

**MINUTES  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2015  
6:30 P.M.**

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{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, July 21, 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 Anthony, Yates Giles, Ricky Todd Harris and Jim Wilson.

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

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

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

**OTHERS:** Robby Moody, C.R. Robbins, George Bruce, Alison Coker, Kelly Lancaster, Donya Sumner, Tony Keasler, Curtiss Hunter, Melody Porter 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**

A. June 16, 2015 Regular Council Meeting

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

**3. COMMUNICATIONS**

A. Monthly Reports

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

City Council briefly discussed claims for the City. Council will be given

SCMIT and SCMIRF Activity Claim Reports each month.

- B. Retirement Award - Tony M. Keasler

Captain Gregg Pickens presented Tony Keasler with a retirement Award for 8-1/2 years with the City of Union Public Safety Department.

4. **BUSINESS**

A. DISCUSSION/MOTION – MAIN STREET JUNCTION – DESIGN SERVICES CONTRACT

Robby Moody, Senior Planner of CRPC, states that the Main Street Junction committee solicited bids for design-build services for renovations to 107 East Main Street and construction of an outdoor event space at the former Teritex site. The design-build approach was used for two important reasons. First, to ensure that the decisions made during the design phase are seamlessly implemented during the construction phase. Second, a team-based approach that includes the contractor from the beginning will help reduce potential conflicts and costly change-orders. We held a pre-bid meeting and building walk-through on May 21 and 11 firms were represented. The firms were briefed on the vision for the building and vacant lot, the importance of having a multi-disciplinary team, the project schedule and given a \$1.2 million dollar budget. The deadline to submit proposals was June 19 and two firms submitted proposals with preliminary budgets: Kingsmore Construction at \$1,700,000 and The Montgomery Company at \$1,199,995. Both firms and their respective team members presented their proposals to the committee on July 14. After careful and earnest consideration the committee selected The Montgomery Company as the firm for the project. The design phase will occur during August and September and a final design and construction budget will be presented to City Council for approval. Authorize Mayor Thompson to enter into contract negotiations with The Montgomery Company for design services not to exceed \$120,000.

**MOTION** by Mayor Pro Tem Garner to authorize Mayor Thompson to enter into contract negotiations with The Montgomery Company for design services not to exceed \$120,000 as long as the City of Union owns drawings.

**SECOND** by Councilmember Wilson.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. UNION COUNTY AA MACHINE PITCH ALL - STARS

Alison Coker, along with Donya Sumner, addressed City Council. The Union County AA Machine Pitch All-Stars (7 & 8 year olds) will be competing in the 2015-2016 Dixie Youth World Series on August 2-6, 2015 at Myrtle Beach, SC. They are asking for monetary support to help pay for meals and lodging.

**MOTION** by Councilmember Wilson to support the Union County AA Machine Pitch All –Stars in the amount of \$1,000 provided appropriate paperwork is received from the organization.

**SECOND** by Councilmember Sloss.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

C. **AWARD BID – NATURAL GAS SCADA SYSTEM**

Joe Nichols states that Howard Engineering will supply equipment and engineering services to provide a Natural Gas SCADA System. This system will monitor five (5) existing meter stations located @Kohler (3), BASF and Georgia Pacific for flow and temperature data readings and be expanded to the additional industrial meters. This system will also monitor and control the Transco Tap Gate Station. Three (3) solar powered RTUs will be provided with battery backup to provide constant power to cell modem which will replace the hard-wired AT&T phones lines. The SCADA will have an independent service to handle all data acquisition and billing information. The SCADA system is a GE Proficy IFix System which is the same as the operating system at the Water Filter Plant. The recommendation is to award bid to Howard Engineering, Inc. of Marietta SC for SCADA services to monitor the natural gas system in the amount of \$67,220.00.

**MOTION** by Councilmember Anthony to accept recommendation.  
**SECOND** by Councilmember Harris.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. **ANNOUNCEMENT BY MAYOR & COUNCIL**

Curtiss Hunter announced that there will be a Coon Hunter's meeting on Saturday at 10:00 am at the Union County Fairgrounds. Mayor and City Council is invited.

Councilmember Ricky Harris announced that American Legion Baseball Post 22 will be traveling to Florence for the semifinals for the State Championship Tournament.

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

None

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Councilmember Wilson  
**SECOND** by Councilmember Giles.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council meeting adjourned at 7:26 P.M.

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