

**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 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, June 7, 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; Laura Hembree – Accounting Supervisor; Joe Nichols – Utility Director; Walker Gallman – Finance Director, Sam White – Public Safety Director; Leroy Edwards – Maintenance Shop Director and Perry Harmon – Public Service Director.

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

OTHERS: Robby Moody, Bobby Joe Gibbs, Hutch Hall, Curtiss Hunter, Alise Ashby, Rieta Drinkwater, Kelsey Allen, Libby Oliver, Brenda Nelson and Kelsey Aylor.

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. May 17, 2016 Public Hearing

MOTION by Councilmember Harris to approve minutes.

SECOND by Councilmember Sloss

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. May 17, 2016 Regular Council Meeting

MOTION by Councilmember Harris to approve minutes.

SECOND by Councilmember Giles.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. **COMMUNICATIONS**

A. Monthly Reports

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

B. Eat Smart - Move More Union County - Kelsey Allen

Kelsey Allen of SC DHEC and the Community Health Team - "Eat Smart, Move More Union County" addressed council. The vision is that all Union County citizens thrive, connect, be happy and live longer, healthier lives. Ms. Allen states that curbing obesity adolescents is essential to improving long-term health outcomes. DHEC Public Health have partnered with Eat Smart, Move More SC and the University of South Carolina's Arnold School of Public Health to create a program which helps young people learn how to make healthier food and lifestyle choices. All SC school food meets the USDA standards and schools are held accountable for meeting those standards.

4. **BUSINESS**

A. MOTION - TAKE FROM THE TABLE –**ORDINANCE - 2ND READING** – STUTTS AVENUE

Mayor Thompson states that a public hearing was held on May 17, 2016 at the City of Union Municipal Building concerning property located at Stutts Avenue, Map #074-12-12-001. The property owner signed a petition to have the property annexed into the city. During that public hearing residents from that area had concerns in regards to the property owner's intentions for that property. At the regular council meeting on May 17, 2016, a motion from council tabled the 2nd reading of Item #4B, ordinance to annex property on Stutts Avenue, until the residents could get answers to their questions and concerns. At a subsequent meeting, the owner of the property met the local residents and answered questions to their satisfaction on May 18, 2016. A motion is in order to remove from table and place back on the agenda.

MOTION by Mayor Pro Tem Garner to remove from table - ordinance 2nd reading- Stutts Avenue Annexation into the City of Union.
SECOND by Councilmember Giles.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. ORDINANCE – 2ND READING – PROPOSED BUDGET 2016-2017

City Council passed 1st reading of the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 budget at its May regular council meeting. Finance Director Walker Gallman presented the budget summary. Staff recommendation is to pass 2nd reading of the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

MOTION by Councilmember Wilson to pass 2nd reading of the FY 2016-2017 Budget Ordinance.
SECOND by Councilmember Sloss.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. ORDINANCE – 2ND READING – ANNEXATION – STUTTS AVENUE

Robby Moody states that the owner of the property located at Stutts Avenue signed a petition to have the property annexed into the city. The annexation ordinance states the property be annexed into the city limits with an R-10 residential zoning classification. The property is adjacent to properties which are already zoned R-10 residential and it does comply with requirements for this zone. The Planning Commission met prior to this meeting and made the following recommendation: “ The Planning Commission for the City of Union recommends that City Council approve the proposed request to allow the annexation and assign a zoning classification of R-10 residential to the property located at Stutts Avenue.

MOTION by Councilmember Wilson to pass 2nd reading of the ordinance.
SECOND by Councilmember Harris.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

D. ORDINANCE – 2ND READING – SALARY INCREASE AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS – MAYOR

Mayor Pro Tem Garner states that the annual salary applicable to the position of Mayor of the City of Union shall be \$57,800. The recommendation is to approve 2nd reading of an ordinance to increase the salary of the Mayor effective November 16, 2016.

MOTION by Councilmember Sloss to approve recommendation.
SECOND by Councilmember Anthony.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

E. DISCUSSION/MOTION – HOUSING AUTHORITY (1) VACANCY

Mayor Thompson states that an expired term as of April 6, 2016 has created a vacancy on the Housing Authority Board. A public notice advertising this vacancy ran in the Union County News. Eugene P. Thomas was the only applicant. The recommendation is to re-appoint Eugene P. Thomas to fill the expired term on the Union Housing Authority Board.

MOTION by Councilmember Giles to accept recommendation.
SECOND by Councilmember Harris.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F. DISCUSSION/MOTION – PLANNING COMMISSION (2) VACANCIES

Mayor Thompson states that City Council must fill two (2) vacancies on the Planning Commission for expired terms. This board works closely with the City of Union Planning Department. The Board meets to consider and makes recommendations to City Council concerning zoning ordinances or resolutions. The commission also makes regulations for the subdivision of land and appropriate revisions thereof within its jurisdiction. These positions were solicited by public notice in local newspaper May 16, 2016. Request to serve letters, voting ballots and the public notice was presented to council. City staff recommends that council appoint qualified candidates to fill these most important vacancies. The names submitted for positions were Mary Norman and Oscar Gist. Council unanimously re-appointed

Mary Norman and Oscar Gist to the Planning Commission Board.

5. **ANNOUNCEMENT BY MAYOR & COUNCIL**

None

6. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – 1) Seek Legal Advice – Pinckney Street Side Wall at 100 West Main Street & Stabilization of Mural on Back of Building
- 2) Discuss Contractual Agreement with County on Animal Control

MOTION by Councilmember Wilson to go out of regular session into executive session to discuss a contractual matter.

SECOND by Councilmember Giles.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

SECOND by Councilmember Giles.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

There was no action taken.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION by Councilmember Sloss to adjourn.

SECOND by Mayor Pro Tem Garner.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Gloria J. Rogers, Municipal Clerk

Minutes approved _____ 2016