

**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2019
6:30 P.M.**

{Summary minutes of City Council meeting. 8uAudio 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

The regular meeting of City Council was held on Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at 6:30 P.M. in the City Municipal Building with the following present:

COUNCIL: Mayor Pro Tem Robert Garner, Councilmembers Tommy Anthony, Vicki Morgan, Ricky Todd Harris, Pamela Sloss and Sonja Craig. Mayor Harold Thompson was out of town attending a conference for the City of Union

CITY ATTORNEY: Larry Flynn

DEPARTMENTAL STAFF: Gloria Rogers, Municipal Clerk/Human Resource Director; Laura Hembree – Finance Director; Joe Nichols – City Administrator; Sam White – Public Safety Director; Rebecca Lance – Accounting Supervisor; Dwayne Hardy – Assistant Public Service Director and Kathy Teague – Business License Coordinator. Leroy Edwards – Maintenance Shop Director and Mark Brown – Utility Director was absent

NEWS MEDIA: Charles Warner – Union Times; Graham Williams – Union County News and Mike Stevens – WBCU Radio

OTHERS: Jamie Trammell, Katherine Pendergrass, David Lance, David Gioia and County Supervisor Frank Hart

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Robert Garner called the meeting to order. He 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. October 15, 2019 | Regular Council Meeting |
| B. November 5, 2019 | Public Hearing |
| C. November 5, 2019 | Special Council Meeting |

The above minutes will be approved at the December Meeting

3. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Monthly Reports

MOTION by Councilmember Sloss to accept monthly reports as information only

SECOND by Councilmember Craig

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

City Administrator Joe Nichols states that Item “B” Discussion/Motion -

“Provide Funds To the Union County Facilities Corporation for Economic Development” will need to be moved after the Executive Session.

B. Retirement Award - Kenny Thomas

City Administrator Joe Nichols recognized Kenny Thomas, Public Service Director for 32 years of service. Mr. Thomas could not attend tonight’s meeting.

4. **BUSINESS**

A. DISCUSSION/MOTION – WBCU’S OPERATION “STOCKING STUFFER” CAMPAIGN

City Administrator Joe Nichols states that WBCU will be hosting its annual “Operation Stocking Stuffer” Campaign again this year. They will be delivering gifts and cards to our local nursing homes and assisted living facilities. WBCU is offering the following levels of opportunity to help share the spirit this holiday season: Angel Sponsorship: (100) 30-second commercials; Promotional Announcement; Items & cards delivered in your name; Total Investments - \$1,000 and Tree Sponsorship: (50) 30-second commercials; Promotional Announcements; Items & Cards delivered in your name; Total Investment – \$600. Mr. Nichols states that the City of Union provided a sponsorship level in the amount of \$600 last year. A motion from council is needed to sponsor WBCU’s “Operation Stocking Stuffer” campaign.

MOTION by Councilmember Sloss to approve WBCU’s “Operation Stocking Stuffer” Campaign at the \$600 level

SECOND by Councilmember Harris

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. **ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

None

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Pro Tem Garner asked if anyone had any public comments

David M. Gioia, 411 Foster Street addressed council regarding recycling. He feels this is very important. Mr. Gioia states that BI-LO still continues to do recycling of plastic container and plastic bags and they do this as a public service. He also discussed the Union County Recycling Center.

7. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING/PMPA, UNION COUNTY FACILITIES CORPORATION AND PERSONNEL MATTER

MOTION by Councilmember Sloss to go out of regular session into executive session to discuss Memorandum of Understanding/PMPA, Union County Facilities Corporation and Personnel Matter

SECOND by Councilmember Craig

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

SECOND by Councilmember Harris

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**B. DISCUSSION/MOTION – FUNDING REQUEST/JOINT CITY & COUNTY
(UNION COUNTY FACILITIES CORPORATION)**

City Administrator Joe Nichols states that the above item was discussed during executive session in regards to the Union County Facilities Corporation. This is a way that the City can actually put money into a fund to help economic development on Main Street. It gives the City a way to have a fund as an incentive where a business owner can come in and ask for assistant. This is not a grant. It is not something that the City will be giving away. It will have to be reimbursed to the fund and there will be some claw backs and conditions in the agreement for the funding that they receive. The County has had this for a few years now and it has been working well. The County appropriated some funds to this also. Again these monies will only be used for economic development on Main Street. Mayor Pro Tem asked for a motion on how council wishes to proceed.

MOTION by Councilmember Sloss authorizing the City Administrator to enter into an agreement with Union County Facilities Corporation for up to \$15,000 contingent upon the satisfactory agreement with the County for a newly proposed economic development project

SECOND by Councilmember Craig

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. ADJOURMENT

MOTION by Councilmember Sloss to adjourn

SECOND by Councilmember Craig

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Gloria J. Rogers
Certified Municipal Clerk

Minutes approved _____ 2019