

**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 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, February 19, 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

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: Derik Vanderford – Union Times and Mike Stevens - WBCU

OTHERS: Rhonda Harmon, Torance Inman, Sandra Palmer, Faye Henderson, Brian Henderson, Ben Powles and Charles Coyne 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. January 15, 2013 Regular Council Meeting

MOTION by Councilmember Harris to approve minutes.

SECOND by Councilmember Hill.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Monthly Reports

MOTION by Councilmember Harris to approve minutes.

SECOND by Councilmember Hill.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. Special Recognition – Maury Keith Henderson

Mayor Thompson made a special recognition for former Mayor Pro Tem Keith Henderson who passed away on January 27, 2013. He read a resolution and presented a plaque to his family.

4. **BUSINESS**

A. ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Due to the unexpected loss of Mayor Pro Tempore and Councilmember of District #3, Keith Henderson, council must vote to elect a new Mayor Pro Tempore to keep in accordance with the state and city code. The Mayor Pro Tempore acts as Mayor during the Mayor's absence or disability. If a vacancy occurs in the office of Mayor, the Mayor Pro Tempore serves as Mayor until a successor is elected. A special election will be held on Tuesday, April 23, 2013 to fill the vacancy of the City Council Set of District #3. After the special election, council will again vote for Mayor Pro Tempore at the regular City Council Meeting on May 21, 2013, which will include all council members. Council voted by ballot for the Mayor Pro Tempore. Councilmember Garner received 4 votes and Councilmember Harris received 1 vote. Councilmember Garner was elected Mayor Pro Tempore.

B. ORDINANCE – 2ND **READING** – GONVAUTO ANNEXATION ORDINANCE

Utility Director Joe Nichols states that Gonvauto South Carolina, LLC is constructing a new metal fabrication manufacturing facility to be located in an Industrial Park within Union County, South Carolina. Gonvauto will invest at least \$35 million within the first 5 years and a total of \$50 million within ten years and end up with 65 full-time jobs at this facility. The City feels Gonvauto's presence in Union County will further spur economic development and by the letter dated September 28, 2012, it has been requested that the Annexation Ordinance be specifically amended in order to exempt the Company as owner of the property from the annexation provisions in the Annexation Ordinance. The recommendation is to pass 1st reading of the Annexation Waiver Ordinance, authorizing Gonvauto to waive the execution of Water/Sewer Annexation Agreement as a prerequisite of receiving service. City Council briefly discussed the annexation with Utility Director Joe Nichols. City Council passed 1st reading at its February regular council meeting. The recommendation is to pass 2nd reading of the ordinance.

MOTION by Councilmember Wilson to accept recommendation.

SECOND by Councilmember Garner.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND THE TAX INCREMENT BOND, SERIES 2009

On October 27, 2009, the City of Union issued a Tax Increment bond in the amount of \$1,100,000. The interest rate is 4.58% and the bond matures April 15, 2024. These bonds were issued as one (1) of the funding sources to construct the Union Events Center. Due to recent success we had reducing the interest rate on the utilities outstanding debt, staff decided to pursue the same with the TIF Bond. After discussing the possibility with our bond attorney and having our financial advisor analyze the savings a request was sent to BB&T to reduce the interest rate. On February 5, 2013, BB&T offered a reissuance of bond at a rate of 2.35% with the same maturity date on the remaining balance of

\$913,225.83. This decrease in the interest rate will result in a net present value savings of approximately \$106,769.59. A resolution is required by City Council to amend the Series 2009, TIF Bond.

MOTION by Mayor Pro Tem Garner to pass resolution.

SECOND by Councilmember Harris.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

D. RESOLUTION – OTTARAY MILL VILLAGE – PHASE II – LOCAL MATCH

The City of Union is committing \$41,000 to the Ottaray Mill Village –Phase II Project. This will be used to pay engineering fees of \$30,000, \$8,000 in rehab private property costs, and \$3,000 in acquisition. The remainder of the sewer lines will be with \$221,350 in CDBG funds. Union County’s responsibilities will be the following: storm drainage, repaving streets and demolition activities. A combination of funds from CDBG, Union County, and C-Funds will be used to pay for these activities. Union County will be the applicant and there will be a sub recipient agreement between the City and County stating the City is responsible for the sewer improvements. The recommendation is to approve local match resolution for the CDBG Grant application that is due on March 4, 2013.

