

**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2009
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 January 20, 2009 at 6:30 P.M. in the City Municipal building with the following present:

COUNCIL: Mayor Harold Thompson, Councilmembers Tommie L. Hill, Keith Henderson, Ricky Todd 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; 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: Terry Fant, Torance Inman, Mamie Gore, Debbie Young, Laura Hembree, Thomas O’Shields, Tom Lukans, Fran Bailey, Karl Pendergrass and others.

1. Call To Order

Mayor Thompson called the meeting to order. Councilmember Henderson 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

A. December 16, 2008 Regular Council Meeting

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 Harris.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. Recognition of Former Councilmember Fran Bailey

Mayor Thompson recognized former Councilmember Fran Bailey for her four years of dedicated service to the City of Union.

C. Audit Presentation – Terry Fant

In accordance with Governmental Accounting and Auditing Standards and SC law, an accounting of local government revenues and expenditures must be performed by an independent auditor. Mr. Terry R. Fant, CPA, presented a summary of the audited financial statement for fiscal year ending June 30, 2008.

MOTION by Councilmember Ruff to accept audit presentation.

SECOND by Councilmember Hill.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. **Business**

A. DISCUSSION/MOTION – EXTENSION ON RENTAL AGREEMENT –
213 THOMPSON BOULEVARD

Thomas O’Shields addressed Council. He spoke on behalf of himself and Tom Lukans. They are asking Council to extend their rental agreement at 213 Thompson Boulevard (old Coca-Cola building) from December 31, 2008 to April 30, 2009 in order to find a new location and be able to still run production while moving. Mayor Thompson stated that according to City records the two tenants have an outstanding balance on rental payments and this needs to be paid. City Council briefly discussed the building.

MOTION by Councilmember Henderson to grant an extension on the rental agreement at 213 Thompson Boulevard contract until April 30, 2009 in order for tenants, Mr. O’Shields and Mr. Lukans to find a new location for their businesses.

SECOND by Councilmember Hill.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. DISCUSSION/MOTION – ADA GRIEVANCE POLICY
UPDATE/REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS POLICY TO
PERSONNEL MANUAL

The Catawba Regional Council is advising that the City update their ADA Grievance Policy. Complaints should be addressed to Gloria Rogers, ADA Coordinator and request for reconsideration of the case should be addressed to Harold Thompson, Mayor. In addition, our personnel policy manual should reflect that we will provide reasonable accommodations in support of persons with disabilities, and we support the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) under the “Equal Employment Opportunity Policy” section of our personnel policy manual. The recommendation is to accept updated changes to the ADA Grievance Policy and update to “Equal Employment Opportunity Policy” section of City’s personnel policy manual.

MOTION by Councilmember Harris to accept recommendation.

SECOND by Councilmember Bailey.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. DISCUSSION/MOTION – REQUEST TO PROVIDE NATURAL GAS
SERVICE TO SECTION OF SANTUC CARLISLE HIGHWAY

Fourteen (14) residents on Santuc-Carlisle Highway from Monarch Highway to Wilson Road have requested gas service. The engineer’s cost estimate, sketch, and the gas service petition were presented to Council. As of Monday, January 12, 2009, thirteen (13) residents listed on the petition have signed up for gas service and paid the required \$30 fee. The recommendation is to

discuss the approval for the gas main installation as recommended by our engineer. The gas line will be installed by the City's Gas Department. This item was tabled at the December regular council meeting.

MOTION by to Councilmember Henderson to bring item back for discussion.

SECOND by Councilmember Harris.

ABSTAIN: Councilmember Bailey abstained because of a conflict of interest. He works in the gas business.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION by Councilmember Ruff the approval to provide natural gas service to section of Santuc Carlisle Highway.

SECOND by Councilmember Hill.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

D. AWARD BID - WATER/SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS –
CAMELOT DRIVE, SOUTH STREET AND WEST MAIN STREET

Bids were received on January 13, 2009 at City Hall for water and sewer system improvements for Camelot Drive, South Street and West Main Street @ Boyce Street. A summary of the bids and recommendation from consultants were presented to Council. The recommendation is to accept bid from Smith Backhoe & Construction in the amount of \$106,554.50.

MOTION by Councilmember Hill is to accept bid from Smith Backhoe & Construction.

SECOND by Councilmember Bailey

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

E. AWARD BID – AUTOMATED SIDE LOADER – SOLID WASTE TRUCK-
PUBLIC SERVICE

Four bids were received for the Labrie 31 cubic yard Automizer automated side loader garbage truck. This equipment was discussed and allocated in the current budget. Bids were presented to Council for review. The recommendation is to award bid to Amick Equipment Truck Company in the amount of \$246,610.24.

MOTION by Councilmember Harris to accept recommendation.

SECOND by Councilmember Hill.

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.

Torance Inman, 106 Fant Lane, Director of Chamber of Commerce addressed Council. Mr. Inman announced that the annual Chamber Award Banquet will be held March 24, 2009. The guest speaker will be Mr. Jack Roper. He hopes that City Council and others at the City will attend. A conference called "Upstate Reality Check" will be held on April 8, 2009. The group hosting the conference is called Upstate Togetherness (USC-Upstate, Greenville Chamber and Chambers in the upstate area. The "Upstate Reality Check" informational meeting will be held February 9, 2009.

7. **ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION by Councilmember Bailey to adjourn.

SECOND by Councilmember Harris.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Council meeting adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

Gloria J. Rogers, Municipal Clerk

Minutes approved _____ 2009