

**MINUTES  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 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, February 18, 2014 at 6:30 P.M. in the City Municipal Building with the following present:

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

**CITY ATTORNEY:** Larry Flynn

**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:** Mike Stevens – WBCU Radio; Graham Williams – Union County News and Derrick Vanderford – Union Times

**OTHERS:** Faye Henderson, George Bruce, Curtis Hunter, Torance Inman, Frank Hart and Bruce Sparks

**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. Tuesday, January 21, 2014 Regular Council Meeting

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

**3. COMMUNICATIONS**

A. Monthly Reports

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

B. Retirement Award

Utility Director Joe Nichols presented Kevin Lancaster with a retirement award for 14 years of service with the City of Union.

4. **BUSINESS**

A. ORDINANCE – 2<sup>nd</sup> **READING - AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF PROPERTY – LOUISE STREET & EXCELSIOR AVENUE**

Mayor Thompson states that City Council passed 1<sup>st</sup> reading authorizing transfer of property – Louise Street and Excelsior Avenue at its January regular meeting. Staff recommendation is to pass 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the ordinance authorizing transfer of property-Lot 30 & 32-Louise Street & Excelsior Avenue to resident owner of adjacent property on Louise Street.

**MOTION** by Mayor Pro Tem Garner to pass 2nd reading of the ordinance.  
**SECOND** by Councilmember Giles.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. DISCUSSION/MOTION – NEEDS ASSESSMENT FINALIZATION

Jason Vance of CRPC states that a Needs Assessment Public Hearing was held prior to the meeting. In order to apply for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, locations must complete a needs assessment process to gather information from citizens concerning the community needs. Mr. Vance, along with council, discussed the Priority Needs List from the March 14, 2013 Needs Assessment Public Hearing. The projects were prioritized, deleted, and new projects added at the hearing. The McBeth Street area infrastructure improvement item was removed from the list. This project has already been funded. Infrastructure improvement to the Buffalo Mill Village areas in cooperation with Union County and infrastructure improvements to the May Street and Foster Street area will be added to the list. Also Carson and Cornwell Street will be added to list for funding in order to seek ways to conduct neighborhood improvements. Staff recommendation is to approve the priority needs list contingent upon the changes made so that the City will be positioned to apply for CDBG grant funding in April 2014.

**MOTION** by Councilmember Wilson to approve recommendation.  
**SECOND** by Councilmember Hill.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

C. DISCUSSION/MOTION – UNION COUNTY BAND-AID CLUB FUNDING

Bruce Sparks, Vice-President of the Band-Aid Club addressed council. The Union County Band-Aid Club is seeking funding for the Union High School Band to participate in the “World Championship Competition” in Ohio. This is the first time the band has competed in this event. Donations will go toward lodging, travel and food. Staff recommendation is to assist the Union County Band with a donation to off-set the cost of this trip to Ohio for the “World Championship Competition”.

**MOTION** by Councilmember Wilson to fund the Union County Band Aid Club in the amount of \$1,000.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION** by Councilmember Wilson to fund the Union County Band Aid Club in the amount of \$2,000 from council contingency.

**SECOND** by Mayor Pro Tem Garner.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

D. DISCUSSION/MOTION – APPROVE BUDGET WORKSHOP DATES

Mayor Thompson states that the annual City of Union Budget Workshop dates have been set for April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014. Staff recommendation is for Council to approve the aforementioned dates for the 2014-2015 annual workshop sessions.

**MOTION** by Councilmember Harris to approve annual budget workshop for April 1<sup>st</sup> (9:00 A.M.), April 2<sup>nd</sup> (1:00 P.M.) and April 3<sup>rd</sup> (1:00 P.M.).

**SECOND** by Mayor Pro Tem Garner.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. **ANNOUNCEMENT BY MAYOR & COUNCIL**

None

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

A. Please address the Mayor and Council from the lectern and state your name and address for the record. (Please limit your comment to 3-5 minutes)

None

7. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL & CONTRACTURAL MATTERS

**MOTION** by Councilmember Wilson to go out of regular session into executive session to discuss a contractual matter.

**SECOND** by Mayor Pro Tem Garner.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION** by Mayor Pro Tem Garner to go out of executive session back into regular session.

**SECOND** by Councilmember Harris.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

No action taken.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Councilmember Wilson to adjourn.

**SECOND** by Councilmember Harris.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council meeting adjourned at 7:16 P.M.

---

Gloria J. Rogers, CMC  
Municipal Clerk

Minutes approved \_\_\_\_\_ 2014