MOTION by Councilmember Wilson to pass resolution.

SECOND by Councilmember Hill.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

E. AWARD BID – BUILDING STABILIZATION – 107 E. MAIN STREET, UNION, SC

Bids were received on January 23, 2013 to repair and install a roof on the “Super 10” building at 107 E. Main Street, Union, SC. Three bids were received: Capital Construction and Grading, LLC - \$42,500; Guy Roofing \$48,970 - C.E. Bourne & Co., Inc. - \$109,330. The recommendation from our consultant was presented to Council. Also, the source of funds for this project is a RIF Grant received from the State Department of Commerce.

MOTION by Councilmember Hill to award bid to Capital Construction and Grading, LLC in the amount of \$42,500.

SECOND by Councilmember Wilson.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F. AWARD BID FOR SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS – UNION MILL VILLAGE – PHASE 2 R/C JOB NO 2010-018

Bids were received on January 30, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. for sewer improvements to the Union Mill Village, Phase 2. Five bids were received: Boulware Plumbing - \$314,810; Tri-County Utilities, LLC - \$326,888; McAbee Contracting, Inc. - \$407,553; Double R Utilities, Inc. - \$422,259 and L-J, Inc. - \$422,149.50. The bid summary and recommendation letter was presented to City Council. The recommendation is to accept bid from Boulware Plumbing & Construction in the amount of \$314,810.00.

MOTION by Councilmember Harris to accept recommendation.

SECOND by Councilmember Wilson.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

G. AWARD BID FOR BUCKET TRUCK

Bids were received on January 31, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. from qualified vendors for a 37-foot hydraulic telescopic aerial device mounted on a 2013 Dodge Ram 5500 chassis/cab. Four bids were received: Altec Industries - \$100,871; Palfleet Truck Equipment - \$109,299.00; Terex Utilities - \$114,830 and Terex Utilities (Alternate Bid) - \$99,341.00. This bucket truck will replace Vehicle #718, a 2000 Ford Bucket Truck. After comparing all bids, City staff selected the Altec Industries bid, as it met all requirements at the lowest cost. The recommendation is to accept bid from Altec Industries in the amount of \$100,871.

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

H. DISCUSSION/MOTION – APPROVE BUDGET WORKSHOP DATES

The annual City of Union Budget Workshop dates have been set for April 15th, 16th & 17th. A motion is needed to approve these dates.

MOTION by Councilmember Wilson to approve the above dates for the Budget Workshop Sessions.
SECOND by Councilmember Harris.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

I. DISCUSSION/MOTION – UNION COUNTY HEALTH CARE FOUNDATION “SHAG NIGHT” SPONSORSHIP

The Union County Health Care Foundation is requesting consideration for sponsorship for their annual Shag Night fundraiser. Staff recommendation is to sponsor the Union County Health Care Foundation’s “Shag Night” fundraiser at the Silver Level in the amount of \$500.00

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

J. DISCUSSION/MOTION – UNION DAILY TIMES COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

The Union Daily Times is printing a City Directory. This directory will focus on landmarks, events and historic sites in and around the City of Union, plus telephone numbers for residential and business needs. If council decides to participate, a motion is needed.

MOTION by Councilmember Harris to table item until further information is obtained.
SECOND by Councilmember Hill.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. **ANNOUNCEMENT BY MAYOR & COUNCIL**

None

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)

None

7. **ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION by Councilmember Garner to adjourn.

SECOND by Councilmember Harris.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Council meeting adjourned at 7:05 P.M.

Gloria J. Rogers, CMC
Municipal Clerk

Minutes approved _____ 2013