

**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2011
6:30 PM**

{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 council meeting was held on March 15, 2011 at 6:30 PM at the City Municipal building with the following present:

COUNCIL: Mayor Pro Tem Keith Henderson, Councilmembers Tommie Hill, Robert Garner, Ricky Harris and Orangelow Ruff. Mayor Thompson was absent due to attending a NLC meeting and Councilmember Andy Bailey was absent.

CITY ATTORNEY: Billy Whitney was absent.

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

NEWS MEDIA: Steve Ramsey – WBCU Radio

OTHERS: Andrena Powell-Baker, Robbie Moody, Torrance Inman, Lawrence Flynn, Kimberly Witherspoon, Tommy Anthony, Garrick Good and Roscoe Boyd.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Henderson called the meeting to order. Invocation was given by Councilmember Ruff. The pledge of allegiance was given by all present. The roll was called by Municipal Clerk Gloria Rogers.

2. MINUTES

- A. February 15, 2011 - Regular Council Meeting
- B. February 22, 2011 - Special Council Meeting

MOTION by Councilmember Garner to accept minutes as presented.

SECOND by Councilmember Harris.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Monthly Reports

MOTION by Councilmember Harris to accept monthly reports.

SECOND by Councilmember Ruff.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. **BUSINESS**

A. RESOLUTION – SEASONS OF CARE

In support of the Issuance by The South Carolina Jobs-Economic Development Authority of its Economic Development Revenue Bonds (The Legacy/Bennett Place Project) Series 2011, Pursuant to the Provisions of Title 41, Chapter 43, of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, As Amended, in the Aggregate Principal Amount of not Exceeding \$21,000,000.

Garrick Good of Cardinal Real Estate addressed Council. He gave a brief update on the Seasons of Care Project. The loan closing to purchase property on Keenan Avenue is April 30, 2011. Signage announcing the project will be going up around the end of the month. A website will launch this week regarding jobs, www.cardinalcommunities.org. A Job Fair will also be held regarding jobs for Seasons of Care Project.

Staff recommendation is to approve the resolution.

MOTION by Councilmember Garner to pass resolution.

SECOND by Councilmember Ruff.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. DISCUSSION/MOTION – AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A 2 YEAR CONTRACT WITH FIDELITY ASSOCIATES, INC., FOR “EIGHTS KEYS TO A BETTER ME”

Over the years the City has supported the “Eight Keys To A Better Me” publication for the third graders. The cost is \$1.73/book. Approximately 790 books will be ordered for Foster Park, Monarch, Buffalo, Lockhart, Jonesville Elementary Schools and Union Christian Day School. The total cost will be approximately \$683.00/year-2 year contract. The recommendation is to authorize the Mayor to enter into a 2 year contract with Fidelity Associates, Inc. for “Eight Keys To A Better Me”.

MOTION by Councilmember Hill to approve recommendation.

SECOND by Councilmember Harris.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. AWARD BID – AWARD BID FOR OLD FILTER PLANT SUBSTATION VACUUM CIRCUIT BREAKERS

Finance Director Walker Gallman addressed Council. KVA, a utility contractor, inspected our substations and advised the City that three (3) vacuum circuit breakers needed to be replaced at the old Filter Plant Substation located on Calhoun Street. Our electrical engineering firm, Progressive Engineering Consultants, recently received bids for the breakers and Siemens Energy, Inc. has agreed to offer a direct replacement with automated upgrades to the City of Union at the quoted price of \$20,679.00 each. The quote from Siemens Energy, Inc. is attached and includes: Vacuum Circuit Breaker – 3 @ \$20,679 = \$62,037.00; Relay as spare – 1 @\$5,200.00 = \$5,200 @ \$67,237.00. The recommendation is to award bid to Siemens Energy, Inc. in the amount of \$67,237.00. The

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MOTION by Councilmember Harris to award bid to Siemens Energy, Inc.

SECOND by Councilmember Garner.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mayor Pro Tem Henderson states that Item D will be discussed later in the meeting.

5. **ANNOUNCEMENTS 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 comments to 3-5 minutes)

None

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

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

SECOND by Councilmember Hill.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

SECOND by Councilmember Garner.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION - INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF UNION AND UNION COUNTY

A resolution entitled “Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Union and Union County” was presented to council. The recommendation is to table resolution.

MOTION by Councilmember Garner to table item.

SECOND by Councilmember Hill.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION by Councilmember Ruff to adjourn.

SECOND by Councilmember Harris.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Council meeting adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

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Gloria J. Rogers, Municipal Clerk

Minutes approved _____ 2011