

**MINUTES  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2008  
6:30 P.M.**

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{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 17, 2008 at 6:30 P.M. in the City Municipal building with the following present:

**COUNCIL:** Mayor Bruce Morgan; Councilmembers Tommie L. Hill, Harold Thompson, Keith Henderson, Ricky Todd Harris, Orangelow Ruff and Fran Bailey.

**CITY ATTORNEY:** Billy Whitney

**DEPARTMENTAL STAFF:** Gloria Rogers, CMC Municipal Clerk/Personnel Director; Sam White, - Public Safety Director; Joe Nichols – Utility Director; Laura Hembree – Accounting Supervisor, Jeff Lawson, CBO MCP-Building Official; Perry Harmon – Public Service Director and Mike Petrie – Maintenance Shop Director.

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

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** Charles Barber, Oscar Gist and Bobby Joe Gibbs.

**OTHERS:** Torance Inman, Sonja Craig and Zari Rice

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. May 20, 2008 | Council Workshop        |
| B. May 20, 2008 | Public Hearing          |
| C. May 20, 2008 | Regular Council Meeting |

**MOTION** by Councilmember Bailey to accept minutes as presented.

**SECOND** by Councilmember Harris.

**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 Harris to accept monthly reports.

**SECOND** by Councilmember Bailey.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**4. BUSINESS**

**A. ORDINANCE – 2<sup>ND</sup> READING – BUDGET ORDINANCE**

City Council passed 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the FY 2008-2009 Budget Ordinance at its May regular council meeting.

**MOTION** by Councilmember Hill to pass 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the Budget Ordinance.

**SECOND** by Councilmember Harris.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**B. ORDINANCE – 2<sup>ND</sup> READING – ADOPT TAX LEVY FY 2008-2009**

City Council passed 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the FY 2008-2009 Tax Levy Ordinance at its May regular council meeting.

**MOTION** by Councilmember Thompson to pass 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the Tax Levy Ordinance.

**SECOND** by Councilmember Harris.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**C. ORDINANCE – 2<sup>ND</sup> READING – REZONE 302 BUFFALO/WEST SPRINGS HWY. FROM A-5 SHOPPING CENTER TO A-2 HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL**

The owner of the property located at 302 Buffalo/West Springs Highway is requesting that her property be rezoned from A-5 Shopping Center to A-2 Highway Commercial. The property is adjacent to property which is already zoned A-2 Highway Commercial and it does comply with the regulation requirements for the A-2 Highway Commercial Zone. Council passed 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the ordinance at their regular meeting on May 20, 2008.

**MOTION** by Councilmember Bailey to pass 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the ordinance.

**SECOND** by Councilmember Hill.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**D. ORDINANCE – 1<sup>ST</sup> READING – REZONE 308 BUFFALO/WEST SPRINGS HIGHWAY FROM R-15 RESIDENTIAL TO A-2 HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL**

The owner of the property located at 308 Buffalo/West Springs Highway is requesting that his property be rezoned from R-15 Residential to A-2 Highway Commercial. The property is adjacent to property which is already zoned A-2 Highway Commercial and it does comply with the regulation requirements for the A-2 Highway Commercial Zone.

Mr. Lawson read the Planning Commission's recommendation:

“The Planning Commission for the City of Union does recommend to City Council the rezoning of the property located at 308 Buffalo/West Springs Highway from R-15 Residential to A-2 Highway Commercial.”

**MOTION** by Councilmember Bailey to pass 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the ordinance.

**SECOND** by Councilmember Ruff.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

E. ORDINANCE – 1<sup>ST</sup> READING – REZONE 310 BUFFALO/WEST SPRINGS HIGHWAY FROM R-15 RESIDENTIAL TO A-2 HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL

The owner of the property located at 310 Buffalo/West Springs Highway is requesting that his property be rezoned from R-15 Residential to A-2 Highway Commercial. The property is adjacent to property which is already zoned A-2 Highway Commercial and it does comply with the regulation requirements for the A-2 Highway Commercial Zone.

