

**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2010
12:00 NOON**

{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).}

The regular council meeting was held on December 6, 2010 at 12:00 noon at the City Municipal building with the following present:

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

CITY ATTORNEY: Billy Whitney

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 Radio.

OTHERS: Terry Fant, Cornell Mauney, Don Snizaski, Kelly Olen and Ben Powles.

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.

2. MINUTES

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| A. | November 16, 2010 | Public Hearing |
| B. | November 16, 2010 | Regular Council Meeting |
| C. | November 23, 2010 | Special Council Meeting |

MOTION by Councilmember Harris to accept minutes as presented.

SECOND by Councilmember Ruff.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Monthly Reports

MOTION by Councilmember Harris to accept monthly reports.

SECOND by Councilmember Bailey.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. Retirement Award - Cornell Mauney

Chief White presented Cornell Mauney with a retirement award for 11 years of service with the City of Union Public Safety Department.

4. **BUSINESS**

A. PRESENTATION – SAFETY PROGRAM PRESENTATION – DON SNIZASKI, PRESIDENT/DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT OF LIFE AND SAFETY CONSULTANTS, INC.

Mr. Don Snizaski, Safety Consultant, of Greenville, SC presented a power point presentation on how to build a smart efficient Safety Program with the assistance of online Health & Safety training systems. Mr. Snizaski previously made this presentation to the City's department heads/supervisors and the safety committee. Our current Safety Consultant, Nelson & Associates will be retiring at the end of the year.

B. MOTION – FY 2010 AUDIT PRESENTATION – TERRY FANT, CPA

Mr. Terry Fant, CPA presented the 2010 Audit to City Council.

MOTION by Councilmember Harris to accept FY 2010 Audit.
SECOND by Councilmember Bailey.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. DISCUSSION/MOTION – BOARD VACANCIES (2) ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

City Council must fill two (2) vacancies on the Zoning Board of Appeals for expired terms. The Zoning Board of Appeals hears and decides on appeals for variances and special exceptions and works closely with the City of Union Planning Department on these matters. The positions were solicited by public notice in the Union County News and Union Daily Times. Request letters were presented to City Council. City staff recommends that Council appoint qualified candidates to fill these most important board vacancies. Names submitted for the positions are as follows: Neil Valentine who has served several terms on the board and is requesting to serve another term and Quandra Jeter who has served several terms on this board and is requesting to serve another term. City Council voted unanimously to re-appoint Mr. Neil Valentine and Ms. Quandra Jeter to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

5. **ANNOUNCEMENT BY MAYOR & COUNCIL**

Mayor Thompson made the following announcements:

The City has received notification from the governor's office that it has been approved to receive a \$25,000 Village Renaissance Grant from the Community Development Block Program for the revitalization of the Union Mill Village.

A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held on Tuesday, December 7, 2010 for the renovations of Woodlawn Manor and Buena Vista Apartments.

A grand opening for Union Electric Charging Station Plug-In Event (Plug In Carolina) will be held on Thursday, December 9, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. at City Hall.

The City's Annual Christmas Dinner will be held at Veterans Park on Friday December 17, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- A. Please address the Mayor and Council from the lectern and state your name and address for the record. (Please limit your comments to 3-5 minutes)

Ben Powles, 304 Hicks Street addressed City Council. He spoke regarding the Mill Hill property. Mr. Powles also spoke regarding public transportation and a commute service.

7. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – TO DISCUSS LEGAL, CONTRACTURAL AND PERSONNEL MATTERS

MOTION by Councilmember Henderson to go out of regular session into executive session to discuss a contractual matter.

SECOND by Councilmember Bailey.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION by Councilmember Bailey to go out of executive session back into regular session.

SECOND by Councilmember Ruff.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

No action taken.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION by Councilmember Harris to adjourn.

SECOND by Councilmember Bailey.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Council meeting adjourned at 1:05 P.M.

Gloria J. Rogers, Municipal Clerk

Minutes approved _____ 2010