

**MINUTES  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 2012  
9:00 A.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).}

A special meeting of City Council was held on Tuesday, June 5, 2012 at 9:00 A.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 and Ricky Todd Harris. Councilmember Orangelow Ruff was absent due to illness.

**CITY ATTORNEY:** Billy 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:** Charles Warner- Union Times and Graham Williams – Union County News.

**OTHERS:** None

**1. Call To Order**

Mayor Thompson called the meeting to order. Mayor Pro Tem Henderson 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. BUSINESS**

**A. ORDINANCE – 2<sup>ND</sup> READING – PROPOSED BUDGET ORDINANCE – FY 2012-2013**

The FY 2012-2013 proposed budget totals \$41, 771,510. The General Fund Budget of \$5,566,600 includes a tax rate increase of 7.7% or 5.7 mills. The Solid Waste proposed budget totals \$899,370. The monthly charge of \$14 will not increase and will fund SWM along with a transfer of \$48,370 from the general fund. The combine Utility Fund’s proposed budget totals \$34,012,670. Electric and gas base rates will increase by an average over all by 5%. The PPA (Purchase Power Adjustment) and a PGA (Purchase Gas Adjustment) will continue. Water and wastewater rates will increase 9% by volume used. Security light monthly charge will increase by 5% and the cost to install a water tap will increase by \$100. The General Fund, Solid Waste and Utility Funds will use fund balance/cash reserves to balance. The following is a list of special revenue funds and their FY 2012-2013 Proposed Budgets: Local Hospitality Tax and

Accommodations - \$200,000; PMPA Promotional - \$16,870; Drug Fund - \$4,000; Community Change - \$18,000; Debt Service – Tax Increment District - \$104,000; Multi-Purpose Events Center - \$950,000. A 3% cost of living increase for City employees is included in this budget. City Council passed 1<sup>st</sup> reading of ordinance to adopt budget for FY 2012-2013 at its May regular meeting.

**MOTION** by Mayor Pro Tem Henderson to pass 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the Budget Ordinance.

**SECOND** by Councilmember Garner.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. ORDINANCE – 2<sup>ND</sup> READING – ADOPT TAX LEVY – FY 2012-2013

The proposed Tax Levy will increase from 74.3 to 80 mills for FY 2012-2013. The increase from increase from 74.3 mills to FY 2012-2013. The increase of 7.7% or 5.7 mills is allowed by South Carolina Code of Laws section 6-1-320 that establishes millage caps for local governments. See attached letter from the SC Budget and Control Board. This increase is offset by a 5.6 mill decrease added FY 2012 to cover a prior year deficit. City Council passed 1<sup>st</sup> reading of ordinance to adopt Tax Levy for FY 2012-2013 at its May regular meeting.

**MOTION** by Councilmember Garner to pass 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the Tax Levy Ordinance.

**SECOND** by Councilmember Harris.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

C. DISCUSSION/MOTION – AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTURAL AGREEMENT –TERRY FANT, CPA

All municipalities are required by the state to have an annual audit of all financial records and transactions of the municipality. A proposal from Terry Fant, CPA for audit service for 3 years was presented to City Council. This will cover audits from FY-2012, FY 2012, and FY 2014 in the amounts of \$30,400, \$31,050 and \$31,650 respectively. The recommendation is to authorize the Mayor to enter into a 3-year agreement with Terry Fant, CPA for audit services.

Mayor Pro Tem Henderson asked the Finance Director is there a requirement for municipalities to get bids for audit services. Finance Director Gallman states that there are no requirements for municipalities.

**MOTION** by Councilmember Harris to accept recommendation for audit services.

**SECOND** by Councilmember Hill.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. **ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION** by Councilmember Garner to adjourn.

**SECOND** by Councilmember Harris.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council meeting adjourned at 9:06 A.M.

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Gloria J. Rogers, Municipal Clerk

Minutes approved \_\_\_\_\_ 2012

