

**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 17, 2007
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 July 17, 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, Keith Henderson, Orangelow Ruff and Fran Bailey. Councilmember Ricky Todd Harris was absent due to family illness.

CITY ATTORNEY: Billy Whitney

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

NEWS MEDIA: Charles Warner – Union Times and Kevin Shehan – WBCU Radio.

OTHERS: Shirley Woodward, Suzanne Byrd, Captain Gene Harrell, Jr., Randy Canupp, Dorothy Canupp and Alias X.

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**

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| A. June 19, 2007 | Public Hearing |
| B. June 19, 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 Ruff to accept monthly reports.

SECOND by Councilmember Hill.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- B. Retirement Award – Randy H. Canupp

Mr. Randy H. Canupp was presented with a retirement award for 17 years of service in with the City of Union Public Safety Department.

C. Presentation of Keys to True Care Humane Society

Mayor Morgan presented keys for an old City Animal Control Vehicle to Mrs. Shirley Woodward of True Care Humane Society. The group will use the vehicle to transport dogs and cats to the veterinarian and to other communities for adoption. City Council approved donating the vehicle to True Care Humane Society at its June 19, 2007 meeting.

4. **Business**

A. ORDINANCE – 2ND READING – AMEND SECTION 14-50 PARKING ORDINANCE

Within the last two years the parking spaces on North Herndon Street and on West Main Street in front of the Courthouse were changed to 30-minute parking zones. These two areas had been two hour parking zones as outlined in Section 14-50 of the Code of the City of Union. The parking spaces in front of City Hall were already designated as 30-minute parking zones. This was done to make more parking available for citizens that needed to conduct business at the Courthouse Complex or City Hall. In the event that the Public Safety Department should ever be challenged about the issuance of a parking ticket in these 30 minutes zones, it would be very helpful if the Code specifically named these three areas as 30-minute parking zones. City Council passed 1st reading at its June 19, 2007 meeting.

MOTION by Councilmember Thompson to pass 2nd reading of the ordinance to amend Section 14-50 of the Parking Ordinance.

SECOND by Councilmember Bailey.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. ORDINANCE – 2ND READING – ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 109.5 AND 109.12 TABLES OF PERMITTED USES FOR RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS

City staff is requesting that Section 109.5 and Section 109.12 – Tables of Permitted Uses for the Residential and Non-Residential Districts of the City Zoning Ordinance be amended to establish reasonable and uniform regulations for permitted uses inside the City of Union. City Council passed 1st reading at its June 19, 2007 meeting.

MOTION by Councilmember Bailey to pass 2nd reading of the ordinance.

SECOND by Councilmember Ruff.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. ORDINANCE – 2ND READING- AMENDMENT TO CITY OF UNION BUSINESS LICENSE ORDINANCE

In an effort to better serve the citizens of the City of Union and to encourage new business growth, city staff is recommending amending the City of Union Business License Ordinance by adding regulations for base rates. City Council passed 1st reading at its June 19, 2007 meeting.

MOTION by Councilmember Thompson to pass 2nd reading amending the Business License Ordinance regarding base rates.

SECOND by Councilmember Hill.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

D. ORDINANCE – 2ND READING – PROHIBIT USE OF PERSONAL RECREATION EQUIPMENT UPON SIDEWALKS

City Council passed 1st reading of an ordinance prohibiting the use of personal recreation equipment upon sidewalks within specific areas within the City of Union at its June 19, 2007 meeting.

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

E. DISCUSSION/MOTION – SALVATION ARMY REQUEST OF \$25,000 FOR AFTER SCHOOL AND TEEN CENTER PROGRAMS

Captain Gene Harrell, Jr., Commanding Officer with the Salvation Army submitted a proposal for assistance in the amount of \$25,000 for after school and teen center programs. City Council is asked to make a decision on granting the funding request. Mayor Morgan recommends that City Council's Public Service Committee review the funding request and come back to City Council with a recommendation.

MOTION by Councilmember Thompson to accept recommendation.
SECOND by Councilmember Bailey.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F. AWARD BID – WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

Bids were received on June 21, 2007 at City Hall for water system improvements at various locations within the City's system. A summary of the bids and recommendation from the City's consultants were presented to City Council. The recommendation is to accept bid from Boulware Plumbing & Construction in the amount of \$408,935.00.

MOTION by Councilmember Ruff to accept bid from Boulware Plumbing.
SECOND by Councilmember Bailey.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

G. ORDINANCE – 1ST READING – ANNEX 1262 S. DUNCAN BY-PASS INTO CITY

The owner of the property located at 1262 South Duncan Bypass is requesting annexation of her property into the Corporate Limits of the City of Union with an A-2 Highway Commercial Classification. The property is adjacent to properties which are zoned A-2 Highway Commercial and it does comply with the regulations requirements for this zone.

MOTION by Councilmember Bailey to pass 1st reading of the ordinance.
SECOND by Councilmember Ruff.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

H. DISCUSSION/MOTION – APPROVAL OF SRO (SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER)

The Public Safety Department has been notified that the School District has approved funding for an additional School Resource Officer at Union County High School. Mr. Lynn Lawson, School District Finance Officer, states that the District will reimburse the City of Union in the same manner as it currently does for the two other SRO positions that the District funds. Staff recommends Council's approval to advertise in-house for a SRO Officer.

MOTION by Councilmember Bailey to accept staff recommendation.
SECOND by Councilmember Thompson.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Mayor Morgan announced that the City's Charter Channel 14 is up and running. This is a public service information channel for Union. Morris Communications and "Wildfire" is working with the City to provide wireless internet access to the business district and the general public for free through sponsorships from local businesses. The internet service should be available in the next 90 to 120 days.

Morgan Morgan states that the alternative fuel program is proceeding well. The report on alternative fuel in the last several months has been favorable.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

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

None

7. **ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION by Councilmember Bailey to adjourn.
SECOND by Councilmember Thompson.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Council meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

Gloria J. Rogers, Municipal Clerk

Minutes approved _____ 2007