

**MINUTES  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2016  
6:30 P.M.**

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{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, September 20, 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; Gregg Pickens – Captain; Leroy Edwards – Maintenance Shop Director and Walker Gallman – Finance Director. Sam White – Public Safety Director was absent.

**NEWS MEDIA:** Graham Williams – Union County News

**OTHERS:** Elise Ashby, Jack Kelly, Linda Kelly, Sonja Craig, Curtiss Hunter and Ray Jones.

**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. August 16, 2016 Regular Council Meeting

**MOTION** by Councilmember Harris to approve minutes.

**SECOND** by Councilmember Giles.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. August 29, 2016 Council Workshop

**MOTION** by Councilmember Harris to approve minutes.

**SECOND** by Councilmember Sloss.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. **COMMUNICATIONS**

A. Monthly Reports

**MOTION** by Councilmember Wilson to accept monthly reports.

**SECOND** by Councilmember Harris.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. AG & ART

Elise Ashby

Elise Ashby with the Union County Planning Team for AG & ART addressed council. She gave an update on the 2016 AG & ART Tour held in June 2016. Ms. Ashby presented a handout to City Council with a breakdown of the expenses incurred; donations collected and Dinner Ticket sales. She also discussed attendance at the following tour sites: Union County's Farmer's Market; Physic Garden; Jackson Farm; Three Horse Milling Company; Olivia's Way Garden; Hereford Hills Ranch; Simple Times and the Cross Keys House. The 2016 AG & ART Tour had an attendance increase over the 2015 AG & ART Tour. There were 962 attendees in 2015 and 1,284 attendees in 2016. Ms. Ashby thanked City Council for their continued support. Mayor Thompson thanked Ms. Ashby for bringing council an update on the 2016 AG & ART Tour.

4. **BUSINESS**

A. ORDINANCE – 1ST READING – APPOINTMENT AND TERM

Attorney Larry Flynn addressed council. He states that the municipal court shall be presided over by the municipal judge appointed by council for a term of neither less than two nor more than four years or until a successor is appointed and qualified. The compensation of the municipal judge shall be fixed by council at the time of appointment. This section of the city code has been amended to correspond with S.C. Ann. 14-25-15(A) of the state code. The recommendation is to pass 1<sup>st</sup> reading of amendment of Section 15-2 of the Code of the City of Union.

**MOTION** by Mayor Pro Tem Garner to accept recommendation.

**SECOND** by Councilmember Giles.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. RESOLUTION – LOCAL MATCH – HOMETOWN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT

Mayor Thompson states that the City of Union would like to apply for a MASC grant of \$25,000 for the purpose of revising and updating the City of Union's Comprehensive Plan. The applications for this grant are due on September 30, 2016. A resolution for a local match of at least \$2,500, which equals the minimum 10% local match, is required by the Municipal Association of South Carolina. The recommendation is to approve resolution for the 10% local match to apply for the Hometown Economic Grant.

**MOTION** by Mayor Pro Tem Garner to approve resolution.

**SECOND** by Councilmember Anthony.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

C. RESOLUTION - PMPA APPOINTMENT TO BOARD – ALTERNATE DIRECTOR

Utility Director Joe Nichols states that PMPA's Bylaws require that each member city appoint a Director and Alternate Director to serve on its Board of Directors. Walker Gallman has served as alternate director for the past several years and has requested to be removed as the Alternate Director. The recommendation is to approve resolution appointing Adam W. Harris as Alternate Director for City of Union on PMPA Board of Directors.

**MOTION** by Councilmember Wilson to approve resolution.  
**SECOND** by Councilmember Sloss.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

D. RESOLUTION – TRANSFER OF PROPERTY

City Attorney Larry Flynn presented a resolution to authorize transfer of property from Keenan Oaks to the City of Union. This property was conveyed to Keenan Oaks, LLC dated February 19, 2016, however; Keenan Oaks is not going to use a portion of the property as part of its development so they desire to convey a portion of the property located in the southwest corner to the City of Union. Mayor Thompson made a recommendation to table item for council's further review and clarification or property transfer.

**MOTION** by Councilmember Giles to accept recommendation.  
**SECOND** by Councilmember Anthony.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. **ANNOUNCEMENT BY MAYOR & COUNCIL**

Mayor Thompson states that Blue Sky can make repairs to mural. The Mayor also states that Matt Montgomery will get back with him on repairs of the Pinckney Street Wall.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Councilmember Wilson to adjourn.  
**SECOND** by Councilmember Giles.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 P.M.

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Gloria J. Rogers, Municipal Clerk

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