

**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 20, 2021
6:30 P.M.**

{Summary minutes of City Council meeting. 8uAudio 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 July 20th, 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, Ricky Todd Harris, Pamela Sloss and Greg Addison. Councilmember Vicki Morgan was absent due to bereavement.

CITY ATTORNEY: Larry Flynn

DEPARTMENTAL STAFF: Gloria Rogers, Municipal Clerk/HR Director; Joe Nichols – City Administrator; Laura Hembree – Finance Director; Robbie McGee- Public Safety Director; Leroy Edwards – Maintenance Shop Director and Rebecca Lance – Accounting Supervisor

NEWS MEDIA: Daniel Prince – WBCU Radio and Graham Williams – Union County News

OTHERS: Jamie Trammell, Curtiss Hunter, Kathy Teague, Steven Allen, Jean Harris, Dave Lance, Alison Coker, David Gioia, Union County Dixie Youth Boys Baseball Team/Coaches and others

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Thompson asked for a moment of silence for the Morgan and Harris family.

Mayor Thompson called the meeting to order. Reverend Brad Goodale 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. June 22, 2021 Regular Council Meeting

MOTION by Councilmember Harris to approve minutes

SECOND by Mayor Pro Tem Garner

3. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Monthly Reports

MOTION by Councilmember Sloss to accept monthly reports as information only

SECOND by Councilmember Harris

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

B. JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Mayor Thompson recognized the below employees' anniversaries:

Jamie Babb	Electric Crew/Supervisor	21 years
Matthew Kendrick	Electric Crew/Lineman	7 years
Rebecca Lance	Finance/Accounting Supervisor	30 years
Debbie Woodard	Admin. Services Assistant	13 years

C. BOYS DIXIE YOUTH TEAM – WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Mayor Thompson asked Coach Johnson of the Union County Dixie Youth Baseball Team State Champions to introduce his staff and team players.

Councilmember Harris states that he accepts the challenge to donate \$100 to support the Dixie Youth Baseball team on their trip to Louisiana to play in the World Series. City Council made donations as follows: Councilmember Ricky Harris and Jean Harris - \$150; Mayor Harold Thompson - \$100; Councilmember Pamela Sloss - \$100; Councilmember Greg Addison and Emma Addison- \$100; Mayor Pro Tem Garner - \$100; Councilmember Tommy Anthony Donna Anthony - \$150.

Alison Coker addressed council on behalf of the Dixie Youth Team. She thanked City Council and Union County for all the support that the Dixie Youth Team has received. Mrs. Coker states that anything the City Council could give would be appreciated.

Mayor Thompson states that the Dixie Youth Boys will compete in the World Series Championship in Louisiana July 23rd -28th. A monetary donation is requested from the City of Union to help off-set the cost of charter buses to transport team members, coaches, and parents to and from the game. A motion from council is needed to help with transportation cost for the Dixie Youth Boys to the World Series in Louisiana.

MOTION by Councilmember Anthony to donate \$2,500 to the Dixie Youth Baseball Team out of the service line royalty warranty fund

SECOND by Mayor Pro Tem Garner

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECURRE: Councilmember Harris because his son is a coach

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. ORDINANCE –2ND READING – AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF UNION ZONING ORDINANCE 138 TONEY ROAD

Steven Allen, Senior Planner with Catawba Regional Council addressed council. He states that there is a request from Brian Freeman, the property owner and the applicant to rezone property at 138 Toney Road (tax map parcel #064-00-00-145) from A-2 (Highway Commercial District to R-15 Residential). This is one of the lower density residential areas with a 15,000 square foot lot size. The applicant is proposing to construct single-family homes. The subject property is a vacant 7.421 acre parcel. Mayor Thompson asked for a motion to approve 2nd reading of the ordinance.

