

**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 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 June 16, 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 was absent.

DEPARTMENTAL STAFF: Gloria Rogers, Municipal Clerk/Personnel Director; Freddie Gault – Captain; Joe Nichols – Utility Director; Walker Gallman – Finance Director; Perry Harmon – Public Service Director, Mike Petrie – Maintenance Shop Director and Laura Hembree – Accounting Supervisor. Sam White – Public Safety Director was absent.

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

OTHERS: Debbie Woodard, Casey Woodard, Terry Davis, Olivia Henderson, Marion Fant, Mamie Gore, Debbie Young, Karl Pendergrass, Piper Aheron, Mary Gossett, Walter Kellogg, Glenn Barrett and Bobby Bell.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Thompson called the meeting to order. Mayor Pro Tem 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. May 19, 2009	Public Hearing
B. May 19, 2009	Regular Council Meeting
C. May 26, 2009	Special Council Meeting

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

3. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Monthly Reports

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

B. 1. Carolina Community Actions - Walter Kellogg & Mary Gossett

Mr. Walter Kellogg & Ms. Mary Gossett discussed the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program. This program is designed to help low-income households pay the price of home energy, defined as residential heating and cooling. Carolina Community Actions currently have a budget in excess of \$200,000 earmarked for utility bill payment in Union County. Mr. Kellogg is requesting assistance from the City of Union with the application process.

MOTION by Councilmember Henderson to participate in the LIHEAP Program by providing assistant with the application process.

SECOND by Councilmember Bailey.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. Energy Audit – Online Customer Audit – Joe Nichols

Utility Director Joe Nichols discussed the online customer energy audit. This is an online program that is designed to help customers identify the best ways to save energy in their homes. PMPA has agreed to pay cost to put online customer energy audit on the City's website and the \$1,400 per month to maintain site for a 4-year commitment.

MOTION by Councilmember Harris to accept PMPA online customer energy audit.

SECOND by Councilmember Ruff.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. **BUSINESS**

A. DISCUSSION/MOTION– FIDELITY ASSOCIATES, INC. – PUBLICATION AGREEMENT

A (2) year agreement offered by Fidelity Associates, Inc. as follows: A children's publication that will be provided to Foster Park, Monarch, Buffalo, Jonesville, Union Christian Day and Lockhart Schools. First School Year 2009-2010 – Full amount for first year's service to be paid on receipt of invoice after books have been shipped first year. Second school's year service to be paid as follows: One payment due six (6) months after first years shipment and final payment is due after books have shipped for 2nd year. The estimated amount of both years that includes a 6 % discount savings is \$1,392.18. The recommendation is to approve (2) year agreement with Fidelity Associates, Inc. for publication Four Seasons For Little People.

MOTION by Councilmember Garner to accept recommendation.

SECOND by Councilmember Harris.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. DISCUSSION/MOTION – NATURAL GAS IMPROVEMENTS – LINE EXTENSION (down Neal Shoals Road to serve Gist Quarters Road & Fant Acres Rd.)

Eleven (11) residents on Gist Quarters Road and Fant Acres in Union County have requested that the gas main be extended to allow them gas service. The engineer's cost estimate and the gas service petition was presented to Council. As of Wednesday, June 9, 2009 six (6) 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 of Union's gas department.

MOTION by Councilmember Henderson to accept recommendation by engineer.

SECOND by Councilmember Hill.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. DISCUSSION/MOTION – NATURAL GAS IMPROVEMENTS- LINE EXTENSION (Mt. Lebanon Road)

Forty-four (44) residents in the Mount Lebanon Road community have requested that the gas main be extended to allow them gas service. A petition from residents and a cost estimate from engineer were presented to Council. The current Mount Lebanon Road gas project did not include this area. The recommendation is to discuss the approval for the gas main installation and prepare project for bid.

MOTION by Councilmember Ruff to accept recommendation.

SECOND by Councilmember Harris.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

D. DISCUSSION/MOTION – BREEZEPLAY-SMART PANEL FOR RESIDENTIAL HOMES (Glenn Barrett)

Mr. Glenn Barrett addressed City Council. Piedmont Municipal Power Agency (PMPA) has received a proposal from BreezePlay – a Smart Panel for residential homes. BreezePlay's proposal is to initiate a test of the BreezePlay EnviroScape System. The system will be installed and monitored for six (6) months on 100 customers that meet the criteria and are willing to participate in the trial at no cost to the City or the residential customer. Staff recommendation is to approve BreezePlay.

MOTION by Councilmember Harris to accept recommendation.

SECOND by Councilmember Ruff.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

E. AWARD BID – TRANSFER STATION HAULING CONTRACT

Bids for Solid Waste Transportation Services from the City's transfer station to the Republic Landfill were received on June 9, 2009 at City Hall in Union, S.C. Four (4) bids were received. The bids have been reviewed with no errors noted. The bids are summarized per load: Smith Backhoe & Construction - \$149.74; Bill Shilling Trucking - \$163.40; Ray Lemons Bulldozing - \$175.00 and KRD Trucking - \$175.00. The cost per load projects an annual cost of \$31,148.00. The total cost of the three year contract is projected to be \$93,444.00. The contract includes a fuel surcharge with the base fuel cost set the Monday prior to the bid date. The recommendation is to award bid to Smith Backhoe & Construction the Transfer Station Hauling Contract in the amount of \$93,444.00

MOTION by Councilmember Henderson to accept recommendation.

SECOND by Councilmember Garner.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

None

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Please address the Mayor and City Council from the lectern and state your name and address for the record. (Please keep your comments to 3-5 minutes)

Mr. Terry Davis, 260 Woodhaven Drive, addressed City Council requesting funding in the amount of \$500 or more for the Dixie Youth All Star and Half-Star Teams to purchase uniforms for tournament.

MOTION by Councilmember Henderson to fund request for Dixie Youth in the amount of \$500.

SECOND by Councilmember Harris.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mayor Thompson thanked Mr. Davis for his assistance in working with the youths and also for his involvement in Special Olympics.

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 contractual 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 Bailey to adjourn.

SECOND by Councilmember Harris.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Council meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Gloria J. Rogers, Municipal Clerk

Minutes approved _____ 2009