

**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 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 October 16, 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, Pamela Sloss, Ricky Harris and Sonja Craig.

CITY ATTORNEY: Larry Flynn

DEPARTMENTAL STAFF: Gloria Rogers, Municipal Clerk/Personnel Director; Laura Hembree – Finance Director; Joe Nichols – Utility Director; Adam Harris – Assistant Utility Director; Sam White – Public Safety Director and Rebecca Lance – Accounting Supervisor. Leroy Edwards, Sr. – Maintenance Shop Director was absent due to surgery

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

OTHERS: Robby Moody, John Cock, Jamie Tramell, Curtiss Hunter, Lois Moorman, Mary Clements, Elise Ashby, Kathy Teague, David Lance, Gloria Wilson, Katherine Pendergrass, Amy Belue and others

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. September 18, 2018 Council Workshop
- September 25, 2018 Special Council Meeting

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

3. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Monthly Reports

MOTION by Councilmember Sloss to accept monthly reports as information.
SECOND by Councilmember Craig.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. 1. Farmers Market –

Elise Ashby

Elise Ashby addressed council. She invited everyone to the grand opening, ribbon cutting ceremony for the Chester Regional Agribusiness Center Dedication. It will be held in Chester on October 24, 2018 at 2:00 pm.

2. Union County Chamber of Commerce

Jami Trammell

Jamie Tramell, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce addressed Council regarding the Union County Christmas Parade. She is requesting funding to contract with the Carolina Panthers Drum Line & Mascot for appearance during the Christmas Parade/Downtown Open House. Prices are as follows: Sir Pur is \$510 for 2 hours (5:30 pm – 7:30 pm) and the Percussion is \$2,000 for 2 hours – 8 members (5:30 p.m. – 7:30 pm). The total for both is 2,510.00.

MOTION by Mayor Pro Tem Garner to approve request
SECOND by Councilmember Sloss
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. **BUSINESS**

A. ORDINANCE **2ND READING** - GAS SUPPLY ACQUISITION

City Attorney Larry Flynn states that 1st reading of the Gas Supply Acquisition Ordinance was passed at the September 25, 2018 meeting. This is a 30 year commitment in order to acquire natural gas at reasonable prices that would enhance reliability, efficiency, and supply security through the joint purchases and the arrangement of joint services on behalf of its members and other public agencies. Utility Director Joe Nichols states the City will have different daily rates through the summer and the winter. Right now it is a 25% discount per MCF. The discounted rate will be passed on to customers. The recommendation is to approve 2nd reading of the Gas Supply Acquisition Ordinance.

MOTION by Councilmember Anthony to pass 2nd reading of the ordinance
SECOND by Mayor Pro Tem Garner
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. DISCUSSION/MOTION – WALKABLE UNION PEDESTRIAN PLAN –

Robby Moody, Senior Planner of CRPC, along with John Cock of Alta Planning and Design gave a power point presentation on a Walkable Union Pedestrian Plan. Union is one of 15 communities across the state selected by the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) to host a 3-day charrette to develop a community-specific pedestrian plan. The recommendations of the Walkable Union Pedestrian Plan, as well as the planning process behind the Plan, are guided by three key tenants intended to promote healthy eating and active living, particularly for the community's most vulnerable populations: equity-based planning, access to healthy foods, and inclusive community engagement. The Walkable Union Pedestrian Plan focuses on recommendations for the pedestrian and bicycle network, including key crossing connections at US-176, north-south and east-west connectors, and programmatic recommendations for improving walkability throughout Union. Robby Moody made a request to adopt the Walkable Union Pedestrian Plan.

MOTION by Councilmember Sloss to adopt the Walkable Union Pedestrian Plan

SECOND by Councilmember Morgan

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. DISCUSSION/MOTION – MAIN STREET JUNCTION RATE INCREASES

Amy Belue, MSJ Facility Manager states that the Main Street Junction opened in August of 2016 with a much welcomed reception. The original rental information had a listing of prices for all aspects of the facility. The pricing was introduced as introductory pricing that was subject to increase within a year of being in operation. However this did not happen in the time period expected. After a little more than two years of successful operation it has been determined that it is time to introduce a 10% increase across the board on facility rental fees. The Junction has more to offer now in ways of electronic capabilities, kitchen equipment, dining and cocktail tables and rental items. This, in conjunction with the facility itself has made Main Street Junction a very desirable venue to many different occasions for people in Union and as well as out of town. The rates will go into effect on January 1, 2019.

MOTION by Mayor Pro Garner to increase MSJ facility rental fee 10% across the board

SECOND by Councilmember by Councilmember Anthony

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. WBCU'S TRUCK FULL OF TOYS CAMPAIGN

Mayor Thompson states that WBCU will be hosting their "Truck Full of Toys" Campaign again this year. All items that are collected during this campaign will be donated to UCARE of Union and distributed in the community. Staff recommendation is for a motion from council to sponsor the WBCU "Truck Full of Toys" campaign.

