

**MINUTES  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2011  
6:30 PM**

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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).}

The regular council meeting was held on January 18, 2011 at 6:30 PM 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; Charles Warner – Union Times and George Farr – Union Times.

**OTHERS:** Torance Inman and Jean V. Harris.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. MINUTES**

A. December 6, 2010 - Regular Council Meeting

**MOTION** by Councilmember Harris to accept minutes as presented.

**SECOND** by Councilmember Hill.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**3. COMMUNICATIONS**

A. Monthly Reports

**MOTION** by Councilmember Harris to accept monthly reports.

**SECOND** by Councilmember Bailey.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**4. BUSINESS**

**A. DISCUSSION/MOTION – TRANSFER MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY CELEBRATION FUNDS FROM NAACP TO L.W. LONG RESOURCE CENTER**

The City of Union has sponsored The Martin Luther King, Jr. birthday celebration over the years, but has experience problems with their record keeping as it apply to the National Branch of that organization. The local chapter would like to transfer the celebration responsibilities to the L.W. Long Resource Center which is a non-profit organization incorporated by The State of South Carolina. The L.W. Long Resource Center has agreed to handle the responsibilities and will submit all requests in the future. Staff recommendation is to table this request until a copy of the minutes of the meeting is supplied along with the signature of the board members approving this request.

**MOTION** by Councilmember Ruff to accept staff recommendation.  
**SECOND** by Councilmember Bailey.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**B. MOTION – ADOPT MISSION STATEMENT**

The Mayor of the City of Union want to implement a mission statement as well as its core values for those who work at City Hall and serve the citizens and residents of Union; those City officials and employees being the Mayor, Members of City Council, City Clerk, Public Safety Director, City Attorney, Finance Director, Utilities Director, Maintenance Director, Public Service Director and the Planning Department as well as the 127 employees of the City of Union.

**MOTION** by Councilmember Hill to adopt Mission Statement.  
**SECOND** by Councilmember Garner.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**5. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MAYOR & COUNCIL**

Mayor and Councilmembers commended the City of Union employees for their efforts and services during the snow storm.

**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)

None

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

**MOTION** by Councilmember Garner 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 Bailey to adjourn.  
**SECOND** by Councilmember Harris.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council meeting adjourned at 7:26 P.M.

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Gloria J. Rogers, Municipal Clerk

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