

**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2013
6:30 P.M.**

{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, November 19, 2013 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; Joe Nichols – Utility Director; Perry Harmon – Public Service Director; Walker Gallman – Finance Director; Mike Petrie – Maintenance Shop Director and Laura Hembree – Accounting Supervisor.

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

PLANNING COMMISSION: Oscar Gist, Sr. and Bobby Joe Gibbs.

OTHERS: Robby Moody, Michael Holmes, Chris Woodson, Wills Boyles, Alice Taylor-Colbert 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. Tuesday, October 22, 2013 Special Council Meeting

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

3. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Monthly Reports

MOTION by Councilmember Harris to accept monthly reports.
SECOND by Councilmember Giles.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. BUSINESS

A. ORDINANCE – 1ST READING - AMENDING BOND ORDINANCE

Finance Director Walker Gallman states that the proposed changes to the Bond Ordinance are a result of discussions with the State Revolving Fund. Changes are being implemented in order to clarify and cure ambiguities in the General Bond Ordinance. One change was a drafter's error, where "net revenues" has been changed to "gross revenues" in order to more properly calculate the City's annual rate covenant. The other changes clarifies that the calculation requirements for how the City's debt service reserve funds get value are not applicable to debt service reserve funds being held by the State Treasurer on behalf of the SRF. Neither of these changes constitutes major changes and we are not requesting consent from outstanding bondholders as the terms of the Bond Ordinance allow for modifications and changes to cure or correct ambiguities without bondholder approval. Please note, all of the City's outstanding bonds are currently held by South Carolina Water Quality Revolving Fund Authority, the South Carolina Infrastructure Facilities and BB&T. The recommendation is to pass 1st reading of the ordinance amending and restating the General Bond Ordinance.

MOTION by Councilmember Wilson to pass 1st reading of ordinance.
SECOND by Councilmember Hill.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. ORDINANCE – 1ST READING – 2013A SERIES ORDINANCE (CWSRF)

Finance Director Walker Gallman presented an ordinance approving the borrowing of not to exceed \$2,024,234, plus capitalized interest, if any, from the Water Pollution Control Revolving Loan Fund. Other funding sources will be from Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG) \$1,202,584 and City Funds, \$389,830. The breakdown of projects and funding sources were also presented. The recommendation is to pass 1st reading of the 2013A Ordinance.

MOTION by Councilmember Giles to pass 1st reading of the 2013A Ordinance.
SECOND by Mayor Pro Tem Garner.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. ORDINANCE – 1ST READING - 2013B SERIES ORDINANCE (DWSRF)

Finance Director Walker Gallman presented an ordinance approving the financing of water system improvements through the borrowing of not exceeding \$1,235,512 plus capitalized interest, if any, from the Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund. These funds will finance 4 projects. One of the projects, replacing water meters, is considered a "Green" project with an interest rate of 1% for 20 years. The other projects interest rate is 1.9% for the same term. The recommendation is to pass 1st reading of the 2013B Series Ordinance.

MOTION by Councilmember Wilson to pass 1st reading of the 2013B Ordinance.
SECOND by Councilmember Harris.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

D. ORDINANCE – 1st **READING** - AMENDMENTS TO CITY OF UNION ZONING ORDINANCE SECTION 109.12

Robby Moody states that City staff is requesting to amend the City of Union Zoning Ordinance, Section 109.12 table of Permitted Uses of Non-Residential Districts and Section 129, Definitions specifically to address colleges and universities. A public hearing was held prior to the regular meeting. “The Planning Commission for the City of Union recommends that City Council approve the proposed changes to Section 109.12, Table of Permitted Uses and Section 129, Definitions.

Lynn Eaves – Chairman
Bobby Joe Gibbs

Oscar Gist – Vice Chairman
Mary Norman

MOTION by Councilmember Wilson to accept recommendation.
SECOND by Councilmember Hill.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

E. ORDINANCE – 1st **READING** - POLICY FOR REGULATION OF WRECKER SERVICES

Mayor Thompson made a recommendation to table 1st reading of the ordinance for regulation of the wrecker services due to issues that were presented by the various Wrecker Services at the public hearing prior to this meeting. The ordinance will be reviewed and amended accordingly by staff and presented at the next council meeting.

MOTION by Mayor Pro Tem Garner to table ordinance until next meeting.
SECOND by Councilmember Wilson.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mayor Thompson states that a second public hearing for the regulation of the wrecker services policy will be held at the next meeting.

F. DISCUSSION/MOTION - WBCU “OPERATION STOCKING STUFFER”

Chris Woodson of WBCU addressed Council. WBCU “Operation Stocking Stuffer” is a project for local nursing homes and assisted living facilities (Oakmont, Ellen Sager and Whitney Place) where toiletry items and a card are delivered to nursing home patients. Mr. Woodson states that there are two levels of sponsorship available. The “Angel” level consist of (80) 30 second commercials; promotional announcements and items & cards delivered in the sponsor’s name. This is a total investment of \$850.00. The “Tree” level consist of (40) 30 second commercials; promotional announcements and items & cards delivered in the sponsor’s name. This is a total investment of \$550.00. A motion is in order if Council would like to sponsor the WBCU annual “Operation Stocking Stuffer”.

MOTION by Councilmember Wilson to sponsor “Operation Stocking Stuffer” at the “Tree” level in the amount of \$550 with funding, if permitted, from PMPA Funds.
SECOND by Councilmember Harris.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

G. AWARD BID – WATER & SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS – R/C JOB NO 2013-006

Utility Director Joe Nichols addressed City Council. Bids were received on October 22, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. for Water Improvements on Williams Street, Louise Street, Oak Street, Mill Street and Sewer Improvements on Coleman Street, Cross Street and College Street. Three (3) bids were received. They are as follows: Boulware Plumbing & Construction - \$442,461.00; Dillard Excavating - \$625,315.00 and Lake Murray Utility Co. - \$726,965.00. The recommendation is to award bid to Boulware Plumbing & Construction in the amount of \$442,461.00. This will be funded through CDBG & SRF pending approval by SC DHEC to award the contract.

MOTION by Councilmember Wilson to accept recommendation.
SECOND by Councilmember Giles.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

H. AWARD BID – TOSCH CREEK & RAILROAD ST. PUMP STATION
UPGRADES – R/C JOB NO 2013-052/053; CWSRF 373-05

Utility Director Joe Nichols addressed City Council. Bids were received on October 22, 2013 to upgrade the Tosch Creek and Railroad Street Pump Stations. Four (4) bids were received. They are as follows: J.L. Construction Co. - \$198,200.00; Greenstone Construction – 199,615.45 and Wateree Construction - \$208,000.00. The recommendation is to award bid to J.L. Construction in the amount of \$198,200.00. This will be funded through SRF pending approval by SC pending approval by SC DHEC to award the contract.

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

5. **ANNOUNCEMENT BY MAYOR & COUNCIL**

Mayor Thompson announced the Annual Downtown Christmas Open House which will be held on Thursday, November 21, 2013.

Councilmember Wilson thanked the local news media for publicizing for Meals On Wheels. Their fund raising efforts were successful.

Mayor Thompson wished everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving.

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. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION by Councilmember Giles to adjourn.
SECOND by Councilmember Wilson.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Council meeting adjourned at 7:06 P.M.

Gloria J. Rogers, CMC
Municipal Clerk

Minutes approved _____ 2013