

**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2015
6:30 P.M.**

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The regular meeting of City Council was held on Tuesday, November 17, 2015 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 and Pamela Sloss. Councilmember Jim Wilson was absent due to illness.

CITY ATTORNEY: Larry Flynn

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

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

PLANNING COMMISSION: Lynn Eaves- Chairman; Oscar Gist- Vice Chairman; Bobby Joe Gibbs and Mary Norman. Hutch Hall was absent.

OTHERS: George Bruce, Casey Wright, Elise Ashby, Andrena Powell-Baker, Curtiss Hunter, Frank Hart, Casey Wright and others.

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. October 19, 2015 Regular Council Meeting

MOTION by Councilmember Harris to approve minutes.
SECOND by Councilmember Sloss.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Monthly Reports

MOTION by Councilmember Anthony to approve monthly reports.
SECOND by Mayor Pro Tem Garner.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. **BUSINESS**

A. **ORDINANCE – 2ND READING – ANNEXATION PETITION FOR 103 MEDICAL SCIENCES DRIVE.**

Robby Moody, Senior Planner, of CRPC addressed council. Mr. Moody states that the Planning Department staff recently determined the property located at 103 Medical Sciences Drive near the intersection of US Highway 176/Duncan Bypass is contiguous to the City of Union. This is the location of Allergy Partners of the Foothills and per the executive of the water and/or sewer service agreement and restrictive covenants the property owner is obligated to sign the petition for annexation. Staff contacted the property owner and he signed the annexation petition. Because the nearby properties that are inside the city limits are already zoned A-2, staff recommends A-2 Highway Commercial zoning as appropriate for this property. This zoning designation will allow the business to continue its operations with interruption as a conforming use. Copies of the annexation map and listing, annexation petition, annexation agreement, letter to initiating annexation and ordinance was presented to council. City Council passed 1st reading of the ordinance at its October 20, 2015 meeting.

MOTION by Mayor Pro Tem Garner to accept recommendation.

SECOND by Councilmember Harris.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. **ORDINANCE – 1ST READING - AMEND THE CITY OF UNION ZONING CODE TO COMPLY WITH STATE LAW FOR ANNEXATION & PUBLIC NOTICE**

Mayor Thompson states that the City's Attorney office identified a few shortcomings in the existing Zoning Code regarding annexation procedures and collaborate with Planning Department staff to draft an ordinance. Proposed amendments to the Zoning Code include the provision of a public hearing and public notice to recommend a zoning district designation for the subject property. This new procedure will improve the transparency of the annexation process. Staff recommends approval subject to public input and action by the City of Union Planning Commission.

MOTION by Councilmember Harris to accept recommendation.

SECOND by Councilmember Anthony.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. **RESOLUTION – STREET NAME CHANGE- COPPER JIM ROAD**

Mayor Thompson states that the City of Union Planning Commission held a public hearing to consider a request to rename Copper Jim Road to Quest Place on September 29, 2015. The members considered that this section of street serves as a connector street from Lakeview Heights to Pineneedle Road with no properties addressed from this street. The adjacent property owners were notified and a public notice was published in the Union County News on September 14, 2015. No one offered opposition to this request and the Planning Commission made a unanimous recommendation to change the name from Copper Jim Road to Quest Place. The recommendation is to adopt the resolution to change the name from Copper Jim Road to Quest Place.

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

D. RESOLUTION – CONSENT OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MULTI-COUNTY BUSINESS PARK – 155 MEDICAL SCIENCES DRIVE

Mayor Thompson states that this resolution gives consent to the establishment of a multi-county business park for the benefit of Project Vecura Salt (code name). The Company will make an investment of \$16 million dollars and provide work for 40 employees and will bring additional people into the city on a recurring and consistent basis. It gives the Mayor and City Clerk the authorization to take any and all such further action deemed necessary or desirable in order to effectuate and carry out the intentions of this resolution. Staff recommendation is that Council approve and pass the resolution.

MOTION by Mayor Pro Tem Garner to approve recommendation.
SECOND by Councilmember Giles.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

E. DISCUSSION/MOTION – WBCU “OPERATION STOCKING STUFFER”

Mayor Thompson states that WBCU’s annual “Operation Stocking Stuffer” is a project for local nursing homes and assisted living facilities where toiletry items and a card are delivered to the residents. Two levels of sponsorship presented are the Angel Sponsorship – (100) 30 second commercials; promotional announcements; items and cards delivered in the business name. Total Investment cost is \$900 and the Tree Sponsorship – (50) 30 second commercials; promotional announcements; items and cards delivered in the business name. Total Investment cost is \$600.

MOTION by Mayor Pro Tem Garner to approve the Tree Sponsorship in the amount of \$600 with no commercials or announcements.
SECOND by Councilmember Giles.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. **ANNOUNCEMENT BY MAYOR & COUNCIL**

Councilmember Giles commented on the Public Safety Department’s monthly report regarding the PSO’s various training.

Mayor Thompson states that the City of Union has received a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$500,000 for N. Pinckney/N. Gadberry Streetscape Improvements.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

None

7. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** - TO DISCUSS CONTRACTUAL

MATTERS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS

MOTION by Mayor Pro Tem Garner to go out of regular session into executive session to discuss a contractual and personnel matter.

SECOND by Councilmember Giles.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

SECOND by Councilmember Anthony.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

No action taken

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION by Mayor Pro Tem Garner to adjourn.

SECOND by Councilmember Sloss.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 P.M.

Gloria J. Rogers, Municipal Clerk

Minutes approved _____ 2015