

West Union Village Council

June 29, 2020

West Union Village Council met in special session at 7:00 p.m., on 6-29-2020, 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, Jerry Kirker – Village Administrator/Fire Chief (arrived at 7:35 p.m.), Lisa Rothwell - Solicitor. Visitors: Ashley McCarty – People’s Defender, Benny McCarty.

Council member, Steve Rothwell, spoke to Council on hiring Christie Hayslip, full time working as maintenance for the Municipal Building and as a Water/Sewer Street Department employee. Motion by Steve Rothwell to hire Hayslip starting July 6, 2020, salary at \$10.00 per hour, 6 month probation period, second by Mark Brewer, roll call vote: all yea, motion passed.

Council member, Steve Rothwell, called the attention to the next applicant, Jeffery Scruggs, position would be laborer for the Water/Sewer/Street Department. Motion by Steve Rothwell to hire Scruggs starting July 6, 2020, salary at \$12.00 per hour, probation period will be 6 months, second by John R Lafferty, roll call vote: all yea, motion passed.

Motion by Ted Grooms to raise Jerry Jones to Operation Supervisor, raising his salary to \$16.00 per hour, starting with the next pay period, second by Steve Rothwell, roll call vote: all yea, motion passed.

After some discussion about employee pay raises, Council member, Jason Francis, asked if there were funds to pay these salaries. The Clerk asked why the Water/Sewer/Street Clerks were not clocking out, going home early, and this was approved by the Village Administrator. Council discussed a reprimand for all that are involved, no action was taken. Council member, Steve Rothwell, replied there were funds; and made the motion to have the following employees’ wages raised to:

- Cory Tolle - \$11.00 per hour
 - Tom Hackworth - \$11.00 per hour
 - Duane Kirk - \$18.63 per hour
 - Christeena Patrick - \$11.32 per hour
 - Jennifer Caldwell - \$11.00 per hour
 - Donna Purdin - \$15.00 per hour
 - Mike Brown - \$12.75 per hour
 - Terry Holsinger - \$14.93 per hour
 - Jerry Kirker - \$26.42 per hour
 - Kaitlynn Welch - \$11.00 per hour
 - Jaimie Bayless - \$14.00 per hour
 - Patty Foote - \$13.00 per hour
 - Ryan Myers - \$15.00 per hour
 - Jeff Bowling - \$13.50 per hour
 - Tim Sanderson - \$19.00 per hour
- second by Ted Grooms, roll call vote: all yea, motion passed.

Mayor Buda gave a copy of a new hire policy to all elected officials for review.

Motion by Ted Grooms for executive session ORC 121.22 G1 personnel, second by Steve Rothwell, roll call vote: all yea. Motion by Mark Brewer to return to regular session, second by John R Lafferty, roll call vote: all yea.

Motion by Ted Grooms to adjourn, second by Steve Rothwell, roll call vote: all meeting adjourned.