

**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2011
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 July 19, 2011 at 6:30 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, Orangelow Ruff and Andy Bailey. Councilmember Ricky Todd Harris was absent.

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 , Mike Petrie – Maintenance Shop Director; Walker Gallman – Finance Director and Laura Hembree – Accounting Supervisor.

NEWS MEDIA: Charles Warner – Union Times; Graham Williams – Union County News and Steve Ramsey – WBCU.

OTHERS: Robbie Moody, Gregg Pickens, Ben Powles, Angie Stalnaker, Sarah O’Shields, Caitlynn O’Shields, Mike Stalnaker, Torance Inman, Amy Austin, Glenn Crawford, Tiffany Smith, Laura English, Sherri McCutcheon, Justin Williams, Betsy Hudson, Kelly Small, Casey Woodard, Debbie Woodard, Erma Cato and William Broadus.

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

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| A. June 21, 2011 | Public Hearing |
| B. June 21, 2011 | Regular Council Meeting |

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

3. Communications

A. Monthly Reports

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

B. JAG Grant- Robbie Moody – Catawba Regional

Robbie Moody with Catawba Regional gave an update on the JAG Grant. The US Department of Justice's JAG funds will be used to strengthen the City of Union's law enforcement program by providing resources to purchase a covert digital surveillance system for use by the Union Public Safety Department and Union County Sheriff's Office. A Memorandum of Understanding will be executed between these agencies so that a joint application can be submitted. The total project cost is \$11,800.

C. Dixie Youth Ball Team/Boys - Kelly Small

Kelly Small addressed council requesting funding for the Dixie Youth Boys Ball Teams in order to go to the State Tournament. There are three age divisions: 14 years old; 13 years old and the 11-12 years old. The funds will be used for travel, lodging and food for the three teams.

MOTION by Councilmember Hill to fund each team division in the amount of \$500 each, totaling \$1,500.
SECOND by Councilmember Bailey.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

D. Retirement Award – William James Broadus, Jr.

Public Service Director Perry Harmon presented William James Broadus, Jr. with a retirement award for 10-1/2 years of service with the City of Union.

4. **BUSINESS**

A. DISCUSSION/MOTION – WBCU/UNION COUNTY PEP RALLEY

The WBCU and Holcombe Funeral Home Union County Pep Rally is an annual event to kick-off the New Union County School year. The Pep Rally would be a sponsorship in addition to the regular monthly contract. Should council approve the Pep Rally Sponsorship with WBCU a motion would be in order.

MOTION by Councilmember Garner to approve Pep Rally Sponsorship in the amount of \$800.00.
SECOND by Councilmember Ruff.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. MIRACLE LEAGUE OF UNION COUNTY – AMY AUSTIN - COORDINATOR

Amy Austin, Coordinator for the Miracle League of Union County addressed Council. Ms. Austin states that an initial presentation was made to County Council last year. The mission of the Miracle League is to provide

opportunities for individuals with disabilities to play Miracle League baseball, regardless of their abilities. She reviewed the Union County Miracle League Timeline. The Miracle League Exhibition Game was held at Timken Park in April 2011. The state average of student with a disability is 3% versus Union County's average of 15%. The Union County Miracle League is seeking the City of Union's support to promote the construction of special facilities that meet the unique needs of Miracle League players and their families. So far County Council has provided initial \$500 membership fee to Miracle League Association. County Council and its members contributed at least \$2,500 to sponsor the ML first Disability Awareness Day and Timken Complex hosted the Miracle League Exhibition Game at their facility. The Miracle League request inclusion to utilize the resources of the City of Union and Union County for the construction and maintenance of the field; to be a part of the Union County Recreation Department providing services like those utilized by organizations such as the Dixie Youth Leagues and an opportunity for informal meeting to discuss with the City and County, details for site acquisition, construction, and future maintenance. Lastly she stated that the Union County Miracle League Board is ready to organize and run the league. Also they will continue fund raising and sponsorship efforts as well as continue to solicit organizations for support.

C. **DISCUSSION – PURCHASE POWER ADJUSTMENT/JULY & AUGUST BILLS**

Utility Director Joe Nichols and Finance Director Walker Gallman gave an update on purchase power adjustment between the City of Union and its wholesale utility suppliers for July and August. The City will not know the actual cost of power until after the City of Union receives its utility bills from utility suppliers. Utility Director Nichols explained PPA. PPA is the difference between the base cost of power and the actual monthly cost of power the city purchases from its suppliers.

D. **DISCUSSION/MOTION – AWARD BID FOR REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF ABESTOS AND LEAD CONTAINING MATERIAL FROM TOSCH CREEK WWTP DIGESTER, MENG CREEK WWTP DIGESTER AND THE FORMER ST. MATTHEWS APOSTOLIC CHURCH**

Bids were received on June 28, 2011, 2:00 pm at City Hall for Asbestos removal and disposal from the digesters at Tosch Creek WWTP and Meng Creek WWTP. Removal of asbestos material from the former St. Matthews Apostolic Church (which is to be demolished) was included in this project. One (1) bid was received for this project: J B Russell & Son Construction in the amount of \$8,180.00. The bid and the recommendation from consultants were presented to council. The recommendation is to accept bid from JB Russell & Son in the amount of \$8,180.00.

MOTION by Councilmember Garner to accept recommendation.
SECOND by Councilmember Henderson.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – TO DISCUSS LEGAL, CONTRACTUAL, AND PERSONNEL MATTERS

MOTION by Councilmember Bailey to go out of regular session into executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

SECOND by Councilmember Ruff.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION by Councilmember Henderson to go out of executive session back into regular session.

SECOND by Councilmember Garner.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

No action taken.

8. **ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION by Councilmember Henderson to adjourn.

SECOND by Councilmember Bailey.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Council meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Gloria J. Rogers, Municipal Clerk

Minutes approved _____ 2011