

**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 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 September 18, 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 and Sonja Craig. Councilmember Ricky T. Harris was absent.

CITY ATTORNEY: Larry Flynn was absent

DEPARTMENTAL STAFF: Gloria Rogers, Municipal Clerk/Personnel Director; Laura Hembree – Finance Director; Joe Nichols – Utility Director; Adam Harris – Assistant Utility Director; Perry Harmon – Public Service Director; Leroy Edwards, Sr. – 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: Elise Ashby, Mary Ferguson-Glenn, Kathy Teague, Curtiss Hunter, Amy Belue, David Lance, Nate Johnson, Modest Keenan, Katherine Pendergrass; Jamie Tramell and Rieta Drinkwine

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

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| A. August 21, 2018 | Council Workshop |
| August 21, 2018 | Regular Council Meeting |

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

3. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Monthly Reports

Mayor Thompson states that for the month of September, DataMax collected \$43,000.

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

B. Town of Carlisle -

Mary Ferguson-Glenn, Mayor

Mary Ferguson-Glenn, Mayor of Carlisle addressed council. She states that Carlisle is a small community and one of the biggest challenges that they face, along with other small communities, is limited funding and reduced funding. Mayor Ferguson-Glenn also states that often times they are left struggling in providing adequate services to the people that they represent. She is asking the City of Union for their consideration in donating one of the City's older service truck to the Town of Carlisle. Mayor Thompson states that he will have to refer this to the Committee and they will report back to City Council.

C. AG & Art

Elise Ashby

Elise Ashby addressed council. She thanked them for all of their support during the AG & Art Tour for 2018 and also for the support during the last four years. Ms. Ashby gave an update on the 2018 AG & Art Tour. There were about 720 people that attended this year. There were four sites; four auxiliary sites and folks from 51 different zip codes this year. This is up from the 33 different zip codes last year. Ms. Ashby states that she is ending her reign as Chairperson. There will be a new Chairperson next year. Mayor and Council thanked Ms. Ashby for the work that she has done as Chairperson of the AG & Art Tour.

4. **BUSINESS**

A. DISCUSSION/MOTION – WALKABLE UNION PEDESTRIAN PLAN

Mayor Thompson states that Item 4-A will be taken off of the agenda and put on next month's agenda.

B. AWARD BID – TIMKEN INDUSTRIAL BUILDING – PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS

Utility Director Joe Nichols states that the City of Union has leased a building located at 7 LSP Drive to Timken Industrial Services LLC for the past 10 years. The new lease has terms which pertain to maintenance issues in which one is improvements to the two parking lots. The City solicited bids from four (4) paving contractors and the results are as listed: Campell's Asphalt – No bid submitted; Cherokee Landscaping - No bid submitted; Sailors Asphalt - \$45,240.00 and VP3 Services - \$45,840.00. The recommendation is to award bid to the low bidder, Sailors Asphalt in the amount of \$45,240.00.

MOTION by Councilmember Anthony to accept recommendation.

SECOND by Mayor Pro Tem Garner.

CARRIED UNAM

C. AWARD BID – RE-ROOFING 113 EAST MAIN STREET BUILDING

Utility Director Joe Nichols states that bids were solicited for the re-roofing of 113 East Main Street building. A mandatory pre-bid meeting was held on Wednesday, August 29, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. Ten (10) roofing vendors attended the pre-bid meeting but only two (2) submitted bids. Bid date was September 12, 2018 at 2:00 pm at City Hall. Summary of bids are listed below: Nunnery Roofing Co, LLC - \$118,700.00 and Pickens Roofing - \$64,200.00. The bid tabulation and letter of recommendation from Catawba Regional Planning

Council was presented. The recommendation is to award bid to Pickens Roofing in the amount of \$64,200.00.

MOTION by Councilmember Sloss to accept recommendation
SECOND by Councilmember Morgan
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. **ANNOUNCEMENT BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

Mayor Thompson states that a workshop will be held September 25th at 5:00 p.m.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- A. Please address the Mayor and Council from the lectern and state your name and address for the record. (Comments are limited to 3-5 minutes)

Modest Keenan of the Union County Alcohol & Drug Abuse Board presented a flyer regarding the drug problem in Union County. Mayor Thompson asked Mr. Keenan if he could ask a representative from the agency to come to a council meeting to make a presentation on this.

Nate Johnson, new Park Manager at Rose Hill Plantation Historic Site introduced himself. Mr. Johnson announced that on Saturday, September 29, 2018, a new program called "Forging a Life" will be held. It is going to focus on the African American Historic experience at Rosehill which includes slavery and freedom. Mr. Johnson also invited everyone to come out at any time. Mayor Thompson thanked Mr. Johnson for his remarks and also encouraged him to get with Melissa Youngblood to utilize the City of Union's Local Access Channel 192 for advertisement.

Rieta Drinkwine, Executive Director of the Union County Carnegie Library gave an update on the various training programs that the Union County Library offers such as mental health and first aid training.

Mayor Pro Tem Garner thanked the City of Union employees for their planning and readiness this past weekend in anticipation of Hurricane Florence. Mayor Thompson thanked the employees as well.

Councilmember Sloss thanked Rieta Drinkwine for her hospitality last weekend at the ribbon cutting and open house for the newly renovated library.

7. **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