

**MINUTES  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2015  
6:30 P.M.**

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The regular meeting of City Council was held on Tuesday, February 17, 2015 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 L. Anthony, Yates Giles, Ricky Todd Harris, Pamela Sloss and Jim Wilson.

**CITY ATTORNEY:** Larry Flynn was not in attendance.

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

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

**OTHERS:** Barbara Means; Azalee Byrd; Torance Inman; Josie White; Curtiss Hunter, Claude T. Hart, Jr., Wendy Childers; Claude T. Hart, Sr., Susan Hart, Alison Hart, Eddie Williams, Ray Jones and others.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Thompson called the meeting to order. Councilmember Giles 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. January 20, 2015 | Regular Council Meeting          |
| B. January 26, 2015 | Special Council Meeting/Workshop |
| C. February 2, 2015 | Special Council Meeting          |

**MOTION** by Councilmember Harris to approve minutes.

**SECOND** by Councilmember Sloss.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**3. COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. Monthly Reports

**MOTION** by Councilmember Giles to accept monthly reports.

**SECOND** by Councilmember Harris.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. 1. Claude T. Hart, Jr. – Retirement Award

Chief Sam White presented Claude “Tommy” Hart, Jr. with a retirement award for his years of service with the Public Safety Department.

4. **BUSINESS**

A. DISCUSSION/MOTION – APPROVE BUDGET WORKSHOP DATES

Mayor Thompson states that the proposed annual City of Union Budget Workshop dates have been set for April 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Staff recommendation is to approve dates.

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

B. DISCUSSION/MOTION – UNION COUNTY HEALTH CARE FOUNDATION – SHAG NIGHT

Mayor Thompson states that the Union County Health Care Foundation is requesting sponsorship for the annual Shag Night Fundraiser. The levels of sponsorship are as follows: Platinum - \$1,500; Gold - \$1,000; Silver - \$500; Bronze - \$250 and Member - \$100. Staff recommendation is to sponsor the Union County Health Care Foundation’s “Shag Night” fundraiser at the Silver Level of \$500.

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

C. DISCUSSION/MOTION –COMMUNITY VIBRANCY COMMITTEE

Torance Inman, Director of the Chamber of Commerce states that on January 1, 2015 the Union County Vibrancy Committee was formed. This committee is committed to working with the City and County to improve, enhance and beautify the downtown area, parks and recreation areas to its utmost aesthetic potential. The committee plans to do this through the use of arts and culture, greenspace development and other creative projects. The Community Vibrancy Committees first effort is to assist in the much needed replacement of the trees on the Main Street Streetscape. The Committee is made up of community advocates representing a broad segment of leadership across Union County. Committee members are Ola Jean Kelly, Robert Garner, Curtiss Hunter, Graham Williams, Annie Smith, Mary Ann Miller, Brad Greer and Torance Inman. The Committee Vibrancy Committee recommends the Holly Trees downtown Union be replaced and the Main Street undergo an enhanced streetscape with trees, fountains, floral island and art displays.

**MOTION** by Councilmember Giles to allow the Union Vibrancy Committee to move forward with project.  
**SECOND** by Councilmember Harris.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. **ANNOUNCEMENT BY MAYOR & COUNCIL**

Councilmember Harris and Councilmember Anthony commended the electric crew for their quick response during the power outage this morning. Mayor Pro Tem Garner and Councilmember Harris commended the Public Safety Department and the Public Service Department for their assistance as well.

6. **EXECUTIVE SESSION – TO DISCUSS LEGAL AND PERSONNEL MATTER**

None

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Mayor Pro Tem Garner to adjourn.  
**SECOND** by Councilmember Giles.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council meeting adjourned at 7:02 P.M.

Minutes approved \_\_\_\_\_ 2015