

**MINUTES  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2014  
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, March 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:** None

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

**NEWS MEDIA:** Mike Stevens – WBCU Radio

**OTHERS:** George Bruce; Robert W. Brown, Sr.; W.F. Gault; Robbie McGee; Kim Bailey; Brian Bailey; Dennis Howell; Les Gibson; Robert W. Brown; Angela Brown; Andrew Brown; Richard Brown; Jennifer Brown; Robert W. Brown III; Anna Brown; Larry Robinson; Gerald Gregory, Sr.; James S. Hunter; Curtiss Hunter and Ann Stevens.

**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, February 18, 2014                      Public Hearing

**MOTION** by Councilmember Harris to approve minutes.

**SECOND** by Councilmember Giles.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. Tuesday, February 18, 2014                      Regular City Council Meeting

**MOTION** by Councilmember Harris to approve minutes.

**SECOND** by Councilmember Hill.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**3. COMMUNICATIONS**

A. Monthly Reports

**MOTION** by Councilmember Giles to accept monthly reports.  
**SECOND** by Mayor Pro Tem Garner.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. Retirement Award

Public Safety Director Sam White presented Brian Bailey with a retirement award for 20 years of service with the City of Union. He presented Bobby Brown with a recognition award for 42 years of service as a volunteer fireman.

C. Miracle League – Amy Austin

Mayor Thompson read a letter from Amy Austin. In her letter, she apologized for not being able to attend the meeting as scheduled. She states that they are at the complex running through the details for Saturday's Opening Day for the Miracle League Field. Amy thanked City Council for their support and also invited them to the Miracle League Opening Day.

**4. BUSINESS**

A. RESOLUTION – MAY STREET – LOCAL MATCH

Mayor Thompson states that the City of Union intends to apply for a CDBG grant through the community infrastructure program. The May Street Area Sewer Rehabilitation grant consists of re-lining the existing sixty year-old sewer lines with a cured-in-place method that will extend the life of the lines for up to an additional 30 to 50 years. The proposed project includes upgrading approximately 4,986 lineal feet of 8 inch gravity sewer line. A total of 22 manholes will also be rehabbed as part of the project. The total estimated cost of the proposed project is \$515,026. The amount of grant funds being requested is \$371,928. The city is required to match at least 10% of the grant funds but in this particular case the city will be paying for all of the engineering costs of \$60,500 and the non-eligible CDBG costs associated with North Pinckney Street in the amount of \$78,340. This street is not eligible for CDBG grant funding because it does not meet the low and moderate income requirement of 51% because there are too many vacant homes on this street. The city will also need to pay \$4,258 in other non-eligible CDBG costs associated with other streets. At this time the city is committing to a total of \$143,098 and any other additional costs that may result from cost overruns. The City of Union is the service provider for sewer service to the May Street area and will benefit from the upgrades to the system. Staff recommendation is for Council to approve local match resolution for the CDBG Grant application.

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

B. RESOLUTION – BUFFALO MILL VILLAGE – PHASE IV LOCAL MATCH

Mayor Thompson states that the City of Union has determined that there are dilapidated sanitary sewer lines in the Buffalo Mill Village area that have reached

their life span and need to be upgraded in order to provide adequate sewer service to residents in the Buffalo Mill Village Community. The City of Union intends to make an application for Community Development Block Grant funding through the Community Infrastructure Program for the Buffalo Mill Village Sewer Improvements Project, Phase IV. Union County will sponsor this grant with the City of Union paying for match requirements and additional funding. The Buffalo project consists of approximately 5,402 LF of 8 inch gravity sewer. The work will include tie-in of 96 existing services and resurfacing of streets upon completion. The total estimated cost of the proposed project is \$994,991. The amount of grant funds being requested will be \$750,000. The City is required to match at least 10 percent of the grant funds, as well as any non-eligible CDBG cost associated with the project and any costs that exceed the grant maximum. Income surveys are not completed at this time; however if it appears that some of the streets may not qualify for CDBG Grant funds if the low and moderate income requirements of 51% are not met. If this is the case, the amount of local funding will increase. Costs for this project are not finalized at this time, but information will be given to you as soon as totals from the income surveys are final. The City of Union is the service provider of sewer service to the Buffalo Mill Village Community area and will benefit from upgrades to the system. Staff recommendation is for council to approve local cash match resolution for CDBG Grant application.

**MOTION** by Councilmember Giles to pass resolution.

**SECOND** by Councilmember Hill.

**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 personnel matter.

**SECOND** by Councilmember Harris.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

**SECOND** by Mayor Pro Tem Garner.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

No action taken.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Councilmember Wilson to adjourn.

**SECOND** by Councilmember Harris.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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Council meeting adjourned at 7:17 P.M.

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Gloria J. Rogers, CMC  
Municipal Clerk

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