

**MINUTES  
COUNCIL WORKSHOP  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2015  
6:00 P.M.**

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{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 council workshop was held on December 15, 2015 at 6:00 a.m. in the City Municipal building with the following present:

**COUNCIL:** Mayor Harold Thompson, Mayor Pro Tem Robert Garner, Councilmembers Tommy Anthony, Yates Giles, Ricky Todd Harris, Pamela Sloss and Jim Wilson.

**CITY ATTORNEY:** None

**DEPARTMENTAL STAFF:** Gloria Rogers, Municipal Clerk/Personnel Director; Sam White - Public Safety Director; Walker Gallman – Finance Director; Joe Nichols – Utility Director; Perry Harmon- Public Service Director and Laura Hembree – Accounting Supervisor

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

**OTHERS:** Matt Montgomery, Erin Montgomery, Marsha Jordan, Curtiss Hunter, George Bruce, Jeff Lewis, Eric Huffstetler, Torance Inman and others.

**1. Call To Order**

Mayor Thompson called the meeting to order.

**2. Business**

**A. MAIN STREET JUNCTION**

Robbie Moody of Catawba Regional Planning states that this workshop is being held to give an update on the Main Street Junction Project. Matt Montgomery who is the demo contractor for the project and Erin Montgomery who will be do the design for the interior spaces will give an update on project. Mr. Moody states that the project has been discussed for several months and it is a unique opportunity for the City of Union and the excitement continues to build as the project moves forward. Mr. Montgomery will give a recap of the design phase that was just completed and go through the construction phase of the project.

Matt Montgomery states that they have made a lot of progress since he last addressed Council and he will give a quick overview and progress update on the park area and building area. Designs have been completed and they have received their permit. Framing work on the second floor has begun; electrical work was started this week and the sprinkling system plans are almost ready to be sent to the State Fire Marshal. The second floor window installation is underway and the park grading. All of the major contracts have been awarded. Next Mr. Montgomery gave an aerial view of the back park area that is will be located across from City Hall. Piles of dirt have been brought into park area for fill-in for leverage. The trees have been selected by the Design Committee. Signage and the outside design of the building were

reviewed. He also reviewed plans for the vestibule area, kitchen area, restrooms, and office and conference room spaces.

Erin Montgomery gave an overview of the interior design concept of Main Street Junction building. Some of Union's old history will be incorporated such as hanging old history pictures of Union and the old Union High School. She also showed lighting fixtures designs that will be used.

Mr. Montgomery asked if there were any questions regarding the project or the design samples that he has placed out for viewing.

Mayor Pro Tem Garner asked for the target date of completion.

Mr. Montgomery states they are contracted for May 15, 2016.

Councilmember Wilson asked if they were able to make use of any or very many local contractors and suppliers for the project.

Mr. Montgomery states that they are working very hard to make sure they use local people. They have hired a local person for supervision and local people for framing. He states that Robbie Moody has asked him to put together a percentage of how many locals were used for the project.

Mr. Moody thanked Matt and his team for the great job and hard work in the last 4 months as well as the Mayor, Staff and the Design Committee for the Main Street Junction Project.

3. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Council meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

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Gloria J. Rogers, Municipal Clerk

Minutes approved \_\_\_\_\_ 2016.