

MOTION by Councilmember Wilson to approve minutes.
SECOND by Councilmember Giles.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. **COMMUNICATIONS**

A. Monthly Reports

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

B. Retirement Award - Connie Burgess

Mayor Pro Tem Garner presented Connie Burgess with a retirement award for 22 years of faithful service to the City of Union.

4. **BUSINESS**

A. ORDINANCE – 2ND READING – TEMPORARY SIGN REGULATIONS AMENDMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Garner states that staff met with Katherine Pendergrass, local business owner, who relies heavily on temporary signage to advertise, her seasonal tax service. We discussed options for amending the Zoning Code sign regulations for temporary signs. Research was also conducted on temporary sign regulations for a variety of Upstate municipalities. City Council passed 1st reading at its October regular meeting. The recommendation is to pass 2nd reading.

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

B. ORDINANCE – 1ST READING – GRANTING CONSENT TO APPLICATION FOR FRANCHISE FOR CABLE OR VIDEO SERVICE AND SETTING FRANCHISE FEE

Finance Director Walker Gallman states that on September 19, 2013, Bell South Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a/ AT&T South Carolina filed an application with the Secretary of State for a state-issued certificate of finance authority or an application to amend a certificate of franchise authority to provide cable or video service. The City will set the franchise fee at 5%, which is the maximum allowed by law.

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

C. DISCUSSION/MOTION – REQUEST –MEALS ON WHEELS

Kathy Stepp, Vice- Chairman of Union Meals on wheels addressed council. Union County Meals on Wheels is a volunteer organization dedicated to serving residents in Union and Buffalo. These residents are screened to determine need and approved on that basis. This program has been working fine for over 30 years with the help of donors from the community and grants petitioned from outside charity groups and business partnerships. At present

we receive limited funds from the Emergency Food and Shelter Program. Other donors include church groups and gifts in honor and memory. Each year we have fundraising activities to enhance our finances. One such fundraiser is sponsored by Midway Barbeque and has netted Meals on Wheels about \$1000 per year. We also participate in BI-LO Booster Plus and Belk Charity Days. With all these efforts we still find our funds insufficient to meet the needs of our clients. During the first eight months of this year, we served 14,754 meals at a cost of \$52,445 with receipts of \$46,434. This was a shortfall of \$6,000. We need another \$750 per month to break even. And so we come to you with an urgent plea for help. We hope you will see this need and fund us in the amount of the shortfall, \$6,000. It is then our hope that during budget meetings that you give much thought to offering incentive to your employees to pledge even one meal a week in the coming year at the current cost of \$3.25 a meal. This would be a wonderful and affordable gift to the community in which we all could find ourselves in the future. City Council briefly discussed ways the Meals on Wheels can raise money.

MOTION by Councilmember Giles to fund Meals on Wheels in the amount of \$3,000.

SECOND by Councilmember Harris.

CARRIED UNANI MOUSLY.

D. AWARD BID – SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS – BUFFALO MILL VILLAGE – PHASE III R/C JOB NO 2012-047

Utility Director Joe Nichols states that bids were received on September 24, 2013 at 2:00 pm for Buffalo Mill Village Phase III. Four (4) bids were received. They are as follows:

Buckeye Construction Co, Inc.	\$ 889,455.16
Dillard Excavating	\$ 955,172.80
G H Smith Construction Co	\$ 590,615.00
Smith Backhoe & Construction	\$ 585,225.75

The bid summary and recommendation letter from our consultants was presented to council. The recommendation is to award bid to Smith Backhoe & Construction in the amount of \$585,225.75. This will be funded through CDBG & SRF, pending approval by SC Department of Commerce and SC DHEC to award the contract.

MOTION by Councilmember Hill to accept recommendation.

SECOND by Councilmember Wilson.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

E. AWARD BID – SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS – INDUSTRIAL PARK ROAD SEWER OUTFALL

Joe Nichols states that bids were received on September 24, 2013 at 2:30pm for the Industrial Park Road Sewer Outfall.

Thirteen (13) bids were received:

Babcock Construction	\$ 1,281,705.70
Buckeye Construction Co, Inc.	\$ 911,659.10
Cedar Farms & Construction	\$ 723,070.69
Dillard Excavating	\$ 983,987.40
G H Smith Construction Co	\$ 970,880.00
Haren Construction Co.	\$ 1,099,290.00
Long & Sons Utility	\$ 1,174,513.00
Monroe Roadways Contractors, Inc.	\$ 888,318.86
Moorhead Construction	\$ 977,471.30

Sanders Utility Construction Co.	\$ 1,021,068.00
State Utility Contractors, Inc.	\$ 972,115.00
Strack, Inc.	\$ 913,864.81
Wateree Construction Co., Inc.	\$ 948,208.00

The bid summary and recommendation letter from our consultants were presented to council. The recommendation is to award bid to Cedar Farms & Construction in the amount of \$723,070.69. This will be SRF funded pending SC DHEC approval to award contract.

MOTION by Councilmember Giles to accept recommendation.

SECOND by Councilmember Harris.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F. AWARD BID – WATER & SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVMENTS –
MONARCH MILL VILLAGE PHASE II

Utility Director Joe Nichols states that bids were received on September 26, 2013 at 2:00 pm for Monarch Mill Village Phase II. Three (3) bids were received. They are as follows:

Capital Grading, LLC	\$ 698,758.00
G H Smith Construction Co	\$ 564,444.00
Long & Sons Utility LLC	\$ 918,013.00

The bid summary and recommendation letter from our consultants was presented to council. The recommendation is to award bid to G H Smith Construction Co in the amount of \$564,444.00. 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.

G. AWARD BID – REPLACING WATER METERS

Utility Director Joe Nichols states that bids were received on September 26, 2013 at City Hall for replacing water meters. Six bids were received. They are as follows:

Boulware Plumbing & Construction	\$ 194,452.50
Matchpoint, Inc.	\$ 70,710.00
McMahan Brothers Pipeline, Inc.	\$ 101,351.00
Twin Systems, LLC	\$ 235,700.00
Vanguard Utility Service, Inc.	\$ 87,138.29
Whitesides Construction, Inc.	\$ 212,130.00

A bid tabulation sheet and recommendation letter from the engineer was presented to council. The recommendation is to award bid to Matchpoint Inc. in the amount of \$ 70,710.00. Funding will be provided through SC Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program pending SCDHEC approval to award the contract.

MOTION by Councilmember Harris to accept recommendation.

SECOND by Councilmember Giles.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. **ANNOUNCEMENT BY MAYOR & COUNCIL**

Councilmember Wilson states that the City of Union is one of the major sponsors of the Union County Fair and he hopes that people in Union go out and take part in the fair this week.

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)

Brooks Carwile, 301 Glendale Road, addressed City Council. Mr. Carwile states that after what happened at last month's regular council meeting, he is very concerned about county residents not being able to express their views. He asked City Council to repeal the 1952 statute pertaining to the public comment section. Mr. Carwile feels that local citizens are muzzled and denied their rights which are guaranteed by the constitution. He feels that city council should uphold the constitution of the United States. Mr. Carwile asked City Council to move immediately and allow any person who wishes to address council whether they live in city or the county is able to do so. He is asking for a repeal of the 1952 statute in an expeditious move to reflect the ability of citizens to confront this body for a period of at least 5 minutes regardless of where they may live.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION by Councilmember Wilson to adjourn.

SECOND by Councilmember Giles.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Council meeting adjourned at 7:03 P.M.

Gloria J. Rogers, CMC
Municipal Clerk

Minutes approved _____ 2013

