

**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2008
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 April 15, 2008 at 6:30 P.M. in the City Municipal building with the following present:

COUNCIL: Mayor Bruce Morgan; Councilmembers Tommie L. Hill, Harold Thompson, Keith Henderson, Ricky Todd Harris, Orangelow Ruff and Fran Bailey.

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, Jeff Lawson, CBO MCP-Building Official and Perry Harmon – Public Service Director. Mike Petrie – Maintenance Shop Director was absent.

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

OTHERS: Sarah Parker, Grace R. McBeth and Sonja Craig.

1. Mayor Morgan called the meeting to order. Following the pledge of allegiance to the flag, the invocation was given by Councilmember Thompson. The roll was called by Municipal Clerk Gloria Rogers.

2. **Minutes**

A. March 18, 2008 Regular Council Meeting

MOTION by Councilmember Henderson to accept minutes as presented.
SECOND by Councilmember Harris.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. March 25-27, 2008 Budget Worksessions

MOTION by Councilmember Bailey to accept minutes as presented.
SECOND by Councilmember Harris.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. **Communications**

A. Monthly Reports

The monthly reports of all departments were included in the council packages and are on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

MOTION by Councilmember Henderson to accept monthly reports.
SECOND by Councilmember Harris
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Ms. Grace R. McBeth gave an update on the Union County Historical Society. Also Ms. Sarah Parker discussed and invited Council to the “Living History Event (1812-1814)” that will be held on Saturday, April 26 and Sunday, April 27 at the Cross Keys House. This is a re-enactment of the visit of President Jefferson Davis Confederate State of America April 1865.

4. Business

A. ORDINANCE –2ND READING – LOCAL PROCUREMENT PREFERENCE

In accordance with Section 11-35-50 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, political subdivisions of the State shall adopt ordinances or procedures embodying sound principals of appropriately competitive procurement no later than July 1, 1983. The City of Union currently has a procurement policy in place. At the February 2008 council meeting, the City Clerk was directed by City Council to research other cities and counties procurement process regarding local procurement preference through the Municipal Association of South Carolina. These are cities and counties that presently have a local procurement preference ordinance in place. Staff has developed a Local Procurement Preference Ordinance for Council’s consideration. Council passed 1st reading of the ordinance at its March council meeting.

MOTION by Councilmember Bailey to pass 2nd reading.

SECOND by Councilmember Ruff.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

FOR: Mayor Morgan, Councilmembers Hill, Thompson, Bailey and Ruff.

ABSTAIN: Councilmembers Henderson and Harris.

B. AWARD BID – WATER IMPROVEMENTS – UNION COUNTY SCHOOL EXPANSION

Bids were received on April 3, 2008 for the installation of an 8” water line at the North school site on New Hope Church Road in Jonesville and an 8” water line at the South school site on Whitmire Highway. A letter of recommendation from the engineers on this project, HSMM, and summary of the bids were presented. The apparent low bidder is Grace Utilities, LLC of Ninety Six, SC in the amount of \$194,964.40. The recommendation is to accept bid from Grace Utilities, LLC of Ninety Six, SC in the amount of \$194,964.40.

MOTION by Councilmember Harris to award bid to Grace Utilities, LLC of Ninety Six, SC.

SECOND by Councilmember Thompson.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL:

Mayor Morgan announced that Team Aruba’s Open House and Ribbon Cutting will be held on Wednesday, April 16, 2008. The Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet will be held on Thursday, April 17, 2008 at Tabernacle Church.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- A. Please address the Mayor and Council from the lectern and state your name and address for the record.

None

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

MOTION by Councilmember Hill to go out of regular session into executive session to discuss legal matter regarding PMPA Agreement.

SECOND by Councilmember Thompson.

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 7:10 P.M.

Gloria J. Rogers, Municipal Clerk

Minutes approved _____ 2008