

**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2018
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

The regular meeting of City Council was held on April 17, 2018 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 Morgan, Ricky Todd Harris, Pamela Sloss and Sonja Craig.

CITY ATTORNEY: Larry Flynn

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

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

OTHERS: Robby Moody, Kathy Teague, Lois Moorman, Amy Belue, Curtiss Hunter, Ann Stevens-Brown, Rev. Jerome Brown, Jamie Tramell, Elise Ashby, Rieta Drinkwine and Katherine Pendergrass

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. March 20, 2018 Regular City Council Meeting

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

B. April 10, 11 &12, 2018 Budget Work Session

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

3. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Monthly Reports

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

- B. Neighborhood Leadership Coalition - Rev. Jerome Brown &
Ann Stevens –Brown

Rev. Jerome Brown, CEO of the Neighborhood Leadership Coalition addressed Mayor and Council. He states that he and Mrs. Ann Stevens-Brown are in attendance to present the Leadership Coalition and talk about a few things that are happening with the organization. He discussed the handouts that were given out by Mrs. Ann Stevens-Brown. Rev. Brown discussed their mission statement and planned activities such as “Day of Prayer” on May 19th and the Youth Summit on June 7th -8th at the Fairgrounds. Their mission is to strengthen, to build up, and to work with all organizations on city and county level as well as the Union Public Safety Department and the Sheriff’s Office reaching out in the community for togetherness. Rev. Brown further states that they are asking that the City of Union leadership join in the collaboration for youth, senior citizens and the community to make Union County a better place to live. He also feels that young people are leaving out of Union County because it has nothing to offer. Lastly he states that he wants to work together to make a better Union County.

4. **BUSINESS**

- A. ORDINANCE – 2ND READING – ANNEXATION – 443 NORTH
DUNCAN BY-PASS

Robbie Moody, Senior Planner of CRPC states that this item was heard earlier this evening at the public hearing. The Planning Commission had an opportunity to review the request and bring forward a unanimous recommendation to annex the property and zone it as A-2 highway commercial. This is the former McDonald’s location at 443 N. Duncan Bypass.

MOTION by Mayor Pro Tem Garner to accept recommendation.
SECOND by Councilmember Anthony.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- B. ORDINANCE – 2ND READING – TIMKEN INDUSTRIAL SERVICES,
LLC-LEASE

City Attorney Larry Flynn states that this is an ordinance to authorize the Mayor to renegotiate and revise the terms of lease dated January 10, 2008 between the City of Union and Timken Industrial Services, LLC. Extending said lease will substantially reflect the terms and conditions in the Second Amendment to lease. The recommendation from staff is to authorize the Mayor to execute the Second Amendment to Lease with Timken Industrial Services, LLC. City Council passed 1st reading at its last regular council meeting. The recommendation is to pass 2nd reading.

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

- C. ORDINANCE – 2ND READING – PROPERTY ACQUISITION BY
DONATION – 113 EAST MAIN STREET

City Attorney Larry Flynn states that on February 13, 2018 at the City Council meeting he informed Council that the City has been approached about the building adjacent to the Main Street Junction. Owner Art Sutton has offered the City the building located at 113 East Main Street ownership at no cost to the City. The City would take ownership of the building on a “as is” basis. After a walk through, roof inspection and asbestos test, Council agreed unanimously to accept the offer from Mr. Sutton. City Council passed 1st reading of the ordinance at its last regular council meeting. The recommendation is to pass 2nd reading of the ordinance.

MOTION by Councilmember Sloss to accept the recommendation.
SECOND by Councilmember Craig.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

D. APPOINTMENT – HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD

Mayor Thompson states that there is a vacancy on the City of Union Housing Authority’s Board to fill an expired term ending April 6, 2023. A public notice was run in the Union Times and the Union County News soliciting candidates. A request letter was submitted by Mr. Frank Alexander. Mr. Alexander has already served on the board for 10 years. A letter of recommendation for Mr. Alexander by Preston Thomas, Chairman of the Union Housing Authority Board was submitted. City Staff recommends that Council re-appoint Mr. Alexander to fill this most important vacancy.

MOTION by Councilmember Harris to re-appoint Mr. Alexander to the City of Union’s Housing Authority Board
SECOND by Mayor Pro Tem Garner.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mayor Thompson announced that Ms. Genelle Alexander, City of Union Housing Authority Board member was recently named the 2018 Commission of the Year for Carolina Council on Housing Redevelopment. Ms. Alexander was first appointed to the Board of Commission of the Union Housing Authority by Mayor and City Council on June 26, 2001. She has dedicated many years of service to our Housing Authority and the community.

5. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – DISCUSS LEGAL MATTER

MOTION by Councilmember Sloss to go out of regular session into executive session to discuss a legal matter.
SECOND by Councilmember Harris.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION by Councilmember Sloss to go out of executive session back into regular session.
SECOND by Mayor Pro Tem Garner.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

No action taken.

6. **ANNOUNCEMENT BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

Mayor Pro Tem Garner states that he would like to see the City go forward with the Dog Park. He suggests getting Union County High School students and Leadership Union students involved in this project. Councilmember Morgan would like to see USC-Union University students get involved as well. Also the Mayor suggests setting up a committee for the Dog Park. He asked Mayor Pro Tem Garner and Councilmember Sloss to be on the committee. They agreed.

Councilmember Tommy Anthony would like to see the awnings replaced on Main Street. Mayor Thompson states that he has talked with 3 different contractors. The lowest bid is \$38,000. He will bring quotes back to council for their approval. Councilmember Anthony states that he can help the Mayor with the awning project.

Mayor Thompson discussed banners on Main Street. He has talked with a local company about the banners but (3) three bids will need to be obtained and brought back to council for approval.

Mayor Thompson announced that a council workshop will be held Monday, April 23 at 5:00 p.m.

7. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION by Mayor Pro Tem Garner to adjourn.

SECOND by Councilmember Anthony.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 P.M.

Gloria J. Rogers, Municipal Clerk

Minutes approved _____ 2018