

Public Service Director Perry Harmon presented Fred Jeter with a retirement award for 19-1/2 years of service with the City of Union.

4. Business

A. PRESENTATION – SCDOT CHECK PRESENTATION FOR RICE AVENUE TRAIL PROJECT

Building Official Jeff Lawson discussed the Rice Avenue Trail Project and presented Council with a break-down of how the grant funds will be expended. Commissioner Hugh Atkins and Tina Hembree with the S.C. Department of Transportation presented the City with a commemorative check in the amount of \$200,000 for the Rice Avenue Trail Project. This grant money will be used to construct a sidewalk along Rice Avenue Extension to Buena Vista Apartments. This will protect the safety of the residents with the development of the Timken Sports Complex at the corner of Rice Avenue and Industrial Park Road.

B. PRESENTATION – PRI SHOW RESULTS (MIKE PETRIE)

Mike Petrie, President of the Union County Motor Sports Association and member of the Union County Tourism Commission attended the PRI (Performance Racing Industry) Show in Orlanda, Florida Convention Center December 6-8, 2007. David Owens and Gator Hudson attended the PRI Show representing the Union County Tourism Commission. Mayor Morgan and Ven Eman of Team Aruba, also attended the PRI Show. The PRI Show is the largest aftermarket Trade Show in the world. Companies displayed their latest advances in racing products and race engineering. A total of 45,000 attendees attended the three day show. There were 1,600 vendors at the show displaying their products. The Union County Tourism Commission, in conjunction with Team Aruba, displayed a booth at the PRI Show featuring Team Aruba's race car. This was an asset for Union County Tourism Commission because their goal is to increase tourism through motor sports.

C. UPDATE – TIMKEN INDUSTRIAL SERVICES, LLC (JOE NICHOLS)

Utility Director Joe Nichols gave an update on Timken Industrial Services, LLC. A Memorandum of Understanding between the City and County have been executed. City Council has agreed to spend up to 1.5 million dollars to upfit the Spec Building at the Commerce Park for Timken Industrial Services, LLC. The City will receive tax revenue and lease payments until this investment is returned. Any future monies will be set aside in the Economic Development Fund. The lease agreement is for 10 years. Monthly rent on the building is \$12,500 and all utilities will be provided by the City of Union. Timken should be moving into the building by June 1, 2008.

D. DISCUSSION – BUDGET SCHEDULE

Mayor Morgan discussed the Budget worksession dates. Target dates for the worksession are March 25, 26 and 27, 2008 beginning at 5:00 p.m. each day.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL:

Mayor Morgan announced that a special presentation will be held at the Timken Sports Complex site on Thursday, January 24, 2008 at 12:30 p.m.

Council has agreed to spend up to a million dollars on the facility, mostly on in-kind services. This is a 5 million dollar project. The City has partnered with the County in assisting with funding the Timken Sports Complex Project.

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 Bailey to go out of regular session into executive session to discuss a legal matter regarding PMPA.

SECOND by Councilmember Ruff.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

SECOND by Councilmember Bailey.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION by Councilmember Thompson authorizing the Mayor to negotiate with PMPA on a legal issue on behalf of the City of Union.

SECOND by Councilmember Hill.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. **ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION by Councilmember Thompson to adjourn.

SECOND by Councilmember Hill.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Council meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Gloria J. Rogers, Municipal Clerk

Minutes approved _____ 2008