

**MINUTES  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2016  
6:30 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).}

The regular meeting of City Council was held on Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at 6:30 P.M. in the City Municipal Building with the following present:

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

**CITY ATTORNEY:** Larry Flynn was not in attendance.

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

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

**OTHERS:** Robby Moody, Lewis Jeter, Mike Cassels, George Bruce, Rhonda Harmon, Elise Ashby, Melody Porter, Bill Goodwin, Curtiss Hunter, Leroy Worthy, Brenda Nelson and Katherine Pendergrass

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Thompson 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. March 15, 2016 Public Hearing

**MOTION** by Councilmember Harris to approve minutes.

**SECOND** by Councilmember Sloss.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. March 15, 2016 Regular Council Meeting

**MOTION** by Councilmember Harris to approve minutes.

**SECOND** by Councilmember Giles.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

C. March 29, 30 & April 12, 2016

Budget Worksession

**MOTION** by Councilmember Harris to approve minutes.  
**SECOND** by Mayor Pro Tem Garner.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. **COMMUNICATIONS**

A. Monthly Reports

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

B. Union Community Foundation -

Bill Goodwin

Bill Goodwin of the Union Community Foundation Board addressed council. He gave a recap of financial reports and activities for the board and reported how grants are awarded. The board votes on the disbursement of funds. Also Mr. Goodwin states that the board charges a 1% fee to handle funds.

C. King of the Street -

Corey Barnes

Corey Barnes of 1<sup>st</sup> Class Promotion & Pink Seal Health Awareness addressed council. He presented information regarding the “King of the Street” Event which is in its 12<sup>th</sup> year. This event will be held Saturday, May 7, 2016 at Union County Dragway. This event is family-oriented. Mr. Barnes states that he gives back to the community by campaigning to raise health awareness during events.

Mayor Thompson made a request to add an award bid for the streetscape project to the agenda as Item 4G.

**MOTION** by Councilmember Giles to approve request to add an award bid to the agenda.  
**SECOND** by Councilmember Anthony.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. **BUSINESS**

A. ORDINANCE/ZONING – 1<sup>ST</sup> READING - REZONING 208 SOUTH CHURCH STREET, 307 & 309 SOUTH MOUNTAIN STREET

Senior Planner Robby Moody states that the Director of the Union County Carnegie Library requested properties located at 208 South Church Street, 307 & 309 South Mountain Street be rezoned to A-4 office, residential and institutional to allow expansion. They are currently zoned at R-6 residential. Copies of the public notice, proposed text amendment, rezoning application and a map was presented. The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing prior to tonight’s regular meeting. Mr. Moody read the following recommendation: “The City of Union Planning Commission recommends approval of the proposed request to rezone the properties located at 208 South Church Street, 307 & 309 South Mountain Street.

Oscar Gist, Vice-Chairman  
Mary Norman

Bobby Joe Gibbs

**MOTION** by Councilmember Harris to accept recommendation.  
**SECOND** by Mayor Pro Tem Garner.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. ORDINANCE – 1<sup>ST</sup> READING – ANNEXATION – STUTTS AVENUE

Senior Planner Robby Moody states that the owner of the property located at Stutts Avenue signed a petition to have the property annexed into the city. The annexation ordinance states that the property be annexed into the city limits with an R- 10 Residential zoning classification. The property is adjacent to properties which are already zoned R-10 Residential and it does comply with the requirements for this zone. The recommendation is to pass 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the annexation ordinance.

**MOTION** by Councilmember Sloss to accept recommendation.  
**SECOND** by Councilmember Harris.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

C. RESOLUTION – LOCAL MATCH FOSTER STREET AREA

Utility Director Joe Nichols states that the City of Union is in the process of applying for Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG) through the South Carolina Department of Commerce for dilapidated sewer line improvements in the Foster Street area. The sewer lines have reached the end of their life span and need to be upgraded to provide adequate sewer services to residents in the community. The estimated cost for these sewer line improvements is \$743,948. The City intends to submit an application for CDBG funding through the Community Infrastructure Program in the amount of \$675,000. The remaining funds will be covered with local match of \$68,948 and any funds required for the completion of the project. City staff recommends that the council approve the local match resolution for the sewer line improvements to the Foster Street area.

**MOTION** by Councilmember Anthony to approve recommendation.  
**SECOND** by Mayor Pro Tem Garner.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

D. RESOLUTION – TO AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO EXECUTE NATURAL GAS EMERGENCY MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT

Utility Director Joe Nichols states that Carolina Public Gas Association has twenty-one member cities located in South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia. The City of Union is a municipal member of Carolina Public Gas Association. The resolution is a mutual aid agreement between these member cities to assist each other in the event of an emergency or natural disaster. The recommendation is to approve the resolution which contains the guidelines for the Mutual Aid Agreement.

**MOTION** by Councilmember Giles to approve recommendation.  
**SECOND** BY Councilmember Anthony.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

E. DISCUSSION/MOTION – AUDIT CONTRACT EXTENSION

Finance Director Walker Gallman states that all municipalities must have an annual audit of all financial records and transactions. Mr. Terry Fant of Terry R. Fant, P.A. completed the City's FY 2015 audit on November 30, 2015. This also ended his current contract with the City. The Finance Director asked Mr. Fant to consider a (1) year extension to audit the FY2016 financials. Also, staff is in the process of preparing a request for proposals (RFP) for auditing services for FY2017, FY2018, & FY 2019. Mr. Fant has indicated that he plans to reduce his workload and will not pursue future audit engagements with the City. He has also agreed to assist in the preparation of the RFP. Mr. Fant's one year audit contract extension proposal for fiscal year ending June 30, 2016 is in the amount of \$32,210. The recommendation is to award one year contract extension to Terry R. Fant, P.A. in the amount of \$32,210.

**MOTION** by Mayor Pro Tem Garner to accept recommendation.  
**SECOND** by Councilmember Sloss.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

F. DISCUSSION/MOTION – JUNE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Thompson states that due to the participation of the Mayor & City Councilmembers at the SCAMPS meeting June 19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016, the recommendation is to change the June City Council meeting from June 21 to June 7, 2016.

**MOTION** by Mayor Pro Tem Garner to accept recommendation.  
**SECOND** by Councilmember Giles  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

G. AWARD BID – DESIGN SERVICES FOR STREETScape PROJECT

Finance Director Walker Gallman states that proposals were received for Engineering Design Services for the North Pinckney Street & North Gadberry Streetscape Project. A bid summary and letter explains the process to select an engineer for design services. Staff recommendation is to accept the bid from the Land Plan Group in the amount of \$50,590.

**MOTION** by Mayor Pro Tem Garner to accept recommendation.  
**SECOND** by Councilmember Anthony.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. **ANNOUNCEMENT BY MAYOR & COUNCIL**

None

6. **EXECUTIVE SESSION – TO DISCUSS LEGAL MATTERS**

There will be no executive session. Mayor Thompson asked for a motion to strike executive session from the agenda.

**MOTION** by Councilmember Wilson.  
**SECOND** by Councilmember Sloss.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

7. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- A. Please address the Mayor and Council from the lectern and state your name and address for the record.

None

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Councilmember Giles to adjourn.

**SECOND** by Mayor Pro Tem Garner.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:01 P.M.

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Gloria J. Rogers, Municipal Clerk

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