

West Union Village Council

June 23, 2020

West Union Village Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m., on 6-23-2020, 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, Ted Grooms – 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. Visitors: Danni Studebaker – WULS, Lt. Ryan Myers, Donna Young, Paul Brown, Robin Young, Stephen Caraway, Tyler Sheeley, Katie Sheeley, Rachael Hamilton, Kent Bryan – CT Consultants, Officer Jeff Bowling.

Paul Brown spoke to the Council on the Veterans banners and the straightening of the American flags on the poles.

Holly Johnson, Economic Development, told Council about the Adams County Training Center, the bids are out and the project should be finished in January 2021. She also was questioned on the Splash Pad. Kirker informed Council the Village employees need to add two loads of dirt and level it out, and then the equipment will be placed.

2021 Budget Hearing: after some discussion, motion by Mark Brewer, second by Ted Grooms, roll call vote: all yea, motion passed.

Motion by Ted Grooms to approve the Minutes of the regular Council meeting on 6-9-2020 as distributed, second by Randy Brewer, roll call vote: all yea, motion passed.

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

Resolution 2020-10 resolution of necessity certified to the Adams County Auditor to levy a tax in excess of the ten mill limitation, after some discussion and requests to see the West Union Fireman's Building Association books, motion by Ted Grooms for the levy, second by Steve Rothwell, roll call vote: 5 yea, Jason Francis – nay, resolution passed.

Resolution 2020-11 Amend the Official Certificate – 5601 Sewer Debt Services Fund for a loan on Phase 1 and Phase 2 Sewer Improvement Project on SR 125, motion by Ted Grooms, second by Steve Rothwell, roll call vote: all yea, motion passed.

Report from Jerry Kirker, Village Administrator/Fire Chief

1. Kirker and Kent Bryan, CT Consultants, spoke to Council on all of the sewer improvement projects. Crackle Project will be 100% grant, and construction will start in two weeks. The Wastewater Plant Project should be finished by Spring.
2. The Village employees have been working on the digester at the wastewater plant, it is almost finished.
3. The EMA and Fire Department will be in the 4th of July procession.

Motion by Steve Rothwell for executive session ORC 121.22 G1 personnel, second by Jason Francis, roll call vote: all yea. Motion by Ted Grooms to return to regular session, second by Jason Francis, roll call vote: all yea.

Danni Studebaker, WULS, advised Council on the number of runs for the month and the year.

The Clerk informed Council, Bryan Poynter from Rumpke Recycling wanted to bid on the Village's dumpsters; Council decided the Village will stay local. The Clerk also has been asked why the Water/Sewer/Street Department door is still closed. After some discussion, Council agreed it should be opened. The Clerk discussed a stop sign at the corner of West Street and Mulberry Street, and the Income Tax Report.

Council member, Jason Francis, spoke to Council on the logo and Communication Policy for the Village, no action was taken.

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Motion by Mark Brewer for executive session ORC 121.22 G1 personal, second by Steve Rothwell, roll call vote: all yea. Motion by Jason Francis to return to regular session, second by Steve Rothwell, roll call vote: all yea.

Motion by Jason Francis to have a special Council meeting, Monday, June 29, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building, second by Steve Rothwell, roll call vote: all yea, motion passed. The Clerk will advertise this meeting.

Paul Brown informed Council the West Union Lions Club will be taking care of the American flags for the for the Veteran's banners.

Stephen Caraway spoke to Council the Fire and EMS Levy; he informed Council the Adams County Commissioners had several levies on the ballot.

Robin Young discussed with Council about the traffic on Walnut Street, no action was taken.

Tyler Sheeley questioned when the "Bob Blake Block" sign will be put up, Council will get back with the family on this matter.

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