

**MINUTES  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 2010  
9:30 AM**

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The regular council meeting was held on Tuesday, April 20, 2010 at 9:30 AM at the City Municipal building with the following present:

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

**CITY ATTORNEY:** Billy Whitney was absent.

**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, Graham Williams – Union County News and Nathan Christopher – Union Times.

**OTHERS:** Tommy Ford

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**

- A. March 16, 2010 - Regular Council Meeting
- B. March 23, 2010 - Budget Work Session
- C. March 24, 2010 - Budget Work Session
- D. March 25, 2010 - Budget Work Session

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

3. **COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. Monthly Reports

**MOTION** by Councilmember Ruff to accept monthly reports.  
**SECOND** by Councilmember Garner.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. **BUSINESS**

A. RESOLUTION – UNION AND EXCELSIOR MILL VILLAGE SEWER SYSTEM UPGRADE PROJECT

The City of Union is submitting an application for a Community Development Block Grant to upgrade sewer service in two mill villages located within the city, Union Mill and Excelsior Mill. This project is designed to address two areas that are on the highest priority list for sewer upgrades within our system. The sewer in both mill villages are old and deteriorated allowing for breaks, breakups, infiltration as well as seepage into the ground water. The recommendation is to approve resolution for sewer system upgrade in the Union and Excelsior Mill village areas.

**MOTION** by Councilmember Henderson to pass resolution.  
**SECOND** by Councilmember Hill.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. AWARD BID – ROAD SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

Bids were received at Union City Hall on April 8, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. for paving the Tosch Creek WWTP property and the following City Streets: College Street, Harlan Street, Windbush Lane, E. Henrietta Street, Tiffany Drive, McBeth Street, Scotch Pine Drive, Horseshoe Circle and Hodges Lane. Three bids were received: Sailors Asphalt -\$249,686.40; Sloan Construction Co. - \$284,729.25 and Boggs Paving - \$296,994.00. A letter of recommendation and bid summary from our engineer was presented to council. The recommendation is to accept bid from Sailors Asphalt in the amount of \$249,686.40. The Tosch Creek WWTP paving at a cost of \$76,758.00 is included in the current Capital Improvements Budget. Street paving at a cost of \$172,928.40 will be paid from C-Funds and City Funds.

**MOTION** by Councilmember Garner to accept recommendation.  
**SECOND** by Councilmember Hill.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

C. APPOINTMENT – HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD

There is a vacancy on the City of Union Housing Authority's Board to fill an expired term ending April 6, 2015. A public notice was run in the Union Times soliciting candidates. A request letter was submitted by Ms. Genelle Alexander. Ms. Alexander has already served one term on the board. A letter of recommendation for Ms. Alexander was submitted by Robbie D. Littlejohn, Executive Director of the Union Housing Authority.

**MOTION** by Councilmember Henderson to re-appoint Ms. Alexander to the Housing Authority Board.  
**SECOND** by Councilmember Ruff.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

D. DISCUSSION/MOTION – CAROLINA STING BASEBALL REQUEST

On March 16, 2010 at the regular council meeting, a request for \$500 donation was made by Sally Inman and Penny Jeter. The donation was for a Union County Sting 12U Baseball Team. A motion was made by

Councilmember Robert Garner to table this item until after budget worksession to see if council can approve sponsorship for the Union County 12U AA Baseball Team. The recommendation is to re-open for discussion the sponsorship for the Union County 12U AA Baseball Team.

**MOTION** by Councilmember to re-open discussion for funding request.  
**SECOND** by Councilmember Councilmember Bailey.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION** by Councilmember Henderson to deny funding request due to City's lack of funding and lack of additional information needed from organization.

**SECOND** by Councilmember Bailey.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

E. DISCUSSION/MOTION – BUFFALO WATER/SEWER \$10.00 SURCHARGE FEE REMOVAL

On November 21, 1995 Council passed a resolution authorizing the acquisition by the City of Union of all assets and liabilities of the Buffalo Water & Sewer District. The City imposed a \$10.00 surcharge to be used to make repairs and necessary improvements to the water & sewer until such time work begins on the system. The recommendation is to remove the \$10.00 surcharge.

**MOTION** by Councilmember Bailey to remove surcharge effective immediately.

**SECOND** by Councilmember Henderson.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mayor Thompson made a request to add an item to the agenda entitled "Discussion/Motion – Street Name Change."

**MOTION** by Councilmember Ruff to approve request to add item to the agenda.

**SECOND** by Councilmember Harris.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

F. DISCUSSION/MOTION – STREET NAME CHANGE

The Public Safety Department requested 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 be renamed. A copy of the letter of request from Chief Sam White, the letter of recommendation from the Planning Commission and a letter from City Attorney William Whitney was presented to Council.

**MOTION** by Councilmember Harris to accept recommendation from Planning Commission and the City Attorney if the City can acquire the property.

**SECOND** by Councilmember Hill.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. **ANNOUNCEMENT BY MAYOR & COUNCIL**

None

**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, CONTRACTUAL, AND PERSONEL MATTER**

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

**SECOND** by Councilmember Garner.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

**SECOND** by Councilmember Harris.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

No action taken.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Councilmember Bailey to adjourn.

**SECOND** by Councilmember Hill.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council meeting adjourned at 10:30 A.M.

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Gloria J. Rogers, Municipal Clerk

Minutes approved \_\_\_\_\_ 2010