

**MINUTES  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, JULY 16, 2013  
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, July 16, 2013 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:** Billy Whitney

**DEPARTMENTAL STAFF:** Gloria Rogers, Municipal Clerk/Personnel Director; Sam White, - Public Safety Director; Joe Nichols – Utility Director; Perry Harmon – Public Service Director; Sam White – Public Safety Director; Gregg Pickens – Captain; Mike Petrie – Maintenance Shop Director and Laura Hembree – Accounting Supervisor. Walker Gallman – Finance Director was absent due to annual leave.

**NEWS MEDIA:** Mike Stevens – WBCU and Derik Vanderford – Union Times.

**OTHERS:** Curtiss Hunter, Julia Garmon, Monte Lancaster, Wanda Ward, Rebecca Gault, Alice Riddle, Martha Whitener, Charles Coyne, Jim Stepp, Jack Kelly, Linda Kelly, Kathy Stepp, Dan O’Shields, Ann White, Thom White, Bill Graham, Harold Senn, Jackie Senn, Bryon Stone, Torance Inman, Bob Love, Andrena Powell-Baker, Joann Parris, William Sims, Gregg Parker, Dorothy Salter, Jean V. Harris, Brookes Carwile, Ronnie McNeace, Margie Ruff, Harriett Bruce, George Bruce, Ray Treadway, Bobby Davis, Will Boyles, Barbara Rippy, Hope Small, Robert Small and Tracy Booker.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Harold 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. Tuesday, June 18, 2013 Regular Council Meeting

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

3. **COMMUNICATIONS**

A. Monthly Reports

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

B. Union County Tourism Update – Will Boyles, Director

Will Boyles, Director of the Union County Tourism Commission address Mayor & City Council. He thanked Mayor & Council for allowing him to come and give a short update of what the tourism commission has been doing. He also thanked the City for their recent financial support that the Tourism Commission received in this fiscal year. Mr. Boyles states that Tourism Summit was held last month at the Advance Technology Center. They had great feedback from all participates that attended. It was a great way to network for the attendees to find out what Union has to offer. The Tourism Commission has updated a promotional video on You Tube and Facebook for Union with various tourism attractions. The Tourism Commission has started a segment with Channel 14. A reception was held on Monday, July 15 for members who had to rotate off the Tourism Commission Board due to a new County ordinance. Past Board Members were honored with a short presentation. Mr. Boyles again thanked Council for their support.

4. **BUSINESS**

A. RESOLUTION – MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING – CITY OF UNION & “PROJECT STC2” REGARDING (1) DISCHARGE OF DIGESTED WASTE AND ACTIVATED SLUDGE IN CITY’S SEWER SYSTEM AND (2) ADDENDUM NO. 1 TO NPEDS PERMIT

Utility Director Joe Nichols presented a resolution to approve a memorandum of understanding between the City of Union and “Project STC2”. A motion is needed to approve resolution.

**MOTION** by Councilmember Wilson to pass resolution.  
**SECOND** by Mayor Pro Tem Garner.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. RESOLUTION – AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF UNION AND PROJECT METRIC

Utility Director Joe Nichols presented a resolution for an agreement between the City of Union and Project Metric. A motion is needed to approve resolution.

**MOTION** by Councilmember Wilson to pass resolution.  
**SECOND** by Councilmember Giles.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

C. RESOLUTION – SAFETY STATEMENT

City Clerk Gloria Rogers presented a resolution regarding a safety statement. Safety is important at the City of Union. One of the guidelines of SCMIT Minimum Loss Control Guidelines is to adopt a safety policy or risk management statement which sets forth the City of Union’s commitment toward the prevention and control of accidental loss. This policy/statement should be adopted by resolution of the governing body of the member entity.

**MOTION** by Mayor Pro Tem Garner to pass resolution.  
**SECOND** by Councilmember Hill.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

D. DISCUSSION/MOTION – WBCU – HOLCOMBE FUNERAL HOME PEP RALLY

WBCU and Holcombe Funeral Home host the Union County Pep Rally each year to celebrate a new school year with live entertainment, free food, T-shirts and give a-ways. The event will be held at the Union County Fairgrounds on Thursday, August 15, from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. They are requesting sponsorships in the amount of \$1,000 (Full Service Menu) or \$800 (Appetizer Menu). If Council plans to participate, a motion is needed and at what menu level. After a brief discussion by Mayor & City Council a motion was made.

**MOTION** by Councilmember Harris to provide sponsorship in the amount of \$400.00 and no 45 Thirty-Second announcements.  
**SECOND** by Councilmember Giles.  
**FOR:** Thompson, Garner, Hill, Giles and Harris.  
**OPPOSE:** Wilson

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 3-6 minutes)

William Sims, 218 Pinetree Lane of the S.C. Jewels & Stinger organization thanked Mayor & Council for their help in securing a place to accommodate the youths. Mayor Pro Tem Garner thanked Mr. Sims for what he is doing for the youths.

Joanne Parris, 104 Parris Lane addressed council. As a concerned citizen, she feels that utility rates and property taxes are “out the roof”. Ms. Parris also states that the Union citizens do not have the money to upkeep the proposed Events Center. She suggests that the City look at ways to lower the tax base and Ms. Parris ask that the City postpone the proposed Union Events Center for 6 months to a year to see if the economy gets better.

Martha Whitener, 203 Thompson Boulevard, addressed Council. Ms. Whitener states that the late Colonel William Whitener was very supportive of the proposed Union Events Center. She is also in support of the Union Events Center. Ms. Whitener believes that before potential industries decide to locate their business, they will look at would the town have to offer for their residents. She states that Museum and Arts Center make Union a better place for industries to locate their businesses. The Events Center will bring people to Union. Ms. Whitener feels the Union Events Center would be successful.

7. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** - TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL AND CONTRACTUAL MATTERS

**MOTION** by Mayor Pro Tem Garner to go out of regular session into executive session to discuss a contractual matter.

**SECOND** by Councilmember Hill.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

**SECOND** by Councilmember Hill to go out of executive session into regular session.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

8. **ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION** by Mayor Pro Tem Garner.

**SECOND** by Councilmember Harris.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council meeting adjourned at 8:01 P.M.

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Gloria J. Rogers, CMC  
Municipal Clerk

Minutes approved \_\_\_\_\_ 2013

