

**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2011
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 October 18, 2011 at 6:30 P.M. in the City Municipal building with the following present:

COUNCIL: Mayor Harold Thompson, Mayor Pro Tem, Councilmembers Tommie L. Hill, Robert Garner, Ricky Todd Harris, Orangelow Ruff and Andy Bailey.

CITY ATTORNEY: Billy Whitney was absent.

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 and Laura Hembree – Accounting Supervisor. Mike Petrie – Maintenance Shop Director was absent.

NEWS MEDIA: Mike Stevens – WBCU

OTHERS: Bob Love and Kathryn Watts

1. Call To Order

Mayor Thompson called the meeting to order. Mayor Pro Tem Henderson 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. September 20, 2011 | Joint City/County Council Meeting |
| B. September 20, 2011 | Regular Council Meeting |

MOTION by Councilmember Harris to accept minutes as presented.

SECOND by Councilmember Bailey.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Communications

- A. Monthly Reports

MOTION by Councilmember Ruff to accept monthly reports.

SECOND by Councilmember Hill.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. Events Center -

Bob Love

Bob Love presented City Council with a copy of the Union Events Center Usage Study. The study was completed by Stephanie Williams of Memorable Solutions, LLC on August 17, 2011. This study is to serve as an estimate of the usage of the proposed Union Events Center, a multi-purpose center to be constructed in the City of Union. The center will serve as a venue for a variety of events, including but not limited to; theatrical performances, meetings and conferences, and social events.

4. **BUSINESS**

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

Operation “Stocking Stuffer” distributes items to local nursing homes such as Kleenex, Lotion, Combs, Germ-X and other various toiletry items. With “Operation Stocking Stuffer”, the City will receive an impressive commercial flight, a saturation of promotional announcements and items along with a card will be delivered to citizens of Union County which are often forgotten around the holidays. Total investment cost is \$850.00. If Council wishes to sponsor Operation “Stocking Stuffer” with WBCU, a motion is in order.

MOTION by Councilmember Ruff to approve sponsorship for Operation “Stocking Stuffer” in the amount of \$850.00.

SECOND by Mayor Pro Tem Henderson.

AMENDMENT TO MOTION by Councilmember Bailey to sponsor Operation “Stocking Stuffer” in the amount of \$500.00.

SECOND by Mayor Pro Tem Henderson.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. AWARD BID – TOSCH CREEK WWTP NEW HEADWORKS AND AERATION EQUIPMENT SRF 373-04

Utility Director Joe Nichols states that bids were received on October 6, 2011 at 2:00 pm at City Hall for New Headworks and Aeration Equipment at the Tosch Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant. Nine (9) bids were received for this project. The bid summary and the recommendation from consultants were presented to Council. The recommendation is to award bid to Kris Mechanical in the amount of \$1,634,800, pending SRF approval to award the contract.

MOTION by Mayor Pro Tem Henderson to accept staff recommendation.

SECOND by Councilmember Bailey.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. AWARD BID – REPLACEMENT OF COLEMAN STREET, LUKESVILLE, AND OTTARAY PUMP STATIONS - SRF

Utility Director Joe Nichols states that bids were received on October 6, 2011 at 2:30 pm at City Hall for the replacement of Coleman Street, Lukesville, and Ottaray Pump Stations. Nine (9) bids were received for this project. The bid summary and the recommendation from our consultants were presented to Council. The recommendation is to award bid to Long & Sons Utility Company in the amount of \$636,024.00 pending SRF approval to award the contract.

MOTION by Councilmember Harris to accept recommendation.

SECOND by Mayor Pro Tem Henderson.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

D. AWARD BID – WATER STORAGE TANK MAINTENANCE

Utility Director Joe Nichols states that bids were received on September 29, 2011 at 4:00 pm at City Hall for Water Storage Tank Maintenance for four (4) elevated water tanks and one (1) standpipe. The contract term is for four (4) consecutive years. Two (2) bids were received for this project: Caldwell Tanks, Inc. of Newman, Georgia - \$9,428.00 and Utility Service Co., Inc. of Perry, Georgia - \$9,575.00. The recommendation is to accept bid from Caldwell Tanks, Inc. in the amount of \$9,428.00 per year for four (4) years, pending engineer's reference check approval.

MOTION by Councilmember Hill to approve recommendation.
SECOND by Councilmember Bailey.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. **ANNOUNCEMENT BY MAYOR & COUNCIL**

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

Councilmember Garner thanked Chief White and his department, the Utilities Department and the Public Service Department for their service during the recent fire to store on Main Street.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

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

Kathryn Watts, 106 Woodlawn Avenue addressed Council regarding customers not rolling their garbage carts back on property after their garbage has been picked up. She feels that Union is a beautiful City and it would look much better if carts were not left on side of road at all times. Ms. Watts suggest charging \$15 for not rolling carts back on property.

7. **ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION by Councilmember Bailey to adjourn.
SECOND by Councilmember Harris.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Council meeting adjourned at 6:56 PM.

Gloria J. Rogers, Municipal Clerk

Minutes approved _____ 2011