MOTION by Councilmember Craig to accept recommendation

SECOND by Councilmember Morgan

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E. AWARD BID – BACKHOE REPLACEMENT FOR VEHICLE #754

Utility Director Joe Nichols gave an update on the electric crew employees who are working in Albany, Georgia. Next he states that the City of Union solicited bids for a backhoe to replace Vehicle #754, a 2006 Komatsu Model WB140-2N Compact Backhoe Loader: Two (2) bids were received: Flint Equipment Company, Simpsonville - \$91,675 and Blanchard Machinery – Rock Hill, SC – \$105,557. Capital Expenditures were allocated in the budget to purchase this equipment however; the current cost exceeds the \$75,000 allocated estimate. Current hour meter on Vehicle #754 shows usage as 5562 hours. The recommendation is to award bid to Flint Equipment Company in the amount of \$91,675.00. The Utility Director also informed council that the bucket truck is out for bid this year; \$220,000 was allocated in this year's budget. Mr. Nichols states that companies he has talked to regarding the bucket truck are saying that the bucket truck would not be available this year; they are over a year out in deliveries. This money will not be spent in this year's budget. It will be bided out the 25th of this month.

MOTION by Councilmember Morgan award bid to Flint Equipment Company, 2018 John Deere 310L Backhoe Loader
SECOND by Councilmember Sloss
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F. AWARD BID – RE-PAINTING THE EXTERIOR OF THE TIMKEN CO. BUILDING

Utility Director Joe Nichols states that bids were solicited for the pressure washing and exterior re-painting of the Timken Industrial Services building. A mandatory pre-bid conference was held on Wednesday, September 12, 2018 at 10:00 am at the project site. Five (5) bids were received for the project at 2:00 pm on September 26th at City Hall: Southern Painting - \$31,875; Riley Nash Forkovich Construction - \$51,600; Mint Hill Waterproofing - \$69,850; Pineapple Group – \$74,840 and Taylormade Contracting Construction - \$90,650. The bid tabulation and letter of recommendation from Jason Vance, Catawba Regional Council of Governments Project Manager. The recommendation is to award bid to Southern Painting in the amount of \$31,875.00.

MOTION by Councilmember Anthony to accept recommendation
SECOND by Councilmember Harris
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

G. AWARD BID – SOUTH PINCKNEY STREET PARKING LOT PAVED

Utility Director Joe Nichols states that bids were solicited for paving the South Pinckney Street Parking Lot (behind the Montgomery Building). A non-mandatory pre-bid conference was held on Thursday, September 6, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the project site, 202 South Pinckney Street. Two (2) bids were received for the project at 2:00 pm on September 27th at City Hall: S2 Engineering & Consulting, LLC - \$53,700 and Sailors Asphalt Paving – \$57,810. The bid tabulation and letter of recommendation from our project engineer, DePaul Engineering, Inc. The recommendation is to bid to S2 Engineering & Consulting, LLC in the amount of \$53,700. After a brief discussion regarding making contact with the low bidder, Councilmember Morgan feels that it would be in the best interest of the City to award bid to a local contractor. Mr. Nichols states that the local contractor was within a few thousand dollars of the 5% local preference. The local bid was missed by \$1,200.

MOTION by Councilmember Harris to accept recommendation to award bid to S2 Engineering & Consulting, LLC in the amount of \$53,700
SECOND by Mayor Pro Tem Garner
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H. DISCUSSION/MOTION –COMPENSATION FOR ELECTION COMMISSION AND POLL WORKERS

Mayor Thompson states that the City Clerk met with the Finance Committee to request a \$35 increase for the poll workers. The recommendation is to increase the poll workers compensation in the amount of \$35.

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

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Katherine Pendergrass addressed council. Mrs. Pendergrass reminded everyone about a survey that she feels is very important for Union County's future. She states that there is a link to the survey on the City and the County's website. Also there have been a write up in the newspaper about the survey. Mrs. Pendergrass further states that she has hard copy of the survey for anyone that needs one.

6. **ANNOUNCEMENT BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

None

7. **EXECUTIVE SESSION: CONTRACTUAL AND PERSONNEL MATTERS**

MOTION by Mayor Pro Tem Garner to go out of regular session into executive session to discuss a contractual and personnel matter

SECOND by Councilmember Harris

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION by Councilmember Sloss to go out of executive session into regular session

SECOND by Councilmember Garner

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION by Mayor Pro Tem Garner to adjourn

SECOND by Councilmember Sloss

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Gloria J. Rogers, Municipal Clerk

Minutes approved _____ 2018