

**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2009
12:00 PM**

{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 Tuesday, December 15, 2009 at 12:00 PM at the City Municipal building with the following present:

COUNCIL: Mayor Harold Thompson; Mayor Pro Tem Keith Henderson; Councilmembers Tommie Hill, Sr.; Robert Garner; Ricky Todd 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; Joe Nichols – Utility Director; and Laura Hembree – Accounting Supervisor. Walker Gallman – Finance Director was absent due to family illness and Mike Petrie – Maintenance Shop Director was absent due to illness.

NEWS MEDIA: Steve Ramsey-WBCU

OTHERS: None

I. **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. November 17, 2009 - Regular Council Meeting

MOTION by Councilmember Hill to accept minutes as presented.
SECOND by Councilmember Harris.
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 - LAW ENFORCEMENT RECIPROCAL AGREEMENTS

Chief Sam White presented Law Enforcement Reciprocal Agreements that the City of Union Public Safety Department has with other law enforcement agencies. The recommendation is to approve the Law Enforcement Reciprocal Agreements as presented.

MOTION by Councilmember Harris to approve agreements.
SECOND by Councilmember Bailey.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. RESOLUTION – INDUSTRIAL/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WATER & WASTEWATER RATES

The City of Union operates and maintains water and wastewater facilities to provide quality service for customers. This fiscal year's audit shows an overall decline of 16% for industrial customers' usage in water and wastewater. In an effort to attract high volume industrial users, the City has developed a tiered rate schedule. The recommendation is to approve the Industrial/Economic Development Rates for water and wastewater.

MOTION by Councilmember Garner to accept recommendation for the Industrial/Economic Development Rates for water and wastewater.
SECOND by Councilmember Hill.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. AWARD BID – DEMOLITION OF TERITEX BUILDING LOCATED AT 200 NORTH PINCKNEY STREET

Bids were received at Union City Hall on December 8, 2009 at 2:00 pm. Three bids were received: Ray Lemons Bulldozing - \$47,750.00; Smith Backhoe & Construction - \$57,150.00 and Carolina Wrecking, Inc. - \$67,500.00. A letter of recommendation was presented from City's Engineers (Rogers & Callcott). The recommendation is to accept bid from Ray Lemons Bulldozing in the amount of \$47,750.00.

MOTION by Councilmember Ruff to accept recommendation.
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 MATTERS**

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

SECOND by Councilmember Harris.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

SECOND by Councilmember Bailey.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

No action taken.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION by Councilmember Bailey to adjourn.

SECOND by Councilmember Harris.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Council meeting adjourned at 1:35 P.M.

Gloria J. Rogers, Municipal Clerk

Minutes approved _____ 2010