MOTION by Mayor Pro Tem Garner to approve 2ND reading of the ordinance

SECOND by Councilmember Anthony

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION/MOTION – OUTDOOR MOVIE EQUIPMENT

Jamie Trammell, Director of the Union County Development Board spoke to council during the budget work session about purchasing outdoor movie equipment which is a compact high-performance portable drive-in system featuring broadcast-quality, MPSX audio, and vivid laser projection to illuminate the airescreen (30-foot wide matte white (black backed) theatrical surface. She states that this would be a spectacular experience for drive-in moviegoers for 75 to 100 cars. It can be used for other things also. The requested amount for the outdoor movie equipment is \$15,500. A breakdown package of what that would include was given to council. County Council approved this amount at their June meeting.

MOTION by Mayor Pro Tem Garner to approve the funding request of \$15,500 for the purchase of outdoor movie equipment from hospitality tax fund

SECOND by Councilmember Anthony

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FOR: Thompson, Garner, Anthony, Morgan, Harris, Sloss

OPPOSE: Addison

B. DISCUSSION/MOTION – COMMEMORATIVE 9/11 CEREMONY –SILENT WALK/5K

Jamie Trammell, Director of the Union County Development Board addressed council. This year will be the 20th Anniversary for 9/11. She states that Neil McKeown, Chairman of the 9/11 Event Committee has made a request to City Council for a donation for the Commemorative 9/11 Ceremony -Silent Walk/ 5K. The event will be held on Saturday, September 11, 2021 at the Union County Stadium. There are five levels of sponsorship ranging from \$250 up to \$2,500. A motion is needed from council to fund the 9/11 Ceremony - Silent Walk/5K.

MOTION by Councilmember Harris to donate \$1,000 to the Commemorative 9/11 Ceremony Silent Walk/5K

SECOND by Councilmember Sloss

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. AWARD/BID – NEIGHBORHOOD DEMOLITION PROJECT, CDBG #4-CE-19-012

City Administrator Joe Nichols states that separate sealed bids for the City of Union for Census Tract 303; Block Group 2 demolition project were received at Union City Hall on Wednesday, June 10, 2021. The scope of work includes: the complete demolition and disposal of twenty (20) vacant structures located within the city limits. The bid amount includes the removal of all construction materials above and below grade for each parcel. All underground utilities such as water, gas and sewer connections are to be terminated and sealed at the street right-of-way and the work shall include the removal of all buried pipes and footings for each parcel. Lots shall be left clean and free of debris and include removal of overgrowth, bush hogging, stump/dead tree removal, vine removal and leveling with clean fill and seeding. All materials from the sites shall be disposed of properly in accordance with all regulations. Four bids were received:

Han Construction and Management LLC	\$ 153,140.00
Carolina Wrecking	\$ 273,000.00
Corley Construction	\$ 266,562.50
Wilma's Pump and Tank Co.	\$ 194,265.00

The low bid of \$153,140.00 was from Han Construction and Management LLC. All required documents are in place. The bid summary and the recommendation letter from Catawba Regional, Eleanor Mixon, Community Development Associate were presented. The recommendation is to award bid to Han Construction and Management LLC in the amount of \$153,140.00, pending approval of SC Department of Commerce. Project is funded through CDBG #4-CE-19-012. If anything happens during the process with Han Construction and Management, LLC, staff wants approval to award bid to the next low bidder who is Wilma's Pump and Tank Co.

MOTION by Councilmember Sloss to award bid to Han Construction and Management LLC in the amount of \$153,140.00 pending approval of SC Department of Commerce and approval to award bid to the next low bidder, Wilma's Pump and Tank Co. if anything happens during the process with Han Construction and Management, LLC

SECOND by Councilmember Anthony

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY CITY ADMINISTRATOR, MAYOR AND COUCL

Mayor Thompson states that some City Council will be attending the MASC training July 21st- July 25th in Hilton Head, SC. One topic of discussion will be the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

8. 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)

David Gioia, 411 Foster Street addressed council. He states that it will be the 52nd anniversary of the landing on the moon. Also he has talked with management at KJ's regarding getting recycling back on their site.

9. ADJOURMENT

MOTION by Councilmember Sloss to adjourn

SECOND by Councilmember Addison

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Meeting adjourned at 7:01 pm

Gloria J. Rogers
Certified Municipal Clerk/HR Director

Minutes approved _____ 2021