

**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 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 September 16, 2008 at 6:30 P.M. in the City Municipal building with the following present:

COUNCIL: Mayor Harold Thompson, Councilmembers Tommie L. Hill, Keith Henderson, and Fran Bailey. Councilmember Ricky Todd Harris was absent due to illness. Councilmember Orangelow Ruff was absent.

CITY ATTORNEY: Billy Whitney

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

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

OTHERS: Torance Inman, Sonja Craig, Debbie Woodard, Katherine Pendergrass, Karl Pendergrass and Audrey Henderson.

1. Call To Order

Mayor Thompson called the meeting to order. He 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. August 19, 2008 | Public Hearing |
| B. August 19, 2008 | Regular Council Meeting |
| C. August 25, 2008 | Special Meeting |
| D. August 28, 2008 | Special Meeting |

MOTION by Councilmember Bailey to accept minutes as presented.

SECOND by Councilmember Hill.

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 Bailey to accept monthly reports.
SECOND by Councilmember Henderson.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. Minutes (Provided As Information to City Council)

1. Planning Commission Discussion Meeting August 19, 2008
2. Planning Commission Recommendation Meeting August 19, 2008

MOTION by Councilmember Henderson to accept minutes as information.
SECOND by Councilmember Hill.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. **BUSINESS**

A. ORDINANCE – 2ND READING – REZONE 1101 EAST MAIN STREET
FROM R-10 RESIDENTIAL TO A-2 HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL

The owners of the property located at 1101 East Main Street are requesting that their property be rezoned from R-10 Residential to A-2 Highway Commercial. The property is adjacent to property which is already zoned A-2 Highway Commercial and it does comply with the regulation requirements for the A-2 Highway Commercial Zone. City Council passed first reading of the ordinance at their regular meeting on August 19, 2008.

MOTION by Councilmember Bailey to pass 2nd reading of the ordinance.
SECOND by Councilmember Henderson.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. ORDINANCE – 2ND READING – REZONE 306 BUFFALO/WEST
SPRINGS HWY. FROM R-15 RESIDENTIAL TO A-2 HWY.
COMMERCIAL

The owners of the property located at 306 Buffalo/West Springs Hwy. are requesting that their property be rezoned from R-15 Residential to A-2 Highway Commercial. The property is adjacent to property which is already zoned A-2 Highway Commercial and it does comply with the regulation requirements for the A-2 Highway Commercial Zone. City Council passed first reading of the ordinance at their regular meeting on August 19, 2008.

MOTION by Councilmember Hill to pass 2nd reading of the ordinance.
SECOND by Councilmember Bailey.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. ORDINANCE – 2ND READING – AMENDMENT TO THE GENERAL
BOND ORDINANCE

City Council passed 1st reading of the amendment to the General Bond Ordinance at its August 19, 2008 regular council meeting.

MOTION by Councilmember Bailey to pass 2nd reading of the amendment to the Bond Ordinance.
SECOND by Councilmember Henderson
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

D. AWARD BID – ENGINEERING SERVICES – COMMUNITY ACCESS TRAIL – RICE AVENUE EXTENSION

The Selection Committee met on September 11, 2008 and reviewed the three (3) finalists for Engineering Services on the Community Access Trail located on Rice Avenue Extension. The finalist and estimated costs are listed as follows: BP Barber - \$32,500, Davis & Floyd, Inc. - \$25,795 and Milone & MacBroome, Inc. - \$27,465. The Selection Committee recommends that City Council award bid to Davis & Floyd, Inc. of Greenwood, SC at an estimated cost of \$25,795.00.

MOTION by Councilmember Bailey to award bid to Davis & Floyd, Inc. of Greenwood, SC at an estimated cost of \$25,795.00

SECOND by Councilmember Hill.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

E. AWARD BID – CLEARING TIMBER ON 27-ACRE TRACT ON EISION ROAD

Bids were received on September 11, 2008 to clear cut timber on a 27-acre tract the City owns on Eison Road. Bids were received from International Paper, Inc. in the amount of \$31,844.00 and Smith Backhoe & Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$17,594.50. The recommendation is to award bid to International Paper, Inc. in the amount of \$31,844.00. They are listed on a list of loggers provided by the S.C. Forestry Commission and should be capable of performing the work satisfactorily.

MOTION by to Councilmember Bailey to award bid to International Paper, Inc. in the amount of \$31,844.00.

SECOND by Councilmember Henderson.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F. AWARD BID – ELECTION COMMISSION BOARD

City Council must fill a vacancy on the Election Commission Board for an expired term. The position was solicited by public notice in the Union Times. A request letter for the vacancy is attached. Mr. Marion Fant has served on the Municipal Election Commission Board since 1998. He is requesting re-appointment to the board. City Staff recommends that Mr. Fant be re-appointed to this board because of his past experience.

MOTION by Councilmember Bailey to accept staff recommendation.

SECOND by Councilmember Henderson.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

G. DISCUSSION/MOTION – UNIQUELY UNION/FIREMAN’S COMBAT CHALLENGE

Uniquely Union/Fireman’s Combat Challenge is requesting funding in the amount of \$500 (PMPA) due to loosing their regular sponsor. A letter of request was presented to City Council. Should Council wish to fund the Uniquely Union/Fireman’s combat Challenge per request, a motion to that effect is requested.

MOTION by Councilmember Bailey to fund request.

SECOND by Councilmember Henderson.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Mayor Thompson announced that Councilmember Ricky Harris is out of the hospital.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

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

Katherine Pendergrass of Liberty Tax Service invited everyone to the Mayoral Forum next Thursday at USC-Union auditorium.

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

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

SECOND by Councilmember Henderson.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

SECOND by Councilmember Henderson.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

No action taken.

8. **ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION by Councilmember Bailey to adjourn.

SECOND by Councilmember Hill.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Council meeting adjourned at 8:06 P.M.

Gloria J. Rogers, Municipal Clerk

Minutes approved _____ 2008