

**MINUTES
JOINT CITY/COUNTY MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2016
12:00 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 (e).}

A joint city/county meeting was held on October 27, 2016 at 12:00 p.m. at the USC-Union Campus building with the following present:

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

COUNTY COUNCIL: County Supervisor Frank Hart, Clerk to Council Linda Jolly, Councilmembers Joan Little, Ralph Tucker, (arrived at 12:04 p.m.), Tommy Ford, Ben Ivey and Kacie Petrie. Councilmember Randall Hanvey was absent.

CITY ATTORNEY: Larry Flynn

DEPARTMENTAL STAFF: Debbie Woodard – Acting Clerk; Sam White - Public Safety Director; Walker Gallman – Finance Director; Leroy Edwards, Jr. – Maintenance Shop Director. Gloria Rogers – Municipal Clerk was absent due to training for the City of Union.

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

OTHERS: Dean Cantalano, Barbara Rippy, Wayne McBride and others.

1. Call To Order

Mayor Thompson called the meeting to order and gave the invocation. The Pledge of Alliance was given by all present.

2. Business

A. AWARD BID - WOODROW AND MCBETH STREET DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS R & C PROJECT

Mayor Thompson states that bids were received on March 10, 2016 for Woodrow and McBeth Street Drainage Improvements. Three bids were received: Smith Backhoe & Construction LLC - \$34,100; Capitol Construction of the Carolinas, LLC - \$42,546 and Martin & Son Contracting, Inc. - \$53,430. The recommendation letter and bid summary from our engineer was presented. The recommendation is to accept bid from Smith Backhoe & Construction for the bid amount of \$34,100.

MOTION by Mayor Pro Tem Garner to accept recommendation.

SECOND by Councilmember Giles.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. AWARD BID – DEMOLITION – UNION MILL REVITALIZATION PROJECT – PHASE III

Finance Director Walker Gallman states that bids for asbestos abatement and demolition of six structures associated with the Union Mill Village Revitalization Project – Phase III were opened on October 13, 2016. The low bid of \$81,050 was submitted by Eastern Environmental, Inc. Jeff Gurrie, project designer from Terracon, Inc. has submitted a letter recommending award be given to Eastern Environmental, Inc. The bid came in over budget due to the large amount of asbestos found in the six structures. Catawba Regional Council of Governments has submitted the paperwork to SC Department of Commerce to re-allocate CDBG grant funds from the Green Street sewer upgrade to the demolitions and sidewalk replacement. Staff has concluded that the Green Street sewer line does not need to be replaced because of its satisfactory condition. The recommendation is to award the demolition contract to Eastern Environmental, Inc. contingent upon SC Department of Commerce’s approval to re-allocate funding from the Green Street sewer line to the demolitions and sidewalk replacement.

MOTION by Councilmember Sloss to accept recommendation.

SECOND by Councilmember Wilson.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chairman Frank Hart opened the meeting for the Union County Council to hear a presentation regarding potential student housing for USC-Union.

Linda Jolley, Clerk to Council called the roll.

Dean Cantalano for USC-Union states they are working toward improving the University by increasing student enrollment and implementing a sports program. They need housing for the college students and he introduced Mr. Wayne McBride to present his plan.

Mr. McBride states he had built apartments for the USC-Lancaster campus and proposed doing the same for the Union campus. They want to provide nice, clean, safe housing within walking distance to the college. He said he has an agreement with the railroad company to purchase the old farmers market property which would cost him considerably more than anticipated. He requested help from the City Council and the County Council with tax breaks, fees, water, sewer, meters and water tap fees to help him re-coop some of his money. The property would need to be rezoned. They are looking at building two buildings providing ten to fourteen apartments at an estimated investment of one million dollars. McBride Properties, LLC would own and rent out the apartments to college students.

Dean Cantalano stated they hope to make an announcement concerning the student nursing program in the next few months.

MOTION by Councilmember Ivey to adjourn the joint county meeting.

SECOND by Councilmember Petrie.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION by Councilmember Giles to adjourn the joint city meeting.

SECOND by Councilmember Sloss.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. ADJOURNMENT:

The joint meeting adjourned at 12:26 PM

Gloria J. Rogers, Municipal Clerk

Minutes approved _____ 2016.