

**MINUTES  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2007  
6:30 P.M.**

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{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 February 20, 2007 at 6:30 P.M. in the City Municipal building with the following present:

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

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

**DEPARTMENTAL STAFF:** Gloria Rogers – Municipal Clerk/Personnel Director; Jeff Lawson, CBO MCP-Building Official; Joe Nichols – Utility Director; Sam White, - Chief, Walker Gallman – Finance Director and Perry Harmon – Public Service Director. Mike Petrie – Maintenance Shop Director was absent.

**NEWS MEDIA:** Kevin Shehan – WBCU Radio.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** Ralph Baker-Chairman, Kristina Sommer, Charles Barber and Oscar Gist. Lynn Eaves-Vice Chairman was absent.

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. January 16, 2007 Regular Council Meeting

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

B. Planning Commission Meeting – February 6, 2007

**MOTION** by Councilmember Ruff to accept minutes as presented.  
**SECOND** by Councilmember Hill.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**4. Business**

**A. ORDINANCE – 1<sup>ST</sup> READING – REZONE 417 RICE AVENUE FROM R-10 RESIDENTIAL TO A-2 HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL**

The owners of the property located at 417 Rice Avenue are requesting rezoning of their property from R-10 Residential to A-2 Highway Commercial. The property is adjacent to properties which are zoned A-2 Highway Commercial and it does comply with the regulation requirements for this Zone. Copies of the Rezoning Ordinance, Application for Rezoning, Plat Description & Public Notice were presented to City Council.

Mr. Ralph Baker, Chairman of the Planning Commission, gave the following recommendation:

“The Planning Commission for the City of Union does recommend to City Council the rezoning of the property located at 417 Rice Avenue from R-10 Residential to A-2 Highway Commercial.”

**MOTION** by Councilmember Hill to accept recommendation of Planning Commission and pass 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the rezoning ordinance.

**SECOND** by Councilmember Bailey.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**B. ORDINANCE – 1<sup>ST</sup> READING – REZONE 411 RICE AVENUE FROM R-10 RESIDENTIAL TO A-2 HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL**

The owners of the property located at 411 Rice Avenue are requesting rezoning of their property from R-10 Residential to A-2 Highway Commercial. The property is adjacent to 417 Rice Avenue property which is in the process of being zoned A-2 Highway Commercial and it does comply with the regulation requirements for this Zone. Copies of the Rezoning Ordinance, Application for Rezoning, Plat Description & Public Notice were presented to City Council.

Mr. Ralph Baker, Chairman of the Planning Commission, gave the following recommendation:

“The Planning Commission for the City of Union does recommend to City Council the rezoning of the property located at 411 Rice Avenue from R-10 Residential to A-2 Highway Commercial.”

**MOTION** by Councilmember Bailey to accept recommendation of the Planning Commission and pass 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the ordinance.

**SECOND** by Councilmember Thompson.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**C. DISCUSSION/MOTION – CITY-WIDE CLEANUP INITIATIVE PROGRAM**

A city-wide cleanup initiative program was discussed. Mayor Morgan states the city-wide clean up will include looking at building codes, houses, businesses, streets and the clean up of streets. The Public Service Department has already begun clean up with the leaf truck on Lakeside Drive and Henrietta Street. They are picking up litter, glass and bottles on the side of these streets. Council discussed two proposed dates for city-wide clean up. Mayor Morgan states that this will be a concentrated effort for citizens to also clean-up around their homes. There will be

advertisement in the newspaper and on the radio announcing special garbage pick-up dates.

**MOTION** by Councilmember Harris to designate the week after Easter and the week after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July as city-wide cleanup weeks.

**SECOND** by Councilmember Ruff.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

D. DISCUSSION – BUDGET SESSION – MARCH 27, 28, 29, 2007  
5:30 PM UNTIL

City Council discussed the Budget Session dates for March 27, 28, 29, 2007. The Chamber of Commerce Banquet will be held on March 29<sup>th</sup>. City Council will be attending the Banquet. The Mayor is recommending the Budget Session dates be changed to March 26, 27 and 28, 2007.

**MOTION** by Councilmember Henderson to have Budget Session on March 26, 27 & 28, 2007.

**SECOND** by Councilmember Thompson.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

None

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, CONTRACTUAL, AND PERSONNEL MATTERS**

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

**SECOND** by Councilmember Bailey.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION** by Councilmember Thompson 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 8:00 P.M.

Regular Council Meeting  
Tuesday, February 20, 2007

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Gloria J. Rogers, Municipal Clerk

Minutes approved \_\_\_\_\_ 2007