

**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2016
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, July 19, 2016 at 6:30 P.M. in the City Municipal Building with the following present:

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

CITY ATTORNEY: Larry Flynn

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

NEWS MEDIA: Mike Stevens – WBCU Radio

OTHERS: Elise Ashby, Curtiss Hunter, Kim Lawson, Gerald Eaves and Tammy Eaves.

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. June 7, 2016 Regular Council Meeting

MOTION by Councilmember Harris to approve minutes.

SECOND by Councilmember Sloss

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Monthly Reports

MOTION by Councilmember Harris to accept monthly reports.

SECOND by Councilmember Wilson.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. Uniquely Union -

Kim Lawson

Kim Lawson, Chairman of Uniquely Union Committee addressed council. She thanked them for their continued support. She gave an update on the Uniquely Union Festival which will be held September 9-10, 2016 at USC Campus. USC-Union's Dean is working with the Committee by allowing use of space in campus building for the Hospitality Area and the Judges Quarters. This will eliminate the rental cost for tents and buildings which will provide a savings of \$3,000 over last year's festival. Also the festival will feature local talent. This help cut cost. Vendors and cooks fees will increase slightly. Ms. Lawson states that marketing efforts are being utilized to get the word out about the Uniquely Union Festival. The committee is still working on securing sponsorships for the Festival.

4. **BUSINESS**

A. **ORDINANCE – 1ST READING – AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF UNION & UNION COUNTY/ANIMAL CONTROL**

Attorney Larry Flynn addressed council. He presented an ordinance to acknowledge and authorize the execution and delivery of an inter-governmental agreement between the City of Union and the County of Union for the provision of Union County Code Officers to enforce the City of Union Animal Control Ordinance within the municipal limits of the City of Union and on behalf of the City of Union and other matters related thereto. The recommendation is to authorize the Mayor to enter into Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Union and the County of Union.

MOTION by Councilmember Wilson to pass 1st reading of the ordinance.
SECOND by Councilmember Giles.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. **APPOINTMENTS TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION BOARD**

Mayor Thompson states that (2) vacancies on the Planning Commission for expired terms must be filled. This board works closely with the City of Union Planning Department. The Board meets to consider and make recommendations to City Council concerning zoning ordinances or resolutions. The Commission also makes regulations for the subdivision of land and appropriate revisions thereof within its jurisdiction. These positions were solicited by public notice in local newspaper May 16, 2016. Request to serve letters, voting ballots and public notice was presented to council for their information. Three (3) letters of request to serve on the Board was received from the following: Mary B. Norman, Oscar Gist, Sr., and Adolphus Ray Jones. Mayor Thompson states that Adolphus Ray Jones was recently appointed to the County's Zoning Board which automatically disqualifies him to serve on a City Board. City Council voted by ballot unanimously to re-appoint Mary B. Norman and Oscar Gist, Sr. to the Planning Commission Board.

C. **DISCUSSION/MOTION – WBCU AND HOLCOMBE FUNERAL HOME PEP RALLY**

Mayor Thompson states that WBCU & Holcombe Funeral Home will host a 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 11 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. They are requesting sponsorships in the amount of \$1,000, the "Full Service Menu" and \$850.00, the Appetizer Menu. The recommendation is that the City sponsors the Union County Pep Rally in the amount of \$500.

MOTION by Councilmember Harris to accept recommendation.
SECOND by Councilmember Anthony.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

D. DISCUSSION/MOTION – KEENAN OAKS PROJECT

Attorney Larry Flynn states that no action is needed.

5. **ANNOUNCEMENT BY MAYOR & COUNCIL**

Councilmember Harris announced that ballgames are being held at Timken Sports Complex and everyone should go out and show support. Councilmember Wilson states that City crews should be thanked for services during the storm and cleanup work after the storm that occurred last week. Mayor Thompson states that he made calls thanking staff and crews for the hard work the morning after the storm.

Meeting adjourned at 6:52 P.M.

Gloria J. Rogers, Municipal Clerk

Minutes approved _____ 2016