

**MINUTES
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2019
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).}

A special council meeting was held on Tuesday, November 5, 2019 at 6:30 P.M. at the City Municipal building with the following present:

COUNCIL: Mayor Harold Thompson, Councilmembers Tommy Anthony, Ricky Todd Harris, Pamela Sloss and Sonja Craig. Mayor Pro Tem Garner and Councilmember Morgan were absent

CITY ATTORNEY: Larry Flynn was not in attendance

DEPARTMENTAL STAFF: Gloria Rogers – Municipal Clerk/Human Resource Director; Joe Nichols – City Administrator; Mark Brown – Utility Director; Laura Hembree – Finance Director; Sam White – Public Safety Director and Dewayne Hardy – Public Service Supervisor

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

OTHERS: Donna Anthony and Michelle Betenbaugh

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Thompson called the meeting to order. He gave the invocation. The pledge of allegiance was given by all present. The roll was called by Municipal Clerk Gloria Rogers.

2. BUSINESS

A. ORDINANCE – 2ND READING – DISPOSAL FEE

Finance Director Laura Hembree states that during the 2019-2020 budget workshop, City Council voted to add a \$5.00 disposal fee to the 2019 City tax notice which will be on the real estate property tax notices. It is a one-time fee annually and this is to cover brush pickup, debris and white goods, things that are left at the curb that the street department takes care of. City Council passed 1st reading at its October regular meeting .

MOTION by Councilmember Harris to accept the \$5.00 disposal fee ordinance
SECOND by Councilmember Sloss
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. DISCUSSION/MOTION – APPOINTMENT OF (2) CITY RESIDENTS TO THE CAPITAL PROJECT SALES TAX COMMISSION

City Administrator Joe Nichols addressed City Council. He read a letter from Supervisor Frank Hart as follows: “Pursuant to SC code 4-10-320, Union County adopted a resolution to establish a Capital Project Sales Tax Commission at a regular meeting on October 8, 2019. The commission is charged with considering proposals for funding capital projects within the county area and formulating the

referendum question that will appear on the ballot in November 2020 for voter approval. State law prescribes the appointment process for the committee and provides a formula to calculate the number of appointments for each municipality within the county. The City of Union is charged with appointing two city residents to the committee. These two members along with three members appointed by County Council will select the 6th member of the committee. The 6th member must be a resident of one of the other municipalities in the county". The Utility Director states that Mr. Hart sent over some calculations of how much this will actually contribute and this is over two million dollars a year. This has a seven year life. The City of Union has contacted two people that are city residents and they have accepted. They had a third but did not get a respond; there was some input from some of council. Michelle Betenbaugh who is in attendance at tonight's meeting has accepted to be on the committee and Alison Coker has accepted to be on the committee. The recommendation from staff is for the City Council to appoint (2) City residents to serve on the Capital Project Sales Tax Commission. The two residents are Michelle Betenbaugh and Alison Coker.

MOTION by Councilmember Sloss to appoint Michelle Betenbaugh and Alison Coker to represent the City of Union on the Capital Project Sales Tax Commission
SECOND by Councilmember Anthony
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor Thompson thanked Michelle Betenbaugh for accepting the assignment of serving on the board. He feels this project is going to be well worth it. Also he states that he will get the information out and explain to the general public so they will better understand it.

3. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION by Councilmember Anthony to adjourn
SECOND by Councilmember Sloss
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council meeting adjourned at 6:36 P.M.

Gloria J. Rogers
Certified Municipal Clerk

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