

**MINUTES  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2017  
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 August 15, 2017 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, Vicki C. Morgan, Ricky Todd Harris, and Sonja J. Craig. Councilmember Sloss was absent (excused).

**CITY ATTORNEY:** Larry Flynn

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

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

**OTHERS:** Jeff Shacker, Katherine Pendergrass, Libby Oliver, Elise Ashby, Reita Drinkwine, Rebecca Rochester, Melody Porter, Perry Enlow (6:46 p.m)

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Thompson called the meeting to order. He 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 18, 2017 Public Hearing

**MOTION** by Councilmember Harris to approve minutes  
**SECOND** by Mayor Pro Tem Garner.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. July 18, 2017

**MOTION** by Councilmember Harris to approve minutes.  
**SECOND** by Councilmember Anthony.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. **COMMUNICATIONS**

A. Monthly Reports

**MOTION** by Councilmember Anthony to accept monthly reports.  
**SECOND** by Mayor Pro Tem Garner.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. 1. AG & ART

Elise Ashby

Elise Ashby gave City Council an update on the AG & ART Tour. They are looking at getting children involved with the AG & ART Tour. Also they are going to look at Clemson Extension being a part of the tour with their 4-H Program. Rose Hill has asked to be a part of the tour for next year. And they are also going to look at Sumter National Park. They are going to increase their billboards for advertising. The participation fee to participate in the AG & ART Tour is \$3,514 for the County. This is an opportunity to bring in visitors.

C. 1. Forms of Government Change Procedures

Jeff Shaker, Field Services Manager of the MASC addressed council. He gave a powerpoint presentation on the Form of Government Change Procedures. He states that the Home Rule Act was established in 1975. In 1975 the general assembly put into effect some status that gave cities and counties expanded powers following a state wide referendum that was held in 1972 where voters said they wanted Home Rule. He discussed the three forms of government. What Distinguishes The Forms Of Government. The major difference is where the executive and administrative powers and responsibilities of the local government are vested – The legislative function remains with the council under all forms of municipal government – Powers, roles and responsibilities exercised by the mayor, council and chief administrative officer (CAO) differ among FOG.

*Mayor-Council Form General Information*

- Most utilized form of municipal government in S.C. (142 of 270)
- Structure: Consists of the mayor & no fewer than 4 councilmembers
- Often called the strong mayor form because the Mayor is granted by state law the right to exercise legislative as well as executive and administrative authority

*Council Form - General Information*

- Second most used form of municipal government in S.C. (96 of 270 municipalities)
- Structure: 5, 7 or 9 members including mayor
- Sometimes called the weak mayor form which refers to the Mayor's lack of formal executive authority
- No separation of powers between the executive and the legislative functions
- Often called governance by committee because of shared powers

*Council-Manager Form - General Information*

- The Council and Mayor are forbidden by law from interfering with the operation of the departments, offices and agencies under the direction of the manager
- No direct involvement in the hiring and firing of employees under the manager or directly dealing with or giving orders to those employees

*Change in Form of Government*

- May only be implemented with approval of the voters via referendum
  1. Ordinance Method - the municipal council calls for referendum by ordinance
  2. Petition Method - Requires the signatures of at least 15% of the municipality's qualified electors

Another referendum to consider a change in FOG may not be held for another 4 years following the vote.

Mayor Thompson states that this will be discussed at the next regular council meeting.

Mayor Thompson thanked Jeff Shacker for his presentation.

4. **BUSINESS**

A. AWARD/BID – WATER PLANT SCADA SYSTEM UPGRADE

Utility Director Joe Nichols states that proposals were received to upgrade the existing SCADA system at the Water Treatment Plant. The existing platform we operate on is no longer supported Intellution. The proposals include personal computers/servers, SCADA software configuration, installation and start-up costs. Two (2) bids were received: Howard Engineering - \$44,700.00 and Nix Purser & Associates - \$91,100.00. The recommendation is to award bid to Howard Engineering, Inc. of Marietta SC to upgrade the Water Plant SCADA system in the amount of \$44,700.

**MOTION** by Councilmember Anthony to award bid to Howard Engineering, Inc. of Marietta, SC to upgrade the Water Plant SCADA system in the amount of \$44,700.

**SECOND** by Councilmember Harris.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. BUSINESS –DISCUSSION/MOTION – WBCU UCHS SPORTS HALL OF FAME

WBCU will host its annual Union County High School Sports Hall of Fame event. Union County High School will induct some of Union's best athletes from the past into the Union County High School Sports Hall of Fame. You can show your support by choosing one of the plans below. The stadium seat cushion will list the inductees this year as well as this year's sponsors who participate in this promotion, as well as the UCHS Yellow Jackets. The stadium seat cushion will be given to the UCHS Booster Club to sell for a fundraiser. The Aggressive Plan includes the 30 promotional announcements during the week of the Hall of Fame game. Your business's name listed on stadium cushion seat as well as complimentary Stadium Seat Cushion. The cost is \$800. The Moderate Plan is \$600. This include the 60 thirty-second ads; 30 promotional announcements during of the week of

the Hall of Fame Game. Your business name listed on the Stadium Seat Cushion. The recommendation is that the City of Union sponsor the WBCU Union County High School Sports Hall of Fame at the Moderate Plan in the amount of \$600 and give ads to the Chamber of Commerce for them to distribute to businesses within the City.

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

C. **USC – UNION ATHLETIC SPONSORSHIP**

Mayor Thompson states that USC Union is proud to announce the expansion of their athletic program with the addition of men & women's soccer. Our student's athletes represent our campus in the classroom, on the field and in the community. We motivate all of our students to continually enhance their education and to get involved on campus with clubs and cheering on our Bantams. The recommendation is to support the USC-Union Athletic Program with a sponsorship.

**MOTION** by Mayor Pro Tem Garner to support the USC-Union Athletic Program with a sponsorship at the Silver Level (\$1,000)  
**SECOND** by Councilmember Morgan.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Perry Enlow, 111 Bridletrial Lane addressed council. Mr. Enlow states that this summer he has called the police (6) six times. Someone had gone in and stole his property and according to Chief White's officers, they state that Mr. Enlow is mentally impaired or something is wrong with his mind. There were no reports made regarding items that had been stolen from him which totals up to thousands of dollars. He wants people arrested and wants property back. Chief White states that he has spoken to Mr. Enlow a number of times on various occasion such as medication being stolen which he was given a report for this; people being in the house and when officer checked there was no one in house; he reported car keys being stolen out of his bedroom and they were at his car. Chief White does have recordings of all incidences that Mr. Enlow reported.

Katherine Pendergrass with SC Works and Workforce Development addressed council. She states that a Workforce Summit meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 20, 2017 from 10:00 AM – 12:00 P.M at the Main Street Junction. Their scheduled speaker is CEO Mark Owens, President of Greer Chamber. Members of Union County's HR Association will also be there. Lunch will be served. City Council will be receiving invitations to this event.

Reieta Drinkwine, Director of the Union Carnegie Library addressed. She states that an Eclipse Watch Party will be held Monday, August 21, 2017 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. at the library. They will be giving out free eclipse glasses and refreshments.

6. **ANNOUNCEMENT BY MAYOR & COUNCIL**

Mayor Thompson states that Meals on Wheels will have an event at the Main Street Junction.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Councilmember Anthony to adjourn.  
**SECOND** by Councilmember Morgan.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 P.M.

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Gloria J. Rogers, Municipal Clerk

Minutes approved \_\_\_\_\_ 2017