

**MINUTES  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2017  
6:30 P.M.**

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The regular meeting of City Council was held on October 17, 2017 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, Vicki C. Morgan, Ricky Todd Harris, Pamela Sloss and Sonja J. Craig.

**CITY ATTORNEY:** Larry Flynn

**DEPARTMENTAL STAFF:** Gloria Rogers, Municipal Clerk/Personnel Director; Walker Gallman - Finance Director; Joe Nichols – Utility Director; Adam Harris – Assistant Utility Director; Perry Harmon – Public Service Director - Leroy Edwards – Maintenance Shop Director; Sam White – Public Safety Director; Laura Hembree – Finance Director and Rebecca Lance – Accounting Supervisor.

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

**OTHERS:** Tommy Mann, Rhonda Harmon, Brad Goodale, Robert Jarvis, Curtiss Hunter, Lynda Casey-Clark, Barbara Rippy, Rebecca Rochester, Bill Rochester, Jean Harris, Jack Kelly, Linda Kelly, Elise Ashby, Rieta Drinkwine, Marsha Jordon, David Lance and others.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Thompson 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**

A. September 6, 2017 Council Workshop

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

B. September 19, 2017 Public Hearing

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

C. September 19, 2017

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

3. **COMMUNICATIONS**

A. Monthly Reports

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

4. **BUSINESS**

A. ORDINANCE – 2<sup>ND</sup> READING – SETTING REFERENDUM ON THE QUESTION TO CHANGE FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Mayor Thompson states that City Council passed 1<sup>st</sup> reading at its September regular meeting setting a referendum on the question of a change in the form of government. The recommendation is to pass 2nd reading to set referendum of the question to change the form of government.

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

B. DISCUSSION/MOTION - PROPOSED CHANGES TO CITY OF UNION ZONING ORDINANCE REGARDING BARS, TAVERNS & NIGHTCLUBS

Mayor Thompson struck item from the agenda.

C. DISCUSSION/MOTION – LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX (LOST)

Finance Director Walker Gallman states that on November 7, 2016, the Local Option Sales Tax referendum for Union County passed. LOST is a 1% levy approved by voters at the county level and applied to taxable sales in the County. The referendum stated that 71 % of the LOST revenue generated would be allocated to the property tax credit fund and these funds would be used to give tax relief. These funds would be used to give tax relief by the use of a tax credit applied to tax notices to include vehicle taxes. The credit on vehicle taxes will not begin until January, 2018 but will be applied to the 2017 tax notices that will be mailed in the next couple of weeks. The tax credit factor for 2017 property taxes and vehicle taxes for calendar year 2018 is .001284. The tax credit calculation and examples of how much credit a taxpayer may receive was presented to council. Mayor Thompson asked for a motion to receive as information only.

**MOTION** by Mayor Pro Tem Garner to receive as information only.  
**SECOND** by Councilmember Anthony.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

D. DISCUSSION/MOTION – ANNUAL TRUCK FULL OF TOYS CAMPAIGN

Mayor Thompson states that WBCU will be hosting their “Truck Full of Toys” Campaign again this year. All items that are collected during this campaign will be donated to UCARE of Union and distributed in the community. Last’s year’s contribution was \$900.

**MOTION** by Mayor Pro Tem Garner to fund the Annual “Truck Full of Toys” Campaign in the amount of \$900.

**SECOND** by Councilmember Craig.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

E. AWARD BID – SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS – MUNRO STREET PUMP STATION FACILITY REHABILITATION

Utility Director Joe Nichols states that bids were received on September 26, 2017 for the Munro Street Pump Station Facility Rehabilitation: Four (4) bids were received: JL Construction Company - \$131,000; Smith Backhoe & Construction - \$170,550; Harper Corporation - \$161,000 and AAA Utility - \$149,999. The bid summary and the recommendation letter from consultants were reviewed. The recommendation is to accept bid from J.L. Construction Company in the amount of \$131,000.

**MOTION** by Councilmember Anthony to accept recommendation.

**SECOND** by Councilmember Harris.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

6. **ANNOUNCEMENT BY MAYOR & COUNCIL**

None

7. **EXECUTIVE SESSION – CONTRACTUAL MATTER**

**MOTION** by Councilmember Sloss to go out of regular session into executive session to discuss a contractual matter.

**SECOND** by Councilmember Craig.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

**SECOND** by Councilmember Sloss.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

No action taken.

Mayor Thompson states that there will be a call meeting on Monday, October 23, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Councilmember Sloss to adjourn.

**SECOND** by Councilmember Anthony.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 P.M.

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Gloria J. Rogers, Municipal Clerk

Minutes approved \_\_\_\_\_ 2017