WEST LIBERTY CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 12/06/2022

Mayor Ethan Anderson called the city council meeting to order at 7:41 pm in attendance City Council Members: Dana Dominguez, Ashley Smith, and Joshua Shiltz. City Council Members Absent: Omar Martinez and Cara McFerren Staff Members in attendance: City Manager Haugland, Deputy City Clerk Hoffert, Police Chief Werling, and Administrative Assistant Brittany Woodson.

West Liberty City Council approved the agenda: Smith/Dominguez (3-0)

Public Hearing for the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost of the “Rainbow Drive and Maxson Avenue Roadway Improvement” project- opened by Dominguez/Smith (Dominguez-Y, Smith- Y, Shiltz- Y) (3-0)

Discussion about the bid date for the project changing to December 20th instead of December 13th took place and it was noted that this did not change the original deadline for the bids. It was suggested to change due to another large project that had the December 13th bid date.

Motion to close public hearing Dominguez/Shiltz (Shiltz- Y, Smith- Y, Dominguez- Y) (3-0)

Resolution 20221206-38 Adopting plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate cost $2,140,583.53, receive and file report of bids received January 3, 2023 and adopt resolution approving contract and bonds with On Track Construction in the amount of $2,140,500.00. Shiltz/Dominguez (Dominguez- Y, Smith- Y, Shiltz- Y) (3-0)

Mayoral Proclamation for Junior Achievement McFerren/Dominguez (5-0)

City Council approved the Consent Agenda to include the following items and remove the City Clerk/Treasurer Report: Smith/Shiltz (3-0)

1. Special City Council Meeting Minutes 11/28/2022
2. City Council Meeting Minutes 11/15/2022

City Council approved Vendor Voucher Claims List in the amount of $1,018,307.86: Dominguez/Shiltz (3-0)

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AND/OR CORRESPONDENCE** This is the time set aside for comments from the public on topics of City Business other than those listed on the agenda. No action may be taken. Please state your name and address for the record and keep your comments to no more than 2 minutes.

No public comments from public or zoom attendees. There was communication to Councilwoman Dominguez regarding issues that are happening in school that has also involved the Police Department regarding the concern of the community member that nothing was being done. There was discussion from Police Chief Werling that they are looking into a School Resource Officer who would assist both the Police Department and the School, but there has been nothing solidified. Councilman Shiltz had communication regarding the Fire Department and where things were at in the communication between the City and the Fire Department. Councilwoman Smith addressed the concern on the leaf truck as many people have been in communication about leaves not getting picked up. Superintendent Reinhardt discussed the issue with the trucks and the plan to continue to pick up if there is only a small dusting of snow. Once we have a large snowfall the truck will no longer be able to pick these items up. Council also reminded that we are extending brush and yard waste pick up and let community members know that bags were available at City Hall for purchase.

**Old Business:**

1. Consider a motion to adopt and accept BHMG, Electric Engineer’s COSS Electric Study Report and Recommendations. Dominguez/Shiltz (3-0)
2. Consider a motion to adopt and accept Columbus St. Sidewalk Proposal by Veenstra and Kimm. Smith/Dominguez motion to accept with Veenstra and Kimm making changes to include communication with the business owners and holding public hearing regarding this project (3-0)

**New Business:**

1. Consider a motion naming the official newspaper(s) of the City of West Liberty as West Liberty Index (primary) and Muscatine Journal as secondary. Smith/Shiltz (3-0)
2. Consider a motion to set the date for public hearing budget amendment for FY 2022-2023 on January 3, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. during the regular City Council meeting and direct City Clerk to publish notice of such hearing. Dominguez/Smith (3-0)
3. Discussion and appropriate follow up for a proposed Storm Water Evaluation Study by Veenstra and Kimm. Motion to move forward- Smith/Dominguez (3-0)

**Reports:**

1. City Engineer- Leo Foley discussed that they have been looking into sectioning off from the Power Plant and has got the ball rolling with this discussion. No further items added.
2. City Staff Meeting Minutes- There were questions from council answered by City Department Heads.
3. Committee Meetings-Chair Dana Dominguez for the Fire/EMS task force discussed the progress within the task force. They have been looking through several 28e agreements and it was decided that if there were disagreements with any sections to bring it back to the associated parties to come up with solutions and or options. There is discussion about the February deadline and the possibility of having to extend this to get through everything. Mayor Ethan Anderson gave praise for Dominguez’s hard work within this task force and communicated that he has spoken with the FD leadership separately and will meet with the Rural Trustees as well.

ADJOURNMENT at 9:26 p.m.: Smith/Dominguez (3-0)

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Ethan Anderson, Mayor

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Shari Hoffert, Deputy City Clerk