

**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2020
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 Tuesday, January 21, 2020 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 and Pamela Sloss. Councilmembers Vicki Morgan and Sonja Craig were absent.

CITY ATTORNEY: Larry Flynn was not in attendance

DEPARTMENTAL STAFF: Gloria Rogers, Human Resource Director/Municipal Clerk; Laura Hembree – Finance Director; Joe Nichols – City Administrator; Sam White – Public Safety Director; Mark Brown – Utility Director; Rebecca Lance – Accounting Supervisor; Leroy Edwards – Fleet Maintenance Director; Dwayne Hardy – Public Service Director and Kathy Teague – Business License Coordinator

NEWS MEDIA: Graham Williams – Union County News; Mike Stevens – WBCU Radio and Charles Warner – Union Daily Times

OTHERS: Katherine Pendergrass; Elise Ashby and David Lance

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. December 17, 2019 Regular Council Meeting

MOTION by Councilmember Harris to approve minutes
SECOND by Councilmember Sloss
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Monthly Reports

MOTION by Councilmember Sloss to accept monthly reports as information only
SECOND by Councilmember Anthony
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. **EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION**

- A. Steven Belue – Gas Division employee was recognized for 29 years of service with the City of Union by the City Administrator. Steven was not in attendance.
- B. Timothy West – Warehouse employee was recognized for 8 years of service with the City of Union. He was presented a retirement award by the City Administrator

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

None

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. DISCUSSION/MOTION – BUSINESS LICENSE ORDINANCE WITH APPENDIX A (RATE SCHEDULE) AND B (CLASS SCHEDULE) PROGRAM RENEWAL

City Administrator Joe Nichols states that the Municipal Association of South Carolina has made some changes to the Model Business License Ordinance. Also, the Municipal Association has recently published an updated business license class schedule based on the most recent IRS data. The business license class schedule properly classifies each business according to current gross profit margin data as available by the Internal Revenue Service. City staff recommends that Council pass 1st reading of the Business License Ordinance with Appendix A (Rate Schedule) and Appendix B (Class Schedule)

MOTION by Mayor Pro Tem Garner to accept staff recommendation to pass 1st reading of the ordinance

SECOND by Councilmember Anthony

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

Mayor Thompson states that City Council will be attending the annual Governor's Conference February 17 - 19, 2020. The February regular meeting will need to be changed. The Mayor recommends moving the meeting to February 11, 2020. He asked for a motion from Council to that effect.

MOTION by Councilmember Harris to move the February 17th regular council meeting to February 11th, 2020

SECOND by Councilmember Sloss

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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)**

Katherine Pendergrass thanked Mayor and Council for attending the Pacolet River Baptist Association meeting for Pastors, elected officials and others. Also she reminded everyone about the 2020 census and how participation is important and being counted to help our communities.

Mayor Thompson wants everyone to remember Councilmember Vicki Morgan in prayer on the loss of her brother.

9. **ADJOURMENT**

MOTION by Mayor Pro Tem Garner to adjourn

SECOND by Councilmember Sloss

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Gloria J. Rogers
Certified Municipal Clerk

Minutes approved _____ 2020