

**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2017
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 April 18, 2017 at 6:30 P.M. in the City Municipal Building with the following present:

COUNCIL: Mayor Pro Tem Robert Garner, Councilmembers Tommy Anthony, Vicki C. Morgan, Pamela Sloss, and Sonja J. Craig. Mayor Harold Thompson was absent due to attending business meeting out of town. Councilmember Ricky Todd Harris was absent.

CITY ATTORNEY: Larry Flynn was absent.

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, Sr. – Maintenance Shop Director; Walker Gallman – Finance Director and Perry Harmon – Public Service Director

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

OTHERS: Linda Casey-Clark; Libby Oliver; Elise Ashby; Curtiss Hunter and Rieta Drinkwine.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Garner called the meeting to order. Councilmember Anthony 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. March 20, 2017 Budget Work Session

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

B. March 21, 2017 Regular City Council Meeting

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

- C. March 22, 2017 Budget Work Session

MOTION by Councilmember Morgan to approve minutes.
SECOND by Councilmember Sloss.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- D. March 23, 2017 Budget Work Session

MOTION by Councilmember Sloss to approve minutes.
SECOND by Councilmember Craig.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- E. March 27, 2017 Budget Work Session

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

3. **COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. Monthly Reports

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

- B. Union County Tourism – Website Curtiss Hunter

Curtiss Hunter, Director of Union County Tourism presented their new website. The website will be interactive with a calendar that can be sent to anyone in city and county government to add their events to the calendar. They will eventually get permission to link the website to City and County government. She asked council to mark their calendar for May 24, 2017; Union County Tourism Commission will travel to Brevard, North Carolina for a tour. City Council will be receiving an invitation to attend.

4. **BUSINESS**

- A. AWARD BID – FINANCIAL STATEMENT PREPARATION & AUDIT SERVICES

Finance Director Walker Gallman states that on March 23, 2017 the City solicited proposals for Financial Statement Preparation and Audit Services for fiscal year 2017, 2018 and 2019. Seven (7) proposals were received. The proposals are listed as follows to include the number of estimated hours to complete the audit, years 2017-2019: Love, Bailey & Associates, and LLC (225 hrs.) - \$19,000; 19,000; 19,000 – Faulkner & Thompson, PA (350 hrs.) - \$42,000; 43,000; 44,000 – McKinley, Cooper & Co., LLC (354 hrs.) - \$29,000; 29,000; 29,000 – Newsome & Company, PC (360 hrs.) - \$32,186; 29,000; 29,000- Greene, Finney & Horton (300 hrs.) - \$28,500;

29,000; 29,500 – Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC (350 hrs.) - \$29,900; 30,500; 30,900 and McAbee, Schwartz, Halliday & Co. (275 hours) - \$29,100; 29,900; 30,700. The proposals were reviewed by staff and Mr. Terry Fant, the City's former auditor. The review consisted of assessing past performances, ability of professional personnel, willingness to meet time and budgets requirements, references and related experience with organizations compatible to the City. The staff recommendation is to award the Financial Statement Preparation and Audit Services to McKinley, Cooper, and Co., LLC for fiscal years 2017, 2018 and 2019 in the amount of \$29,000 per year.

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

**B. AWARD BID – PINCKNEY STREET & N. GADBERRY STREET
STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS**

Utility Director Joe Nichols states that bids were received on April 4, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at Union City Hall. Five (5) construction firms submitted bids: AOS Specialty Contractors - \$607,733.85; Capitol Construction – \$414,471.00; Digging Deep Construction - \$538,980.00; L-J, Inc. – \$548,262.20 and Sossamon Construction - \$541,212.00. The bid tab and letter of recommendation from the engineering firm, The Landplan Group South Engineering Firm was presented to council. The recommendation is to award bid to the low bidder, Capitol Construction of Spartanburg, SC in the amount of \$414,471.00 subject to approval by the SC Department of Commerce.

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

**C. DISCUSSION/MOTION - SPECIAL MEETING – MONDAY, APRIL 24,
2017**

Mayor Pro Tem Garner asked for a motion to hold special meeting on Monday, April 24, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. The attorney will give presentation on a matter.

MOTION by Councilmember Anthony to approve a Special Council Meeting on Monday, April 24, 2017.
SECOND by Councilmember Morgan.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. ANNOUNCEMENT BY MAYOR & COUNCIL

Mayor Pro Tem Garner asked everyone to remember City employee Scotty Silvers and family in prayers. Scotty's wife, Candee Silvers, passed away today.

6. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Councilmember Sloss to adjourn.
SECOND by Councilmember Craig.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Meeting adjourned at 6:50 P.M.

Gloria J. Rogers, Municipal Clerk

Minutes approved _____ 2017