

**MINUTES  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2011  
8:30 AM**

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A special council meeting was held on February 22, 2011 at 8:30 AM at the City Municipal building with the following present:

**COUNCIL:** Mayor Harold Thompson, Mayor Pro Tem Keith Henderson, Councilmembers Tommie L. Hill, Sr., Robert Garner, Orangelow Ruff and Andy Bailey. Councilmember Ricky T. Harris was absent.

**CITY ATTORNEY:** Billy Whitney was absent.

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

**NEWS MEDIA:** Steve Ramsey – WBCU.

**OTHERS:** Larry Robinson

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Thompson called the meeting to order. Invocation was given by Mayor Pro Tem Henderson. The pledge of allegiance was given by all present. The roll was called by Municipal Clerk Gloria Rogers.

Mayor Thompson will strike item “D” from the agenda.

**2. BUSINESS**

**A. ORDINANCE – 2<sup>ND</sup> READING – YMCA – LEASE AGREEMENT**

City Council passed 1<sup>st</sup> reading of a revised YMCA Lease Agreement at its February 15, 2011 regular council meeting. Should council approve, a motion is in order.

**MOTION** by Councilmember Garner to pass 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the ordinance for the revised YMCA lease agreement.

**SECOND** by Councilmember Bailey.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**B. AWARD BID – UPGRADING RADIO AND REPEATER SYSTEM TO NARROW BANDWIDTH**

Utility Director Joe Nichols addressed council. FCC Part 90 LMR “Narrowbanding” mandate requires all US businesses, utility, city, county, state government, and Public Safety radio users and licensees currently operating on legacy wideband (25 KHZ) analog or digital RF channels in

the 150-174 MHz (VHF) and 421-512 MHz (UHF) bands of the wireless spectrum. Two bids were received on February 16, 2011 for removal of old equipment, installation of new equipment, reprogramming all radio equipment onsite to 12.5 kHz bandwidth in coordination with other departments in the City of Union and Union County. Morris Communications - \$81,245.32 and Diversified Electronics, Inc. - \$61,660.20. Diversified Electronics submitted an incomplete bid package as bids were not submitted for Item 3, 6 and 8. The recommendation is to accept bid from Morris Communication in the amount of \$81,245.32. This includes a 1 year warranty.

**MOTION** by Councilmember Henderson to award bid to Morris Communication.

**SECOND** by Councilmember Ruff.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Utility Director Joe Nichols addressed council. He states that at the February regular meeting, council passed 1<sup>st</sup> reading to purchase property in the Ottaray Mill site from Pacolet Milliken Enterprises, Inc. to install a community septic drain field for four residents. The City has actually found a fifth resident that is on the sewer system; therefore, found another way to direct the sewer system and not have to spend \$7,500 to purchase the property.

C. **DISCUSSION/MOTION – CITY OF UNION SECTION 3 ACTION PLAN AND DESIGNATE A LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL TO COORDINATE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS SECTION 3 PLAN**

Section 3 is a provision of the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Act of 1968 that helps foster local economic development, neighborhood economic improvement, and individual self-sufficiency. The Section 3 program requires that recipients of certain HUD financial assistance, to the greatest extent feasible, provide job training, employment, and contracting opportunities for low-or-very-low income residents in connection with projects and activities in their neighborhoods. Section 3 applies to recipients of \$200,000 or more Housing and/or Community development financial assistance. The City of Union is required to designate a local official to coordinate implementation of this Section 3 Plan. The recommendation is to appoint the City Clerk/Personnel Director as the local government official to coordinate implementation of the Section 3 Plan.

**MOTION** by Councilmember Henderson to accept recommendation.

**SECOND** by Councilmember Hill.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Councilmember Garner to adjourn.

**SECOND** by Councilmember Bailey.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council meeting adjourned at 8:30 A.M.

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Gloria J. Rogers, Municipal Clerk

Minutes approved \_\_\_\_\_ 2011

