

**MINUTES
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2017
6:00 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).}

A special council meeting was held on October 23, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. at the City Municipal building with the following present:

COUNCIL: Mayor Harold Thompson; Mayor Pro Tem Robert Garner; Councilmembers Tommy Anthony; Vicki C. Morgan; Ricky T. Harris and Sonja Craig. Councilmember Pam Sloss was absent.

CITY ATTORNEY: Larry Flynn

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

NEWS MEDIA: Mike Stevens – WBCU Radio

OTHERS: Curtiss Hunter, Steven Stone, James Ryan and Tim Teague

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Thompson called the meeting to order. He gave the invocation. The pledge of allegiance was given by all present. The roll was called by Municipal Clerk Gloria Rogers.

2. BUSINESS

A. ORDINANCE - 2ND READING – REZONING OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF LAKESIDE DRIVE AND SEIGLER ROAD FROM R-15 TO R10.

Mayor Thompson states that City Council passed 1st reading of an ordinance rezoning property located at the corner of Lakeside Drive and Seigler Road from R-15 to R-10 at its September regular meeting. The recommendation is to pass 2nd reading.

MOTION by Councilmember Morgan to accept recommendation.

SECOND by Councilmember Harris.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. ORDINANCE – 1ST READING – CONTRACT WITH UNION COUNTY TO PROVIDE CODE ENFORCEMENT & BUILDING INSPECTION SERVICES

Mayor Thompson states that at the September 19, 2017 regular council meeting, a presentation from Union County Supervisor Frank Hart was given to all for a contract between Union County and the City of Union. The contract would combine services

between the two government agencies for code enforcement and building inspection services. Two options were given by Supervisor Hart and City Council voted to move forward with option two. The County had their third reading on this matter on October 19, 2017. The recommendation is to approve 1st reading of ordinance to contract with Union County to provide code enforcement & building inspection services.

MOTION by Councilmember Anthony to accept recommendation.

SECOND by Mayor Pro Tem Garner.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RECUSE: Councilmember Harris.

C. DISCUSSION/MOTION – UNION COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSOCIATION

Steven Stone of the Union County Coon Hunter's Association states that on March 20, 2017 he addressed council regarding the Palmetto Jamboree and the Southeastern Treeing Walker Days. An agreement was signed to bring the event to Union County each year for the next five years. City Council agreed to support this event at the 2017 budget work session. Mr. Stone states that the events continue to grow. They want to have more family oriented events other than hunting. They have partnered with the S.C. Bar-B-Cue Association who is the second biggest organization in the country for the BBQ & Bluegrass Festival that will be held at the Union County Fairgrounds December 2, 2017. This event will feature the "Show-N-Shine Cruiser Car Club; Comedian "Ginger Billy" and Bluegrass bands. There will also be "The Carolina Christmas Shop" for Christmas Shopping with more vendors. Mr. Stone states that they want to continue to grow this event and make it a name brand for December as well as the traditional hunt in February. He is requesting funding again this year in the amount of \$17,500 from council; this is the third year.

MOTION by Councilmember Anthony to fund the Union County Coon Hunters Association in the amount of \$17,500 for their upcoming events.

SECOND by Councilmember Morgan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

D. DISCUSSION/MOTION – MOSQUITO CONTROL

Mayor Thompson states that over the last few weeks he has received a couple of phone calls about the mosquito problem that's around us and he wants to be pro-active so he asked a representative from Gregory Pest Control to give a presentation. He also states that Gregory Pest Control provided Mosquito Control Treatment for Union County.

A representative from Gregory Pest Solutions addressed council regarding mosquito extermination control for the West Nile Virus. He states that back in the spring of the year they were awarded the S.C. State Term Contract for Mosquito Control for all 46 counties and municipalities, government agencies, school, HOA and private community programs. He states that anytime they receive a call state requirement is to have someone treat the problem within 48 hours. They do a regular treatment which is a monthly treatment over a seven month cycle which starts in March and typically runs through the end of October. He also reviewed the state term contract pricing for the ULV-Adulticide Vehicle Application which is driving up and down the street and doing the spraying of the city streets; 45 day Larvicide Briquettes which is a pro-active approach which stops the mosquitos before they can bite anyone; it disrupts their breeding cycle so they can't breed which is put in ditches, storm drains and catch basins throughout the city or county; they provide door to door education handing out pamphlet to each house and then recommend they empty out gutters, keep buckets emptied out and keep the standing water away from their homes. Additional services provided are media & public relations. Mayor Thompson asked about the cool season. The representative states that October is the last month they treat because when it gets below 46 degrees they don't treat. Mayor Thompson states that had talked briefly with the representative about the City's GIS information. He asked representative to discuss this. The representative states that he spoke to Melody Porter and she

informed him that there was almost 98 miles of roads within the City of Union but he wanted to get clarification. He received this information on his way to Union. He further states that they can treat every mile every month at \$53.87 a mile or they can design a program around the City's budget. Mayor Thompson asked council if they had any questions. Councilmember Morgan asked if the service is needed in our city now that's its turning cold. The representative states that it is at the end of season so as a regular basis they can treat as needed. He further states that during the months of November, December and January, there can be some warm days and with that being said adult mosquitos are going to huddle inside tree knots, underneath porches to stay warm but when days warm up, mosquitos are going to come out and they are going to feed just like they would during the summer months. The spring and summer months are really the active months. The West Nile side of things really got active after July. Last month he states that he had four calls from four different counties; two of those were in the same day with a West Nile case. Union County chose to do the 45 day Larvicide Briquettes and two different treatments and three different sprayings. DHEC recommends three spraying and three treatments every two weeks for a West Nile case. Mayor Thompson asked council's wishes for the Mosquito Control treatment. Mayor Morgan asked if the City should be pro-active since there was West Nile cases reported in Spartanburg, Jonesville and the Gaffney area; even though she questions the time of the year because it is at the end of the season. Also she asked if the City gets this every month is there some kind of discount. The representative states that there is a discount and typical mosquito control is a seven month program that starts in March and runs through October. But if it is November or December and there are still mosquito issues, they can dispatch a truck to come out and do a treatment and also do treatment for special events as well. Councilmember Anthony asked if this is state contract pricing. The representative states it is state contract pricing. Mayor Pro Tem Garner asked representative if he could come up with proposal and a plan once he gets the mileage. He states that once he gets the mileage he will know more about how to do that and how many miles there is to treat. Also he states that he received the number of manhole covers but not the number of storm drain basins. Councilmember Harris asked representative if his company is the only one providing this type service. The representative states there is another company in N.C. that won part of the bid as well. Their company is the only company that is being used in S.C. except for Allen Aviation who does the aerial part, areas that doesn't have roads, such as a hunting area. Councilmember Morgan asked representative if the proposal would be for March since it is going to be the November meeting before he can get it back to council, which is after mosquito season. He states that this is correct. Mayor Thompson states that once the representative gets his information together, it would be put before council for a vote.

E. DISCUSSION/MOTION – NOVEMBER CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Thompson states that the regular city council meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month. The November meeting will fall on the 21st which is the week of Thanksgiving. If council decides to change the date of the November 2017 meeting a motion is in order.

MOTION by Councilmember Harris to move meeting date to November 14, 2017.

SECOND by Councilmember Craig.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION by Mayor Pro Tem Garner to adjourn.

SECOND by Councilmember Craig.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Council meeting adjourned at 6:25 P.M.

Gloria J. Rogers, Municipal Clerk

Minutes approved _____ 2017