

**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2009
6:30 P.M.**

{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 meeting of City Council was held on October 20, 2009 at 6:30 P.M. in the City Municipal building with the following present:

COUNCIL: Mayor Pro Tem Keith Henderson, Councilmembers Tommie L. Hill, Robert Garner, Ricky Todd Harris, Orangelow Ruff and Andy Bailey. Mayor Thompson was absent due to attending a National League of Cities Conference for Mayors.

CITY ATTORNEY: Billy Whitney

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

NEWS MEDIA: Charles Warner – Union Times and Steve Ramsey – WBCU.

OTHERS: Torance Inman, Angela Inman, Melvin Young, Jr., Karl Pendergrass and Katherine Pendergrass.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Henderson called the meeting to order. Councilmember Ruff 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. MINUTES

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| A. September 15, 2009 | Regular Council Meeting |
| B. September 24, 2009 | Special Council Meeting |

MOTION by Councilmember Garner 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 Ruff.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. **BUSINESS**

A. DISCUSSION/MOTION – STREET NAME CHANGE

The Public Safety Department requested that the Planning Commission consider and recommend to City Council that the section of Smith Street which is located between O’Shields Street and Long Twelve Street be renamed. The Planning Department met with Linda Mitchell from the E-911 Office and discussed the change request and the name of Dove Lane was chosen. All property owners adjacent to this section of street were contacted by certified mail of the change request. There has been no opposition given to the Planning Department in regards to this change. At their meeting on Tuesday, October 6, 2009, the Planning Commission passed a motion to recommend to City Council that the section of Smith Street which is located between O’Shields Street and Long Twelve Street be changed to Dove Lane. A copy of the letter of request from Chief Sam White and the letter of recommendation from the Planning Commission was presented to Council.

MOTION by Councilmember Ruff to table item regarding street name change.

SECOND by Councilmember Harris.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. DISCUSSION/MOTION – GATEWAY TRAFFIC SIGNAL POLES

Utility Director Joe Nichols, Mayor Harold Thompson and Finance Director Walker Gallman met with DOT. DOT is preparing to upgrade traffic signal down near the Golden Triangle. The City has been trying to beautify that area which is a gateway entrance into Union. The City has put up new signage and landscaping in this area as well. DOT presented an option to the City to put new signalization at the gateway entrance with a different type of pole (concrete) and the City pay the difference for the dyeing of the concrete pole with a black pigment. This would cost an additional \$7,200 for all four poles. Again this is in keeping with the City’s efforts to improve the appearance of gateway entrances into Union.

MOTION by Councilmember Hill to approve the cost of \$7,200 to dye the four concrete poles.

SECOND by Councilmember Ruff.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. UPDATE - UPGRADE ON MAIN STREET CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Chamber Director Torance Inman gave City Council an update on upgrading the Christmas Lights on Main Street. City Council authorized Mr. Inman to get estimates to upgrade the Christmas lights at the September regular meeting. Mr. Inman received quotes for the upgrade. The lowest estimate is \$8,358.00. This is \$2,000 less than the original estimate. Mayor Pro Tem Henderson states that this is a budgeted item.

D. DISCUSSION/MOTION – POLE ATTACHMENT AGREEMENT

Utility Director Joe Nichols presented the Pole Attachment Agreement to City Council. The original agreement has been in place since 2004 between the City of Union and Bellsouth Telecommunications, Inc. D/B/A AT & T South Carolina. The rates were amended for years 2009, 2010 and 2011. The recommendation is to accept amendments to the original joint use Pole Attachment Agreement.

MOTION by Councilmember Harris to accept recommendation.
SECOND by Councilmember Bailey.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. **ANNOUNCEMENT BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL:**

Councilmember Harris commended Chief White on the firefighters in his department for their firefighting efforts on a recent fire.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

7. **ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION by Councilmember Garner to adjourn.
SECOND by Councilmember Ruff.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Council meeting adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

Gloria J. Rogers, Municipal Clerk

Minutes approved _____ 2009