer; roll call vote: all yea, motion passed.

Resolution 2021-9 Amending 2021 Appropriations – 5201 Sewer Operating \$220,000.00; motion by Mark Brewer, second by Steve Rothwell; roll call vote: all yea, motion passed.

Council member Steve Rothwell called a Finance Committee Meeting for June 22, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by John R Lafferty to set the 2022 Budget Public Hearing for June 22, 2021, during the regular Council meeting, second by Mark Brewer; roll call vote: all yea, motion passed.

Report from Jerry Kirker, Village Administrator/Fire Chief

1. Kirker told Council there are speed limit signs on Evergreen Street. The only other way to slow cars down would be to put up a 3-way stop on Evergreen Street at Spruce Lane. The Police Chief informed Council the officers have been monitoring this area.
2. The Village Administrator met with the Adams County Commissioners for their signatures on a Memorandum of Agreement for the food truck at the courthouse square. The Commissioners would not sign this agreement for the food truck. Council discussed more dos and don’ts about the food truck, no action was taken.
3. Kirker stated he has spoken to the Copeland Medical Center about the 36 acres on CIC Blvd. He showed Council a picture of the new facility.

Council member Mark Brewer asked if an antenna could be placed on top of the water tower, Kirker said no.

Tim Sanderson, Police Chief, discussed a benefit fundraiser to take place on June 5, 2021. A bike ride would like to come through the Village about 4:00 p.m. Kirker will have the West Union Volunteer Fire Department and West Union Life Squad help with this ride. Chief Sanderson informed Council he was receiving a letter from the landowner to remove the homeless people that are living in a car on this property SR 41. Sanderson has a request from one of his officers to be paid for 80 hours of his vacation leave, Council agreed to let the officer be paid for his vacation time. Treasurer Shelley Gifford asked if an employee needed to come to Council every time they wanted to be paid for vacation time, Council said no.

Danni Studebaker, WULS, advised Council on the number of runs so far this month, and for the year. She also told the number of runs for the West Union Volunteer Fire Department for the year. The life squad is still using the Ripley’s squad, because of the holdup at the factory with our new squad. The new squad should be here by middle or end of June.

The Mayor reminded Council about the West Union Senior Class procession at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 28, 2021. Buda asked what Council was doing about the software for the Mayor’s Court. Motion by Steve Rothwell to purchase the software from the Baldwin Group, purchase price being \$23,815.00, second by Mark Brewer; roll call vote: all yea, motion passed.

Council member Mark Brewer requested a report from the Tax Administrator. The Clerk will inform him, and have it at the next Council meeting.

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Council member Jason Francis informed Council the Zoning Committee Meeting went very well. Stan Matthews, Enforcement Officer, was doing a very good job. Francis discussed the opening of the Solicitor position; the Clerk will post an ad in the newspaper, the Village's website, and local bar association. All resumes for this position must be in the Village Clerk's office by 2:00 p.m., on June 15, 2021. Interviews will be conducted on June 21, 2021, starting at 6:00 p.m. Francis asked about the Zoning Ordinance on the website; the Clerk will check into this matter.

Council member Donna Young talked about meeting once a month, table skirts, and name plates.

Motion by Steve Rothwell for executive session ORC 121.22 G1 personnel and G5 contracts, second by Jason Francis; roll call vote: all yea. Motion by Steve Rothwell to return to regular session, second by Donna Young; roll call vote: all yea.

Motion by Jason Francis to cancel the July 13, 2021 Council meeting due to the Adams County fair, second by Mark Brewer; roll call vote: all yea, motion passed.

Motion by Steve Rothwell to remove the following employees from the West Union Life Squad's employee roster: Clayton Fannin, Joe Himes, Darrell Rockey, Kevin Walters; and Kevin Walters from the West Union Volunteer Fire Department's roster, because of lack of attendance; second by Mark Brewer; roll call vote: all yea, motion passed.

Motion by Randy Brewer to hire Jared Castell as an EMT at \$90.00 per shift, starting next pay period, second by Donna Young; roll call vote: all yea, motion passed.

Danni Studebaker, WULS, informed Council that the West Union Life Squad will be the only staffed squad running in Adams County for Memorial Day weekend. After some discussion on how much money the Adams County Commissioners were giving the West Union Life Squad out of the tax money. Motion by Mark Brewer to pay the life squad employees \$50.00 per person per shift on Saturdays and Sundays, starting next pay, second by Randy Brewer; roll call vote: all yea, motion passed.

The Council asked the Clerk to contact Ashley McCarty, People's Defender, to research the lack of the county's life squad coverage over the holiday weekend.

Motion by Randy Brewer to adjourn, second by Jason Francis; roll call vote: all yea, meeting adjourned.