

**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2010
6:30 PM**

{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 council meeting was held on Tuesday, March 16, 2010 at 6:30 PM at the City Municipal building with the following present:

COUNCIL: Mayor Pro Tem Keith Henderson; Councilmembers Tommie Hill, Sr.; Robert Garner, Orangelow Ruff and Andy Bailey. Mayor Harold Thompson was absent due to attending a NLC Meeting and Councilmember Ricky T. Harris was absent due to being out of town.

CITY ATTORNEY: Billy Whitney.

DEPARTMENTAL STAFF: Gloria Rogers – Municipal Clerk/Personnel Director; Sam White, - Public Safety Director; Perry Harmon – Public Service Director; Walker Gallman – Finance Director; Laura Hembree – Accounting Supervisor and Mike Petrie - Maintenance Shop Director. Joe Nichols was absent due to attending a meeting.

NEWS MEDIA: Steve Ramsey –WBCU Radio

OTHERS: Sally Inman, Penny Jeter, Jordan Jeter, Bruce Wilson, Thomas Black and Jerry Brannon.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Pro Tem Henderson called the meeting to order. Invocation was given by Councilmember Garner. The pledge of allegiance was given by all present. The roll was called by Municipal Clerk Gloria Rogers.

2. **MINUTES**

A. February 19, 2010 - Regular Council Meeting

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

3. **COMMUNICATIONS**

A. Monthly Reports

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

B. February 15, 2010 – Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting

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

C. Retirement Award – Gerald A. Gregory

Mr. Gregory was not in attendance to accept his retirement award.

4. BUSINESS

A. **ORDINANCE – 2ND READING - AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF CERTAIN PROPERTY FROM THE CITY OF UNION TO THE COUNTY OF UNION**

The City owns a 42 acre tract of land located in the South Hills area of Union County, formally known as the “Old City Dump”. The City has owned this property since 1976 and has been used for a number of years by Union County for a Softball Complex. The County has applied and has been approved to receive funding to upgrade this area. City Council passed 1st reading of this ordinance at its February regular council meeting.

MOTION by Councilmember Garner to pass 2nd reading.
SECOND by Councilmember Bailey.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. **ORDINANCE – 2ND READING– SEWER USE ORDINANCE AMENDED**

The NPDES permits for the Tosch’s Creek and Meng Creek WWTP’s were reissued and became effective August 1, 2008. A requirement of those permits is the City of Union shall submit to the SC DHEC an update to its previously approved industrial pretreatment program, which is a section included in the Sewer Use Ordinance. While under review by SC DHEC, it was noted that several changes need to be made to the current Sewer Use Ordinance in order to comply with current EPA and SC DHEC regulations and mandates. The proposed changes were presented to City Council. City Council passed 1st reading at its February regular council meeting.

MOTION by Councilmember Bailey to pass 2nd reading.
SECOND by Councilmember Hill.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. **DISCUSSION/MOTION – CAROLINA STING BASEBALL REQUEST**

Sally Inman and Penny Jeter addressed City Council regarding a request for a donation in the amount of \$500. Ms. Inman and Ms. Jeter are in the process of forming a weekend team (Carolina Sting Baseball) in an effort to support Union County which could have a significant impact on tourism and Union’s economy. They will play at the new state of the art Timken Complex. The players have planned many fund raisers to include a dinner sale, car wash, and a raffle. Tournament entry fees range from \$300 to \$400, as well as equipment and uniforms which are very expensive. They would like for the City of Union to become a sponsor of the Union County Sting 12U AA Baseball Team. They are looking forward to keeping young people involved in the community. They are also working on getting a charter for this non-profit organization. Other extracurricular activities are planned for the children as well.

MOTION by Councilmember Garner to table this item until the budget worksession to see if Council can sponsor the Union County 12 U AA Baseball Team.

SECOND by Councilmember Bailey.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. **ANNOUNCEMENT BY MAYOR & COUNCIL**

Councilmember Garner announced that the S.C. Emergency Management Department will host a meeting for elected officials in early May for about 2 hours. This meeting is a very good program. It deals with what elected official's role is during a catashopic event.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

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

Bruce Wilson, 103 Pond Street, addressed City Council regarding the Union Mill Village area. He is concerned about vacant houses being used for drug sales. Mr. Wilson has talked with the Building Official and Chief White about the issue several times. Also he talked with Chief about a lot of violence going on at Union Mill Crossing Apartments. Mr. Wilson feels that the Building & Zoning Department need to address the problem about the vacant houses for safety reasons. He feels houses need to be condemned that are not up to code. He has family living in Union Mill Village area.

Mayor Pro Tem Henderson states that there is a process that the Building and Zoning Department have to follow before a house is condemned. He asked Mr. Wilson to bring a list of vacant houses and he will pass this list on to the Building & Zoning Department to be addressed.

Thomas Black, 201 Lybrand Street, addressed City Council. He states that there is a house (202 Third Avenue) that looks like a saw mill and a juke yard beside his mother, who is 89 years old. The residents there saw wood at odd hours in the morning and at night. Also there is a mobile home on Green Street that looks like a garage (cars are being worked on there.) There were ten (10) cars there this morning and this is a residential area. These complaints will be turned over to the Building & Zoning Department.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION by Councilmember Garner to adjourn.

SECOND by Councilmember Ruff.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Council meeting adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

Gloria J. Rogers, Municipal Clerk

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Minutes approved _____ 2010