

**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2011
6:00 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).}

The regular meeting of City Council was held on December 6, 2011 at 6:00 P.M. in the City Municipal building with the following present:

COUNCIL: Mayor Harold Thompson, Mayor Pro Tem Keith Henderson, Councilmembers Tommie L. Hill, Robert Garner, Ricky Todd Harris and Andy Bailey. Councilmember Orangelow Ruff was absent due to illness.

CITY ATTORNEY: Billy Whitney

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

NEWS MEDIA: Daniel Prince – WBCU and Graham Williams – Union County News

OTHERS: Ben Powles, Charles Coyne, Bob Love, Lawrence Flynn, Torance Inman, Michael Stevens and Debbie Woodard.

1. Call To Order

Mayor Thompson called the meeting to order. Mayor Pro Tem Henderson 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. November 15, 2011 Regular Council Meeting

MOTION by Councilmember Harris to accept minutes as presented.
SECOND by Councilmember Hill.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Communications

A. Monthly Reports

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

4. BUSINESS

**A. ORDINANCE – 2ND READING – APPROVE BORROWING OF FUNDS-
STATE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL REVOLVING FUND**

Finance Director Walker Gallman presented an ordinance to City Council approving the financing of improvements at the Tosch Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant and replacing (3) pump stations at Coleman Street, Lukesville, and Ottaray. City Council passed first reading at its November regular meeting.

MOTION by Councilmember Garner to pass 2nd reading of the ordinance to authorize the Mayor to execute the required documents.

SECOND by Councilmember Harris.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**B. RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZE CITY OF UNION TO ASSUME CLAIM
DEDUCTIBLE WITH THE SOUTH CAROLINA MUNICIPAL
INSURANCE TRUST WORKERS COMPENSATION FUND**

Finance Director Walker Gallman presented a resolution authorizing the City of Union to assume a claim deductible with the SCMIT Worker's Comp Fund. Mr. Gallman also presented a deductible analysis of claims to Council as well.

MOTION by Councilmember Garner to approve resolution to assume a \$25,000 deductible per claim.

SECOND by Councilmember Bailey.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**C. DISCUSSION/MOTION – BOARD VACANCIES (3) EXPIRED TERMS FOR
THE BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS**

City Council must fill three (3) vacancies on the Building Board of Appeals for expired terms. This board works closely with the City of Union Planning Department on Appeals dealing with Building Code Regulations. These positions were solicited by public notice in local newspaper. Request to serve letters and voting ballots and public notice was presented to Council. City staff recommends that Council appoint qualified candidates to fill these most important board vacancies. Names submitted were: Dennis Langley, Tradd Bruce and Jackie Earls. City Council voted unanimously to re-appoint the aforementioned names to the Building Board of Appeals.

D. DISCUSSION/MOTION – ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

City Council must fill two (2) vacancies on the Zoning Board of Appeals for expired terms. This board works closely with the City of Union Planning Department on appeals dealing with Zoning Ordinance Regulations. These positions were solicited by public notice in local newspaper. Request to serve letters, voting ballots and public notices were presented to Council. City staff recommends that Council appoint qualified candidates to fill these most important board vacancies. Names submitted were: Wiley (Trip) Sheorn, III and Jerry A. Willard, Jr. City Council voted unanimously to re-appoint the aforementioned names to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

E. DISCUSSION/MOTION – EVENTS CENTER BID INVITATION

Margaret Pope addressed the City Council on August 18, 2009 and presented on the proposed Union Arts Center. She states that the City's Architect, Langley & Associated had designed a plan for the Arts Center. The plan was to completely demolish the old Teritex building and reconstruct on the property. On March 29, 2010 a legal notice was published requesting Invitation of Bids for the proposed Union Events Center. In May of 2010, a bid opening was held at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The bids exceeded the budget for the new Facility. A committee was formed to spearhead this project for means of fund raising and general oversight of the project. A market use study was done to determine if there was a need for such a facility, and the findings were that the need is there. Staff recommends that the City re-open the Events Center for bid. Mr. Bob Love presented Council with a fund raising update.

MOTION by Mayor Pro Tem Henderson to accept staff recommendation.
SECOND by Councilmember Bailey.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F. AWARD BID – SEWER IMPROVEMENTS – HWY. 49 WEST APARTMENTS

Bids were received on December 1, 2011, 2:00 pm at City Hall for sewer system improvements at Hwy. 49 West Apartments. Ten (10) bids were received for this project. Funding for this project is through the SC Department of Commerce's Community Development Block Grant Program, CDBG # 4-CI-11-031, and administered through Catawba Regional Planning Council. The recommendation is to award bid to Boulware Plumbing & Construction in the amount of \$223,951.00, pending engineer's verification of bid.

MOTION by Councilmember Bailey to accept staff recommendation.
SECOND by Councilmember Hill.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

G. AWARD BID – GRINDING AND REMOVING STUMPS ON DOUGLAS HEIGHTS AND EAST MAIN STREET

Bids were received on December 1, 2011, 2:30 pm at City Hall for the grinding and removal of 35 stumps along Douglas Heights and 5 stumps along East Main Street. Four (4) bids were received for this project. The bid summary was presented to Council. The recommendation is to award bid to Caldwell Landscaping & Clearing in the amount of \$15,150.00, pending engineer's verification of bid.

MOTION by Councilmember Garner to accept staff recommendation.
SECOND by Councilmember Hill.
CARRIED 4 TO 1.
FOR: Mayor Thompson, Councilmembers Hill, Garner and Harris.
OPPOSE: Mayor Pro Tem Henderson.
ABSTAIN: Councilmember Bailey.

5. **ANNOUNCEMENT BY MAYOR & COUNCIL**

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

None

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

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

None

7. **ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION by Councilmember Harris to adjourn.

SECOND by Councilmember Bailey.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Council meeting adjourned at 6:36 PM.

Gloria J. Rogers, Municipal Clerk

Minutes approved _____ 2011