

**MINUTES
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2013
3:00 PM**

{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 budget worksession was held on Tuesday, April 24, 2013 at 3:00 P.M. in the City Municipal building with the following present:

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

CITY ATTORNEY: William E. Whitney

DEPARTMENTAL STAFF: Gloria Rogers – Personnel Director/Clerk; Walker Gallman – Finance Director; Joe Nichols – Utility Director; Perry Harmon- Public Service Director; Mike Petrie – Maintenance Shop Director; Laura Hembree – Accounting Supervisor ; Melissa Lawson - Media Technology Coordinator and Brian Blackwell – Building Official. Sam White – Public Safety Director was absent.

OTHERS: Yates Giles

NEWS MEDIA: Charles Warner – Union Times and Graham Williams – Union County News

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Thompson called meeting to order. He gave the invocation. Municipal Clerk Rogers called the roll.

2. BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION/MOTION – SPONSORSHIP – WBCU RADIO 32ND ANNUAL “TEXACO COUNTRY SHOWDOWN”

The 32nd Annual Country Showdown begins each spring with over 450 local contest sponsored by country music radio stations throughout the US. Winners advance to their competition held at leading fairs and expositions. Acts then compete for a \$1,000 prize, the state title and the opportunity to advance to one of the five Regional Finals. It’s the last step before the prestigious National Finals held at the historic Ryman Auditorium in Nashville, TN. The audience cheers of the Regional Winners, as they compete for the Grand Prize of \$100,000 and the National Title. A uniform judging system is used at all levels of competition to insure fairness. This event will be held May 17, 2013 at the USC-Union Auditorium at 6:00 PM. If council approves this event, a motion is in order along with a recommendation for level of sponsorship.

MOTION by Councilmember Wilson to approve funding the event at the same level as last year in the amount of \$450.00.

SECOND by Councilmember Hill.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. DISCUSSION/MOTION – WBCU RADIO SENIOR EXPO

The 15th Annual WBCU Senior Citizen's Expo will be held Thursday, May 23, 2013 at Tabernacle Baptist Church. May is National Senior Citizens' month and WBCU Radio and its co-sponsors honor our senior citizens annually with an event that will have lots of activities, entertainment, door prizes, give-a-ways and lunch. WBCU would like for the City of Union to be a co-sponsor for this event. Two advertising packages are being offered. If Council approves to sponsor this event, a motion is needed along with a recommendation of co-sponsorship level.

MOTION by Councilmember Hill to approve sponsorship at the same level of last year in the amount of \$450.00.

SECOND by Mayor Pro Tem Garner.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION by Councilmember Harris to adjourn.

SECOND by Councilmember Wilson.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Special Meeting adjourned at 3:05 P.M.

Gloria J. Rogers, Municipal Clerk

Minutes Approved _____