Mr. Lawson read the Planning Commission's recommendation:

“The Planning Commission for the City of Union does recommend to City Council the rezoning of the property located at 310 Buffalo/West Springs Highway from R-15 Residential to A-2 Highway Commercial.”

**MOTION** by Councilmember Bailey to pass 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the ordinance.

**SECOND** by Councilmember Ruff.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Building Official gave an update of the building projects.

F. DISCUSSION/MOTION – BOARD VACANCY – PLANNING COMMISSION BOARD

City Council must fill two (2) vacancies on the Planning Commission Board for expired terms. This Board works closely with the City of Union Planning Department. They meet to consider and make recommendation to City Council concerning zoning ordinances or resolutions. The Commission also makes regulations for the subdivision of land and appropriate revisions thereof within its jurisdiction. The positions were solicited by public notice in the Union Times. Request letters were presented to Council from the following: Mr. Oscar Gist and Ms. Kristina Sommer applied for re-appointment; Ms. Mary Norman and Mr. Harold D. Lawson applied for appointment to the Planning Commission Board.

City Council briefly discussed their recommendations for the Planning Commission Board.

**MOTION** by Councilmember Bailey to table the board vacancy item and allow the applicants to address Council at the July 15<sup>th</sup> regular council meeting regarding appointment to the Planning Commission Board.

**SECOND** by Councilmember Ruff.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

G. AWARD BID – TOSCH CREEK WWTP SUPERNATE PUMP STATION

Bids were received on June 10, 2008 for construction of a Supernate Pump Station at Tosch Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant. A summary of the bids were presented to Council.

**MOTION** by Councilmember Ruff to award bid to Henderson Plumbing & Mechanical Contractors in the amount of \$66,718.61.

**SECOND** by Councilmember Bailey.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**FOR:** Morgan, Hill, Thompson, Harris, Ruff and Bailey.

**ABSTAIN:** Henderson

**MOTION** by Councilmember Harris to add an item to the agenda regarding the City of Union Comprehensive Plan Update.

**SECOND** by Councilmember Hill.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

H. DISCUSSION – COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

Planning Official Jeff Lawson discussed the Comprehensive Plan Update. The South Carolina State Planning Act requires a review of the plan every five years and an update every ten years. Recent changes to SC Law in 2007 include the mandate for two additional elements – Transportation and Priority Investment. The Comprehensive Plan is a critical policy document that serves as a guide for community growth and development as well as public investment. Catawba Regional Council of Governments prepared a proposal to assist the City of Union with its Comprehensive Plan Update. Mr. Lawson recommends that the City of Union accepts Catawba Regional proposal for the Comprehensive Plan Update. Mayor Morgan recommends that the funds come from the present budget.

**MOTION** by Councilmember Henderson to accept the proposal.

**SECOND** by Councilmember Thompson.

**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.

None

7. **EXECUTIVE SESSION: TO DISCUSS LEGAL, CONTRACTUAL, AND PERSONNEL MATTERS**

**MOTION** by Councilmember Hill to go out of regular session into executive session to discuss a personnel and contractual matter.

**SECOND** by Councilmember Bailey.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

**SECOND** by Councilmember Bailey.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Solid Waste Department of the Public Services Division request from the Mayor and City Council, permission to begin a pilot program for their work schedules. In order to become efficient with manpower and equipment in the department, Mr. Perry Harmon made a request for the next 6 months, a trial period for the program. The Solid Waste Department will begin working an “A” and “B” shift to pick up garbage, bulk waste and yard waste 5 days a week, working 10 hour a day, with no overtime involved except for unseen emergencies. This program is another step to reduce costs for this department and hopefully a way to pass those savings on to our customers, the citizens of

the City of Union. The changes that council had already allowed in the past will reduce the garbage fee 20% July 1<sup>st</sup> and this program will be another step forward for future reductions.

**MOTION** by Councilmember Bailey to accept recommendation from the Public Service Department to begin Pilot Program for a trial period of six months.

**SECOND** by Councilmember Harris.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

8. **ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION** by Councilmember Bailey to adjourn.

**SECOND** by Councilmember Harris.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

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Gloria J. Rogers, Municipal Clerk

Minutes approved \_\_\_\_\_ 2008