

**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2016
6:30 P.M.**

{Summary minutes of City Council meeting. Audio tapes of the meeting are on file and are included by reference as part of this meeting. An agenda of this meeting has been either mailed or made available to persons, organizations and local news media as per their request. The agenda gives the date, time and place of the meeting as well as the order of business. This disclosure is in compliance with the South Carolina Code of Laws of 1976, Section 30-4-80 (e).}

The regular meeting of City Council was held on Tuesday, August 16, 2016 at 6:30 P.M. in the City Municipal Building with the following present:

COUNCIL: Mayor Harold Thompson, Mayor Pro Tem Robert Garner, Councilmembers Tommy Anthony, Yates Giles, Ricky Todd Harris, Pamela Sloss, and Jim Wilson.

CITY ATTORNEY: Larry Flynn

DEPARTMENTAL STAFF: Gloria Rogers, Municipal Clerk/Personnel Director; Joe Nichols – Utility Director; Adam Harris – Assistant Utility Director; Laura Hembree – Accounting Supervisor; Sam White – Public Safety Director; Leroy Edwards – Maintenance Shop Director and Perry Harmon – Public Service Director. Walker Gallman – Finance Director was absent due to illness.

NEWS MEDIA: Mike Stevens – WBCU Radio and Graham Williams – Union County News

OTHERS: Cassandra Cantey; Sonja Craig; Jack Kelly III and Linda Kelly.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Thompson called the meeting to order. Councilmember Giles gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was given by all present. The roll was called by Municipal Clerk Gloria Rogers.

2. MINUTES

A. July 19, 2016 Council Workshop

MOTION by Councilmember Harris to approve minutes.
SECOND by Councilmember Giles.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. July 19, 2016 Regular Council Meeting

MOTION by Councilmember Wilson to approve minutes.
SECOND by Councilmember Harris.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. **COMMUNICATIONS**

A. Monthly Reports

MOTION by Councilmember Sloss to accept monthly reports.
SECOND by Councilmember Wilson.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. AG & Art Libby Oliver and Elise Ashby

Mayor Thompson states that representatives from AG & Art could not attend meeting tonight. They will reschedule their visit.

C. Welvista - Cassandra Cantey

Cassandra Cantey, with Community Patient Advocacy Program of Welvista addressed council. Welvista is a non-profit organization headquartered in Columbia, SC. They are dedicated to providing free prescription medications to South Carolinians who are both uninsured and have income constraints. Ms. Cantey states that Welvista is launching their Community Wellness Event on November 5, 2016 in Union, SC. They have several sponsors and with Union County's large number of uninsured adults, Welvista's hope is to partner with other organizations-businesses and individuals within this community, who will offer both donations and sponsorships for the event, as well as asking both clinical and non-clinical to come and volunteer. She is asking the support of the community to share their message and assist in getting people enrolled.

Mayor Thompson thanked Ms. Cantey for her presentation and states that the City can assist by providing free advertising of the event through the City's Public Access Channel 192 Charter Communications.

4. **BUSINESS**

A. ORDINANCE – **2ND READING** – AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF UNION & UNION COUNTY/ANIMAL CONTROL

Attorney Larry Flynn addressed council. He presented an ordinance to acknowledge and authorize the execution and delivery of an inter-governmental agreement between the City of Union and the County of Union for the provision of Union County Code Officers to enforce the City of Union Animal Control Ordinance within the municipal limits of the City of Union and on behalf of the City of Union and other matters related thereto. The recommendation is to authorize the Mayor to enter into Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Union and the County of Union. City Council passed 1st reading at its July regular meeting.

MOTION by Mayor Pro Tem Garner to accept recommendation and pass 2nd reading of the ordinance.
SECOND by Councilmember Giles.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. AWARD BID – WATER & SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS & WATER PLANT BACKWASH FORCE MAIN MODIFICATIONS

Utility Director Joe Nichols states that bids were received on July 26, 2016 at City Hall for Water & Sewer System Improvements and Water Plant Backwash Force Main Modifications. One bid was received from Smith Backhoe & Construction LLC in the amount of \$444,739.00. The bid summary along with the recommendation letter from consultants was presented to Council. The recommendation is to accept bid from Smith Backhoe & Construction, LLC in the amount of \$444,739.00.

MOTION by Councilmember Giles to accept recommendation.

SECOND by Councilmember Anthony.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. DISCUSSION/MOTION – SET CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP DATE

Mayor Thompson states that City Council will need to set a date for an upcoming Workshop. He recommends one of the following dates: August 29th, 30th, 31st or September 1st. After a brief discussion, Council set Workshop date for August 29, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

5. **ANNOUNCEMENT BY MAYOR & COUNCIL**

None

6. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – TO DISCUSS LEGAL, CONTRACTURAL AND PERSONNEL MATTERS

A. DISCUSS CONTRACTURAL MATTERS CONCERNING THE CITY’S MASTER PLAN/CATAWBA REGIONAL

B. DISCUSS CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS ON MAIN STREET JUNCTION PROJECT AND RECEIVE LEGAL ADVICE REGARDING THE SAME

MOTION by Councilmember Wilson to go out of regular session into executive session to discuss the above items.

SECOND by Councilmember Giles.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION by Councilmember Sloss to go out of executive session back into regular session.

SECOND by Mayor Pro Tem Garner.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

No action taken.

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 P.M.

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Gloria J. Rogers, Municipal Clerk

Minutes approved _____ 2016