

**MINUTES
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING/WORKSHOP
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2012
3:00 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).}

A special meeting/workshop of City Council was held on Wednesday, September 5, 2012 at 3:00 P.M. in the City Municipal Building with the following present:

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

CITY ATTORNEY: William Whitney

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

NEWS MEDIA: Steve Ramsey- WBCU Radio, Graham Williams – Union County News and Charles Warner – Union Times.

OTHERS: Robby Moody

A. 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.

B. BUSINESS

1. AWARD BID – GAS SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS TO RELOCATE 8” GAS LINE ON SC HWY. 18

Utility Director Joe Nichols states that bids were received on August 28, 2012 at 2:30 p.m. for relocating the 8” gas line on SC Hwy. 18. Two (2) bids were received: Appling Boring - \$125,965.50 and Dawn Development Company - \$159,208.75. The bid summary and recommendation letter from consultants was reviewed. The recommendation is to accept bid from Appling Boring in the amount of \$125,965.50.

MOTION by Mayor Pro Tem Henderson to accept recommendation.
SECOND by Councilmember Harris.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. AWARD BID – WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS TO RELOCATE 16”
AND 6” WATER LINE ON SC HWY 18

Utility Director Joe Nichols states that bids were received on August 28, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. for relocating 16-inch and 6-inch water lines on SC Hwy. 18. Three (3) bids were received: Anders, Inc. - \$158,315.00; Boulware Plumbing -154,405.00 and Tri-County Utilities, LLC - \$156,613.00. The bid summary and recommendation letter from consultants were reviewed. The recommendation is to accept bid from Boulware Plumbing & Construction in the amount of \$154,405.00.

MOTION by Mayor Pro Tem Henderson.
SECOND by Councilmember Hill.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mayor Thompson commended the Utility Director once again for the award that the City of Union Water Treatment Plant received for achieving the optimization performance goal of Area-Wide Optimization Program (AWOP).

3. DISCUSSION– SIGN ORDINANCE – ROBBY MOODY

Robby Moody, Senior Planner, of Catawba Regional Council addressed City Council. Mr. Moody states that the propose of the workshop is regarding a recent business item that came before the Zoning Board a couple of weeks ago. There was a situation where a business owner came to request approval to put up a sign and the request was denied, but business owner put sign up anyway. This caused a conflict and staff told the business owner to remove the sign which he appealed and went to the Zoning Board. During the course of the Zoning Board discussion, some issues came up with the sign ordinance. Mr. Moody states that he has had the opportunity to meet with the Zoning Board to help them understand what’s in the sign ordinance and the different classification of signs such as which ones are permitted and which ones are prohibited. He also states there are some issues with the sign ordinance that need to be reviewed. Mr. Moody presented a powerpoint presentation and gave a handout to City Council and City Staff regarding the sign ordinance. He reviewed Section 114 within the City’s Zoning Code. City Council proposed questions to Mr. Moody regarding the sign ordinance. Section 114 of the Zoning Ordinance entitled “Signs” was last amended was on 5/15/2007.

C. **ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION by Mayor Pro Tem Henderson.
SECOND by Councilmember Garner.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Council meeting adjourned at 3:36 P.M.

Gloria J. Rogers, Municipal Clerk

Minutes approved _____ 2012