

**MINUTES  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2016  
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, May 17, 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; Laura Hembree – Accounting Supervisor; Joe Nichols – Utility Director; Walker Gallman – Finance Director, Sam White – Public Safety Director and Leroy Edwards – Maintenance Shop Director. Perry Harmon – Public Service Director was out on annual leave.

**NEWS MEDIA:** Mike Stevens – WBCU Radio and Graham Williams – Union County News

**OTHERS:** Hutch Hall, Christie Savage, Willie Goode, John Auther Gist, Mary A. Leonhardt, Mildred Tipton, Ann Stevens, Tony Brown and Curtiss Hunter.

**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. April 19, 2016

Public Hearing

**MOTION** by Mayor Pro Tem Garner to approve minutes.  
**SECOND** by Councilmember Anthony.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. April 19, 2016

Regular Council Meeting

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

C. May 9, 2016

Special Council Meeting

**MOTION** by Mayor Pro Tem Garner to approve minutes.

**SECOND** by Councilmember Anthony.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. **COMMUNICATIONS**

A. Monthly Reports

**MOTION** by Councilmember Harris to accept monthly reports.

**SECOND** by Councilmember Wilson.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. AirMedCare -

Marilyn Ingle

Marilyn Ingle, Membership Sales Manager of AirMedCare Network gave presentation regarding AirMedCare Network Municipal Site Membership Program. Regional One is a member of the AirMedCare Network, the largest Air Ambulance Membership Network in the United States. Employers with up to 149 employees can enjoy a discount from AirMedCare Network of \$10.00 per household. Standard annual membership fees are \$65 for an entire household. It would cost the City of Union \$37,459.00 annually for Municipal Site Membership.

C. Union County Animal Shelter -

Frank Hart

Union County Supervisor

County Supervisor Frank Hart addressed council. Mr. Hart states that the City and County do share a common goal such as improving the quality of life for our citizens of Union. He reviewed goals, activities and accomplishments of both entities. The County Supervisor feels that the consolidating of some services such as public works; street maintenance; solid waste; building & zoning; vehicle fleet maintenance and public safety can be beneficial to both entities. He feels this would improve services plus lower cost for our citizens. Next he discussed the proposal for the Union County Animal Shelter. Mr. Hart states that the county's employee who is over the animal shelter is a certified animal control officer. Mr. Hart states that since the City has a part-time animal control officer who is not certified and a slot for another part-time animal control officer; utilizing their certified animal control officer in lieu of hiring another part-time officer could benefit both entities. He would like to try this for a (6) month period. He would like for both councils to set up a joint workshop to explore this possibility.

D. Union County Dragway -

Curtiss Hunter/

Tony Brown

Curtiss Hunter, Union County Tourism Director introduced Tony Brown, Owner of the Union County Dragway. Mr. Brown states that he has been in the racing industry for 35 years. His three goals for Union County Dragway are to be profitable, to rise up in the industry and to be accepted in the community. He is proud to be a part of Union.

4. **BUSINESS**

A. ORDINANCE/ZONING – 2<sup>ND</sup> READING - REZONING 208 SOUTH CHURCH STREET, 307 & 309 SOUTH MOUNTAIN STREET

Melanie Lawson, Building & Zoning Coordinator states that the Director of the Union County Carnegie Library requested properties located at 208 South Church Street, 307 & 309 South Mountain Street be rezoned to A-4 office, residential and institutional to allow expansion. They are currently zoned as R-6 residential. City Council passed 1<sup>st</sup> reading at its April regular council meeting.

**MOTION** by Mayor Pro Tem Garner to pass 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

**SECOND** by Councilmember Wilson.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. ORDINANCE – 2<sup>ND</sup> READING – ANNEXATION – STUTTS AVENUE

Mayor Thompson asked for a motion to table item until concerns voiced by residents during the public hearing be addressed.

**MOTION** by Councilmember Harris to table.

**SECOND** by Councilmember Wilson.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

C. ORDINANCE – 1<sup>ST</sup> READING – FY 2016-2017 PROPOSED BUDGET

Finance Director Walker Gallman presented the FY 2016-2017 proposed budget ordinance for 1<sup>st</sup> reading. A public hearing to solicit public comments in connection with the proposed budget ordinance for FY 2016-2017 was held prior to regular meeting. No one from the public commented. Mr. Gallman states that the General Fund and Enterprise Funds will be balanced using fund balance retained earnings accumulated from prior years. The recommendation is to pass 1<sup>st</sup> reading.

**MOTION** by Mayor Pro Tem Garner to pass 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the proposed budget ordinance.

**SECOND** by Councilmember Giles.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

D. ORDINANCE – 1<sup>ST</sup> READING – SALARY INCREASE, FRINGE BENEFITS, AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS - MAYOR

City Attorney Larry Flynn states that during the 2015-2016 budget work session the Union City Council elected to increase the Mayor's salary to \$65,000 which will take effect November 16, 2016. The Mayor is a full time employee. The 2015-2016 budget passed 1st & 2nd reading on June 16, 2015.

Mayor Pro Tem Garner asked if there were any questions. Several councilmembers posed questions to the City Attorney on the clarification of the Mayor's present and past salary. Mayor Pro Tem Garner asked for a motion.

**MOTION** by Councilmember Sloss to pass 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the ordinance increasing the salary for Mayor as presented.

**SECOND** by Councilmember Giles.

**FOR:** Garner, Giles, Sloss

**OPPOSE:** Anthony, Harris, Wilson

**ABSTAIN:** Thompson

Mayor Pro Tem Garner states that motion dies due to tie vote.

**MOTION** by Councilmember Anthony to increase the Mayor's salary to \$57,800.

**SECOND** by Councilmember Wilson.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

E. **AGREEMENT – VICTIM'S ASSISTANCE – BILL OF RIGHTS**

Finance Director Walker Gallman addressed council. He states that the City and County of Union are compelled by S.C. Code 16-3-1505, commonly known as the Victim's Bill of Rights Act, to provide for certain victims and witness services. The agreement has been revised to comply with the recommendation of the State Office of Victim Assistance. The recommendation is to authorize the Mayor to execute agreement.

**MOTION** by Councilmember Harris to accept recommendation.

**SECOND** by Councilmember Anthony.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

F. **WBCU – "MIRACLES AND MUSIC"**

Mayor Thompson states that WBCU will host a country showdown with a day of fun and music as well as area musicians and a talent show. The day is designed to showcase area talent and give a day of fun to the citizens of Union and surrounding areas. The event, "Miracles and Music" is planned for July 9<sup>th</sup> from 2 PM to 9 PM at the Union County Fair Grounds.

**MOTION** by Mayor Pro Tem Garner to donate \$500 for the "Miracles and Music" event.

**SECOND** by Councilmember Harris.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. **ANNOUNCEMENT BY MAYOR & COUNCIL**

Mayor Thompson reminded everyone that the next regular council meeting will be June 7, 2016.

Councilmember Anthony states that the hanging baskets on Main Street look nice. He also states that everyone needs to rally behind the girl's soft ball team. They are doing an excellent job.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

A. Please address the Mayor and Council from the lectern and state your name and address for the record.

None

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Councilmember Wilson to adjourn.

**SECOND** by Councilmember.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 P.M.

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Gloria J. Rogers, Municipal Clerk

Minutes approved \_\_\_\_\_ 2016