

**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2014
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 (e).}

The regular meeting of City Council was held on Tuesday, April 15, 2014 at 6:30 P.M. in the City Municipal Building with the following present:

COUNCIL: Mayor Pro Tem Robert Garner; Councilmembers Tommie L. Hill, Sr., Yates Giles; Ricky Todd Harris and Jim Wilson. Mayor Harold Thompson was absent due to attending a training conference and Councilmember Orangelow Ruff was absent due to illness.

CITY ATTORNEY: None

DEPARTMENTAL STAFF: Gloria Rogers, Municipal Clerk/Personnel Director; Sam White, - Public Safety Director; Laura Hembree – Accounting Supervisor; Walker Gallman – Finance Director; Joe Nichols – Utilities Director and Mike Petrie – Maintenance Shop Director. Perry Harmon – Public Service Director was absent.

NEWS MEDIA: Mike Stevens – WBCU Radio

OTHERS: Josh Freeman

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Garner called the meeting to order. Councilmember Giles 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. Tuesday, March 18, 2014 Regular Council Meeting

MOTION by Councilmember Harris to approve minutes.
SECOND by Councilmember Giles.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. Tuesday, April 1, 2014 Budget Worksession

MOTION by Councilmember Harris to approve minutes.
SECOND by Councilmember Hill.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. Wednesday, April 2, 2014 Budget Worksession

MOTION by Councilmember Harris to approve minutes.
SECOND by Councilmember Giles.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. **COMMUNICATIONS**

A. Monthly Reports

MOTION by Councilmember Harris to accept monthly reports.
SECOND by Councilmember Hill.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. Retirement Award

Mayor Pro Tem Garner states that James T. Ivey has retired from the City of Union but is not in attendance.

C. United Way

Mayor Pro Tem Garner states that there was not a representative from the United Way in attendance.

4. **BUSINESS**

A. DISCUSSION/MOTION – MAY MEETING DATE

Mayor Pro Tem Garner states that he will need a motion to change the May meeting date from May 20th to May 13th, 2014. Mayor Thompson has asked council to change the meeting date because of a conflict he has on May 20th. The May agenda will be pretty lengthy and the Mayor wishes to be at the May meeting.

MOTION by Councilmember Wilson to approve changing the meeting date from May 20, 2014 to May 13, 2014.
SECOND by Councilmember Giles.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. DISCUSSION/MOTION – WBCU 33RD ANNUAL “THE SHOWDOWN”

Mayor Pro Tem Garner states that the 33rd Annual Country Showdown begins each spring with 450 local contests sponsored by country music radio stations throughout the U.S. Winners advance to their respective state competition held at leading fairs and expositions. Acts then compete for a \$1,000 prize, the state title and the opportunity to advance to one of the five Regional Finals. It’s the last step before the prestigious National Finals held at the historic Ryman Auditorium in Nashville, Tennessee. The audience cheers for the Regional Winners as they compete for the Grand Prize of \$100,000 and the National Title. A uniform judging system is used at all levels of competition to insure fairness. This event will be May 8, 2014 at the USC-Union Auditorium. If council approves to sponsor this event, a motion is in order along with a recommendation for level of sponsorship.

Councilmember Wilson asked if the event qualifies for PMPA funding. The Finance Director states that it could come from the general fund if that is council’s wish.

MOTION by Councilmember Harris to approved funding in the amount of \$225 provided it qualifies for funding out of the Hospitality Funds.
SECOND by Councilmember Wilson.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. DISCUSSION/MOTION – WBCU 16TH ANNUAL SENIOR EXPO

Mayor Pro Tem Garner states that the 16th annual WBCU Senior Citizen's Expo will be held on May 22, 2014 at Tabernacle Baptist Church. May is national Senior Citizen's Month and WBCU Radio and its co-sponsors honor our senior citizens annually with an event that will have lots of activities, entertainment, door prizes, give-a ways and lunch. WBCU would like for the City of Union to be a co-sponsor for this event. Two advertising packages are being offered. Council approval for this event and recommendation of co-sponsorship level is in order.

MOTION by Councilmember Hill to fund Senior Expo at the "B" level in the amount of \$650 from PMPA funds.

SECOND by Councilmember Harris.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

D. DISCUSSION MOTION – TOP SCHOOL ASSEMBLY "UNION COUNTY FAMILY FEST 2014"

Mayor Pro Tem Garner states that the Union County Family Fest will be held at the Union County Fair Grounds on May 2nd through May 4th. This three day event will be fun for the whole family. From live music performances to bow shooting, from The Strength Team to powerful preaching. Family Fest 2014 will have something for everybody. Family Fest was created by a partnership of churches in Union County to be a fun weekend for the family, and a way to bring the message of God's love to our community.

Josh Freeman of Crestview Baptist Church addressed council. He states that the reason they are requesting funding is that they will have a Strength Team come into the local schools and do assemblies in the three middle schools and the high school. They will do an assembly on anti-bullying which is the theme for the schools this year. The school does not have any funding for the assemblies and it cost money. Funding for the assemblies is roughly \$500 per school. Mr. Freeman is requesting funding in the amount of \$1,000 for the event. The County has agreed to split the cost and pay half for all of the assemblies. Mr. Freeman is requesting support from the City of Union in the amount of \$1,000 and invest in the lives of the kids.

Mayor Pro Tem Garner made a recommendation to table item until the Special Council Meeting on Monday, April 21, 2014 to discuss funding request further when Mayor Thompson is in attendance.

MOTION by Councilmember Harris to accept the recommendation.

SECOND by Councilmember Giles.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. **ANNOUNCEMENT BY MAYOR & COUNCIL**

Councilmember Giles states that Curtiss Hunter has been working as the Interim Tourism Director. She is very involved in cleaning up Union and Union County. Ms. Hunter has been working on codes; trying to get the City codes; Carlisle, Lockhart and Jonesville basically on the same playing field. There will be a clean-up day called "Union County's Take Pride-Litter Pick-up Day" on Saturday, April 26, 2014.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION by Councilmember Wilson to adjourn.
SECOND by Councilmember Giles.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Council meeting adjourned at 6:50 P.M.

Gloria J. Rogers, CMC
Municipal Clerk

Minutes approved _____ 2014