

**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 21, 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 July 21, 2009 at 6:30 P.M. in the City Municipal building with the following present:

COUNCIL: Mayor Harold Thompson, Mayor Pro Tem Keith Henderson, Councilmembers Tommie L. Hill, Robert Garner, Ricky Todd Harris, Orangelow Ruff and Andy Bailey.

CITY ATTORNEY: Billy Whitney

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, Mike Petrie – Maintenance Shop Director and Laura Hembree – Accounting Supervisor.

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

OTHERS: Debbie Woodard, Cyndi Beam, Madi Owens, Kensley Owens, Ronnie Owens, Amanda Ferguson, Jordan Suber, Mary Ann Haskell, Kyler Haskell, Destiny Knox, Lora Ann Knox, Deonica Thomas, Shirley Thomas, Jessica Beam and Olivia Faye Henderson.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Thompson called the meeting to order. Mayor Thompson 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. June 16, 2009 Regular Council Meeting

MOTION by Councilmember Ruff to accept minutes as presented.
SECOND by Councilmember Harris.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Monthly Reports

MOTION by Councilmember Henderson to accept monthly reports.
SECOND by Councilmember Harris.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. 1. Miss Union & Miss Union Teen Contestants 2010

Mrs. Amanda Ferguson, Local Executive Director, of the Miss Union Organization addressed City Council. Mrs. Ferguson states that each year they crown one Miss Union and one Miss Union Teen. The young lady crowned Miss Union will represent Union in the Miss South Carolina Pageant and ultimately aim for the title of becoming Miss America. The local pageant aims to provide Miss Union with a \$1,000 scholarship to the school of her choice. The pageant is completely self funded non profit organization and only gains its scholarships through personal providers, business sponsors and fundraisers. The Miss Union Organization is requesting funding in the amount of \$250 to help provide in furthering the education for our future Miss Union 2009-2010. Mrs. Ferguson presented the young ladies competing for the titles of Miss Union and Miss Union Teen 2009-2010.

MOTION by Councilmember Hill to fund the Miss Union Organization in the amount of \$250.

SECOND by Councilmember Bailey.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. **BUSINESS**

A. DISCUSSION/MOTION – TRANSFER OF TERITEX BUILDING FOR BOOGALOO TO CITY OF UNION

City Attorney Whitney addressed Council regarding the transfer of the Teritex Building for Boogaloo to the City of Union.

MOTION by Councilmember Henderson to authorize Mayor Thompson to receive the transfer of Teritex Building for Boogaloo to the City of Union.

SECOND by Councilmember Bailey.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. DISCUSSION/MOTION – EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT 2009

Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) 2009 funds will be used to support the laws enforcement and drug enforcement program areas within the City of Union Public Safety Department by purchasing new AR-15 semi-automatic rifles for each patrol unit to supplement the 12 gauge shotguns currently in use. The total project for this application is \$13,376, with a federal share of \$12,951 and a local share of \$425. The recommendation is to approve the \$425 local share of the \$13,376 JAG 2009 project.

MOTION by Councilmember Henderson to accept recommendation.

SECOND by Councilmember Hill.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Mayor Thompson announced that today the City of Union was awarded a \$500,000 Community Block Grant to upgrade the Buffalo Sewer Project.

Councilmember Harris thanked the Public Safety Department for the prompt fire assistance provided in the recent fire on Wilson Street.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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 personnel matter.

SECOND by Councilmember Harris.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

SECOND by Councilmember Bailey.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

No action taken.

8. **ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION by Councilmember Harris to adjourn.

SECOND by Councilmember Bailey.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Council meeting adjourned at 8:29 P.M.

Gloria J. Rogers, Municipal Clerk

Minutes approved _____ 2009