

**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2007
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 20, 2007 at 6:30 P.M. in the City Municipal building with the following present:

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

CITY ATTORNEY: Billy Whitney

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

NEWS MEDIA: Mike Stevens – WBCU Radio and Charles Warner – Union Times.

OTHERS: Mark T. Williams, Robert Shetley, Crystal Shetley and Kathy Williams.

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. February 20, 2007 | Public Hearing |
| B. February 20, 2007 | Regular Council Meeting |

MOTION by Councilmember Bailey to accept minutes as presented.

SECOND by Councilmember Ruff.

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 Bailey to accept monthly reports.

SECOND by Councilmember Hill.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. **Business**

- A. ORDINANCE – 2ND READING – REZONE 417 RICE AVENUE FROM R-10 RESIDENTIAL TO A-2 HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL

The owners of the property located at 417 Rice Avenue are requesting rezoning of their property from R-10 Residential to A-2 Highway Commercial. The property is adjacent to properties which are zoned A-2 Highway Commercial and it does comply with the regulation requirements for this Zone. City Council passed 1st reading of the ordinance at its February 20, 2007 meeting.

MOTION by Councilmember Thompson to pass 2nd reading of the rezoning ordinance.

SECOND by Councilmember Harris.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. **ORDINANCE – 2ND READING – REZONE 411 RICE AVENUE FROM R-10 RESIDENTIAL TO A-2 HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL**

The owners of the property located at 411 Rice Avenue are requesting rezoning of their property from R-10 Residential to A-2 Highway Commercial. The property is adjacent to 417 Rice Avenue property which is in the process of being zoned A-2 Highway Commercial and it does comply with the regulation requirements for this Zone. City Council passed 1st reading of the ordinance at its February 20, 2007 meeting.

MOTION by Councilmember Ruff to accept recommendation of the Planning Commission and pass 2nd reading of the ordinance.

SECOND by Councilmember Hill.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. **ORDINANCE – 1ST READING – ALARM ORDINANCE PROPOSAL**

A draft of an ordinance that would address the problem of false alarms within the City of Union was presented to City Council. This proposal would require alarm users not only to properly maintain their systems but also to take responsibility for, reduce, and eliminate false alarms for law enforcement and fire activations in the City.

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

SECOND by Councilmember Ruff.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

D. **DISCUSSION – UPDATE ON GOVERNMENT ACCESS CHANNEL**

Per Charter Communications, cable channel 14 has been reserved for use by the City of Union, South Carolina as a public educational, and governmental (PEG) access channel. In order to get this channel up and running, we are currently in the process of finding the hardware/software to suit our needs. A proposal from Key West Technology was presented to Council. From their proposal, level three appears to be what we would need for initial startup then could be later upgraded to level four to include live airing of council meetings. The first phase proposal was included. Staff is requesting more detail and more in-depth information about what purposes the hardware/software from Charter serves and will try to get an estimated total cost of what we would need. City Council reviewed the documents and discussed their ideas and recommendations. Councilmember Thompson will be involved with the selection process.

E. **DISCUSSION/MOTION – AWARD BID FOR CONSTRUCTION OF FOXFIRE AND BUENA VISTA I CONDUIT ONLY INSTALLATION**

On March 6, 2007 at 2:00 P.M., bids were received and read at City Hall for the construction of Foxfire and Buena Vista I Conduit Only Installation. A letter of recommendation and bid tabulation was included from Progressive Engineering Consultants, Inc. The recommendation is to accept bid from Williams Electric Company in the amount of \$65,540.00.

MOTION by Councilmember Henderson to accept bid from Williams Electric Company in the amount of \$65,540.00

SECOND by Councilmember Thompson.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- F. DISCUSSION – BUDGET SESSIONS MOVED TO APRIL 10, 11 & 12, 2007 STARTING AT 5:30 P.M. EACH DAY

Mayor Morgan briefly discussed the upcoming Budget Sessions. The original date was planned for next week but Staff is recommending the Budget Sessions be moved to the second week of April. It was the consensus of Council to move the Budget Session dates to the second week in April.

- G. ORDINANCE – 1ST READING – ANNEXATION ORDINANCE OF 427 NORTH DUNCAN BY-PASS

The owner of the property located at 427 North Duncan Bypass is requesting annexation of his property into the Corporate Limits of the City of Union with an A-2 Highway Commercial Classification. The property is adjacent to properties which are zoned A-2 Highway Commercial and it does comply with the regulations requirements for this zone. A copy of the Annexation Ordinance, Petition for Annexation, Survey Plat and Plat Description was presented to Council.

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

SECOND by Councilmember Henderson.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Mayor Morgan announced that he went to Washington last week to meet with Senators Bob Inglis and Jim DeMint and House of Congress members regarding funding for the Robotics Training Facility. The Mayor feels that the City will be getting funding for the project. PMPA funded the trip to Washington for the Mayor to attend The American Public Power Association Conference.

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 Bailey to adjourn.

SECOND by Councilmember Harris.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Council meeting adjourned at 6:57 P.M.

Gloria J. Rogers, Municipal Clerk

Minutes approved _____ 2007