

**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2008
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 March 18, 2008 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, Ricky Harris, Orangelow Ruff and Fran Bailey.

CITY ATTORNEY: Billy Whitney was absent due to illness.

DEPARTMENTAL STAFF: Gloria Rogers – Municipal Clerk/Personnel Director; Sam White, - Chief; Perry Harmon – Public Service Director; Joe Nichols – Utility Director and Walker Gallman – Finance Director. Jeff Lawson – Building Official was absent due to illness and Mike Petrie – Maintenance Shop Director was absent.

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

OTHERS: Katherine Pendergrass

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**
 - A. February 19, 2008 - Public Hearing
 - B. February 19, 2008 - Regular Council Meeting

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

B. Water Fluoridation Awards – Joe Nichols

The City of Union is a recipient of the SCDA and DHEC over 50 years of Water Fluoridation Award for 2008 and also the recipient of the ASTDD, CDC and ADA Certification of Appreciation 50 year award.

4. **Business**

A. AWARD BID – WATER PLANT IMPROVEMENTS: CLEAN & PAINT 6 FILTERS, HAND RAIL REPLACEMENT

The paint is chipping around the top of the filters and needs to be cleaned and painted quickly. The remaining steel handrails have rusted and need to be replaced. Both items were budgeted in the current capital improvement budget for FY2008. The two bids received for the project were from Unlimited Construction - \$49,900 and Goodwater - \$39,236. The recommendation is to accept bid from Goodwater in the amount of \$39,236.

MOTION by Councilmember Ruff to accept recommendation.

SECOND by Councilmember Thompson.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. AWARD BID – WATER PLANT – FREIGHT ELEVATOR REPAIRS

Bids were requested for replacement of the hydraulic cylinder for the elevator located at the water treatment facility from Southern Elevator Company and Park Manufacturing Company. The bids were Southern Elevator - \$60,296.98 and The Park Manufacturing Code - \$38,718.00. The recommendation is to accept bid from The Park Manufacturing Company in the amount of \$38,718.00.

MOTION by Councilmember Henderson to accept recommendation.

SECOND by Councilmember Hill.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. AWARD BID – GAS SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS – SC HWY. 215, MT. LEBANON ROAD AND NEAL SHOALS ROAD

Bids were received on March 13, 2008 at City Hall for Gas System Improvements on SC Hwy. 215, Mt. Lebanon Road and Neal Shoals Road. A summary of the bids and a letter of recommendation by our engineering consultant were presented to Council. The recommendation is to accept bid from Apple Boring Company in the amount of \$336,198.00.

MOTION by Councilmember Henderson to accept recommendation.

SECOND by Councilmember Thompson.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

D. AWARD BID – SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS – INSPECTION EQUIPMENT & TRAILER FOR MAIN SEWER LINES

Three bids were received for sewer inspection equipment. The amounts are Jet-Vac Sewer Equipment Co., Inc. - \$73,851.00; Public Works Equipment & Supply, Inc. - \$87,596.00 and Municipal Equipment Sales, Inc. - \$77,023.00. Each company demonstrated their system to City personnel. The recommendation is to accept bid from Jet-Vac Sewer Equipment Co., Inc. in the amount of \$73,851.00.

MOTION by Councilmember Henderson to accept recommendation.
SECOND by Councilmember Harris.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

E. AWARD BID – TIMKEN UPFIT

The City of Union and Timken Industrial Services, LLC entered into a lease agreement on the Spec Building located at 7 LSP Road in Commerce Park to upfit this building for them to occupy. The total amount of this upfit is not to exceed 1.5 million from the City of Union. A summary of the bids was presented to Council. The apparent low bidder is Yeargin Potter Shackelford in the amount of \$1,971,000.00. Timken is negotiating with Yeargin Potter Shackelford to remove some items required in the upfit. Timken is responsible for any overage exceeding 1.5 million (landlord's expense). The recommendation is to accept bid from Yeargin Potter Shackelford.

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

F. RESOLUTION – SRF

The City in its attempt to meet the requirement of DHEC and the NPDES permit stringent metal limitations, find it necessary to close the Beltline wastewater treatment plant on Highway 215. It will be replaced with a pump station that will pump the waste to a gravity line that will feed to Tosch Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant. The City is also planning to replace the clarifier at Tosch Creek to allow us to continue to meet NPDES permit requirements. This clarifier was installed in 1973. The total cost of both projects will be approximately \$2,155,000. To fund these projects we contacted the State Revolving Fund to see if we would qualify for a low interest loan under the Clean Water Act. The standard loan interest rate is 3.25% for a 20-year term. The resolution will authorize the Mayor to complete, execute, and submit an application to the State Authority. This resolution also grants to the State a pledge of, and lien on, all revenues of the City's combined utility system revenues for repayment of loan. The recommendation is to pass a resolution to allow the Mayor to apply for State Revolving Loan Fund.

MOTION by Councilmember Ruff to pass SRF Resolution.
SECOND by Councilmember Thompson.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

G. ORDINANCE – 1ST READING – LOCAL PROCUREMENT PREFERENCE

In accordance with Section 11-35-50 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, political subdivisions of the State shall adopt ordinance or procedures embodying sound principles of appropriately competitive procurement no later than July 1, 1983. The City of Union currently has a procurement policy in place. At the last regular council meeting, the City Clerk was directed by City Council to research other cities and counties procurement process regarding local procurement preference through the Municipal Association of South Carolina. There are cities and counties that presently have a local procurement preference ordinance in place. Staff has developed a Local Procurement Preference Ordinance for Council's consideration. The recommendation is to pass 1st reading of the ordinance.

MOTION by Councilmember Thompson to pass 1st reading of the ordinance.

SECOND by Councilmember Ruff.

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

ABSTAIN: Councilmembers Henderson and Harris.

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

Mayor Morgan reminded Council of the budget work sessions scheduled for March 25-27, 2008.

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 Henderson.

SECOND by Councilmember Harris.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Council meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

Gloria J. Rogers, Municipal Clerk

Minutes approved _____ 2008