

**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 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, April 16, 2013 at 6:30 P.M. in the City Municipal Building with the following present:

COUNCIL: Mayor Harold Thompson; Councilmembers Robert Garner; Tommie L. Hill, Sr., Ricky Todd Harris and Jim Wilson. Councilmember Orangelow Ruff was absent due to illness.

CITY ATTORNEY: Billy Whitney was absent.

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

NEWS MEDIA: Graham Williams – Union County News, Mike Stevens – WBCU and Charles Warner – Union Times.

OTHERS: Lawrence Flynn, Yates Giles, Bennie Giles, Gregg Parker, Vicki Morgan, Bruce Morgan, Charles Coyne, Bob Love, Katherine Pendergrass and Karl Pendergrass.

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. March 19, 2013 Public Hearing

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

B. March 19, 2013 Regular Council Meeting

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

3. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Monthly Reports

MOTION by Councilmember Wilson to accept monthly reports.

SECOND by Councilmember Harris.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. Union Event Center Update – Bob Love

Bob Love, Campaign Chair for the Union Events Center gave Council an update on the project. He states that at their last meeting with City Council their committee asked permission to contract with First Community Development to use them to help in raising funds for the Union Events Center and also at that time, Mr. Love states the he promised to give an update at the three month mark. Mr. Love introduced Gregg Parker who is the Resident Campaign Manager for the Union Events Center project. The people at First Community are very successful at what they do and they have a great plan to help raise funds. Mr. Love presented a handout with the organization of the “Breaking of the New Ground Campaign” by identifying potential donor companies located in Union County or companies doing business in Union County. There are over 800 names being considered for support. He gave a list of people for the “Campaign Leadership Council”. Next he discussed leaders in the community who have agreed to lend their names in support of the Union County Events Center. Next he introduced the Advance Division Co-Chairs. The purpose of this committee is to solicit the largest company or industries in our county for large donations. They already have five new commitments. The next committee discussed was the Leadership Division Co-Chairs. The people listed on the Leadership Division have agreed to serve. The next committee discussed was the Friends and Family Division and also a potential list of volunteers for this division. This division will solicit individual donations. The next division Mr. Love discussed was the Publicity Committee. This committee will make sure that the Union Events Center has television, newspaper and advertisement support. Mr. Parker has put together a video that shows the detail of the overall campaign. It will be shown at the Kick-Off Meeting on Monday, April 22, 2013. The area event center summary was also discussed by Mr. Love. Funds raised thus far will be announced at the Kick-Off Meeting.

4. **BUSINESS**

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

City staff is requesting that Sections 114.2 Sign Standards table and Notes for Table 114.2 of the City Zoning Ordinance be amended by establishing regulations for Special Civic Use inside the City of Union. The purpose of these amendments is to establish reasonable and uniform regulations for placement of these signs inside the City of Union. Council passed 1st reading at its March regular meeting. The recommendation is to pass 2nd reading of the ordinance.

MOTION by Councilmember Wilson to accept recommendation.

SECOND by Mayor Pro Tem Garner.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. RESOLUTION – - MCBETH STREET - LOCAL MATCH

Finance Director Walker Gallman addressed Council. The City of Union has determined that there are dilapidated sanitary sewer lines and water lines in the

McBeth Street area that have reached the end of their life span and need to be upgraded in order to provide adequate sewer service to residents to the Monarch Community. The City of Union intends to make an application for Community Development Block Grant funding for \$469,084 to line approximately 5,153 linear feet with cured-in-place pipe, through the Community Infrastructure Program to pay for the cost to construct, in the McBeth Street area. This program requires local matching funds of at least 10 percent of the grant amount and additional funding to pay for non-eligible construction, a cash match of \$129,000 plus any additional funds required for the completion of the project. The City of Union is the service provider of sewer and water service to the McBeth Street area and will benefit from upgrades to the system. Staff recommendation is for council to approve local cash match resolution for the CDBG Grant application.

MOTION by Councilmember Hill to accept recommendation.

SECOND by Mayor Pro Tem Garner.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. AWARD BID – FINANCING – 2012/F7F NU-LIFE BRUSH TRUCK

Finance Director Gallman states that the following (2) finance bids were received on April 1, 2013 to finance the purchase of a 2012 Nu-Life Brush Truck. The bid criterion was the lowest possible interest rate resulting in the lowest annual payment for a five (5) year term. BB&T submitted a bid in the amount of \$25,525.41 annually and Arthur State Bank submitted a bid in the amount of \$26,228.39. Staff recommendation is to award financing to BB&T with a bid of 1.48% - \$25,525.41 annual payment for a 2012 F7F/Nu Life-Brush Truck.

MOTION by Councilmember Wilson to accept recommendation.

SECOND by Councilmember Harris.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

D. RESOLUTION – LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT

Finance Director Gallman states that on April 1, 2013 two bids were received and opened to finance a 2012 Ford F7F/Nu- Life Brush Truck, Model G2224C hydraulic knuckle boom loader MTD. The bid was awarded to BB&T at a rate of 1.48% resulting in an annual payment of \$25,525.41 for a term of five (5) years. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with BB&T under the Financing terms was presented to Council.

MOTION by Mayor Pro Tem Garner authorizing the Mayor to execute the resolution.

SECOND by Councilmember Wilson.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

E. AWARD BID – TOSCH CREEK WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT SLUDGE VALVES REPLACEMENT

Utility Director Joe Nichols states that bids were received on April 9, 2013 at City Hall for replacing the sludge valves at Tosch Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant. Two (2) bids were received: J.L. Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$200,300 and Harper Corporation in the amount of \$210,000. A copy of the bid tabulation and the engineer's letter of recommendation was presented to Council. The recommendation is to accept bid from JL Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$200,300.

MOTION by Mayor Pro Tem Garner to accept recommendation.

SECOND by Councilmember Harris.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F. APPOINTMENT – BOARD VACANCY – EXPIRED TERM HOUSING AUTHORITY OF UNION

There is a vacancy on the City’s Housing Authority of Union Board to fill an expired term ending April 6, 2013. A request letter was submitted by Mr. Frank Alexander for re-appointment. Mr. Alexander has recently been selected by the Board to serve as Vice-Chairman and also recently completed training and is now a certified Commissioner through one of the housing professional organizations, HAHRO. City staff recommends that Council reappoint a qualified candidate to fill this most important board vacancy.

MOTION by Councilmember Hill to accept recommendation.

SECOND by Councilmember Wilson.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. **ANNOUNCEMENT BY MAYOR & COUNCIL**

Mayor Thompson announced that the continuation of the budget worksession will be on Wednesday, April 24, 2013 at 3:00 p.m.

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 3-6 minutes)

Katherine and Karl Pendergrass addressed Council. They are concerned about the 2nd reading of the Sign Regulation & Amendment Ordinance and would like to know if much consideration was given to seasonal businesses that are not open year round. Mr. Pendergrass would like for council to take in consideration businesses whose revenues are generated less than six months out of a year have different signage guidelines. Mayor Thompson states that this should be addressed to the Board of Appeals.

7. **EXECUTIVE SESSION – TO DISCUSS CONTRACTURAL MATTERS**

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

SECOND by Councilmember Hill.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

SECOND by Councilmember Hill.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

No action taken.

8. **ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION by Councilmember Wilson to adjourn.

SECOND by Councilmember Harris.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Council meeting adjourned at 6:57 P.M.

Gloria J. Rogers, CMC
Municipal Clerk

Minutes approved _____ 2013