

**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 15, 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 May 15, 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 ; Joe Nichols – Utility Director and Mike Petrie – Maintenance Shop Director.

NEWS MEDIA: Charles Warner – Union Times and Kevin Shehan – WBCU Radio.

OTHERS: Melissa Youngblood

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. April 17, 2007 | Public Hearing |
| B. April 17, 2007 | Regular Council Meeting |

MOTION by Councilmember Thompson 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 Harris.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. MINUTES (PROVIDED AS INFORMATION TO CITY COUNCIL)

1. May 8, 2007 - Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearing

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

4. **Business**

A. ORDINANCE – 2nd **READING** – AMENDMENT OF ZONING ORDINANCE SECTIONS 114 SIGNS AND 129 DEFINITIONS – REGULATIONS AND DEFINITIONS FOR TEMPORARY AND MOBILE SIGNS

City Staff is requesting the Section 114-Signs and Section 129-Definitions of the City Zoning Ordinance be amended by revising regulations and definitions for temporary and mobile signs. The purpose of these revisions is to establish reasonable and uniform regulations for placement of these signs inside the City of Union. City Council passed 1st reading of the ordinance at their April 17, 2007 meeting.

MOTION by Councilmember Ruff to pass 2nd reading of the ordinance.
SECOND by Councilmember Bailey.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. ORDINANCE – 2ND **READING** - ALARM ORDINANCE

An ordinance that would address the problem of false alarms within the City of Union was presented to City Council. The ordinance 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. Council passed 1st reading of the ordinance at their April 17, 2007 meeting.

MOTION by Councilmember Bailey to pass 2nd reading of the Alarm Ordinance.
SECOND by Councilmember Hill.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. ORDINANCE – 1ST **READING** – ADOPT BUDGET FY 2007-2008

The FY2007-2008 Budget Ordinance was presented to City Council for 1st reading.

MOTION by Councilmember Bailey to pass 1st reading of the Budget Ordinance.
SECOND by Councilmember Thompson.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

D. ORDINANCE – 1ST **READING** – ADOPT TAX LEVY FY 2007-2008

The FY2007-2008 Tax Levy Ordinance was presented to City Council for 1st reading.

MOTION by Councilmember Bailey to pass 1st reading of the Tax Levy Ordinance.
SECOND by Councilmember Hill.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

E. DISCUSSION/MOTION – UPDATE ON GOVERNMENT ACCESS CHANNEL INCLUDING 3 PROPOSALS

Per Charter Communications, cable channel 14 has been reserved for use by the City of Union, South Carolina as a public, educational, and government (PEG) access channel. There are three (3) proposals of vendors that were found during extensive research...Key West Technology, Empire Cable Channel, and Frame Rate. There is also some proposal information included from Charter Communications. Staff recommends that a final decision on a supplier be made so that the City can move forward with getting cable channel 14 operational. Staff recommends Key West Technology. Melissa Youngblood gave a demonstration of the government access channel by Key West Technology. Mayor Morgan thanked Councilmember Harold Thompson and Ms. Youngblood for their assistance with the project.

MOTION by Councilmember Bailey authorizing staff to go forward with the government access channel with Key West Technology as the vendor.
SECOND by Councilmember Ruff.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F. GRANT AWARD – VEHICLE EXHAUST REMOVAL SYSTEM

The City of Union Public Safety Department received Assistance to Firefighters Grant which will provide funding for a vehicle exhaust removal system. Chief White and Lt. Moore talked with sales representatives and visited the Jonesville and West Columbia Fire Departments which have these type systems in use. Bids were received from two suppliers: Air Cleaning Specialists, Inc. (Plymovent) Raleigh, NC - \$75,629.30 and J & S Solutions, L.L.C. (Magnagrip) Pilot Mtn., NC - \$72,804.90. The Public Safety Department recommends that the bid from Air Cleaning Specialists, Inc. be accepted as this system is better suited for the Department's needs. Air Cleaning Specialists, Inc. employees perform all their work and have numerous systems installed in this area. Air Cleaning Specialists Inc. also offers service contracts on their systems. Councilmember Henderson has concerns about accepting the highest bid. There was a brief discussion on this.

MOTION by Councilmember Bailey to award bid to Air Cleaning Specialists, Inc.
SECOND by Councilmember Ruff.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

G. REAPPOINTMENT – UNION COUNTY DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Mr. J. Carlisle Oxner, III's term on the Union County Development Board expires in June 2007. He is requesting re-appointment. A request letter for re-appointment was presented to Council. Should Council re-appoint, a motion to that effect is needed.

MOTION by Councilmember Bailey to re-appoint Mr. Oxner to the Union County Development Board.
SECOND by Councilmember Hill.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

H. DISCUSSION – KIDS DAY AT THE PARK/JAKES EVENT
INFORMATION

Public Service Director Perry Harmon briefed Mayor and City Council on Public Safety/Kids Fun Day at Foster Park. Mr. Harmon states that there will be approximately 600-700 kids who will register for this event. The kids can bring their own fishing gear and enjoy fishing around the lake. There will also be other activities for the kids. This is an annual event at the Park.

I. ORDINANCE – 1ST READING – ANNEXATION ORDINANCE

The owner of the property located at 441 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 Bailey to pass 1st reading of the Annexation Ordinance.

SECOND by Councilmember Henderson.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Councilmember Keith Henderson states that the City of Union has certain properties that may be contiguous to the city limits such as businesses that have closed and re-opened. He wants the City to make sure that when a business re-opens under a new name, they are annexed into the City of Union. Councilmember Henderson feels that the City has property now that may fall into that category.

Councilmember Ruff thanked Public Service Director Perry Harmon and his department for repairing a hazardous area in front of Corinth Baptist Church.

Councilmember Henderson thanked everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy in the passing of his mother.

Mayor Morgan thanked City Council and staff for their many hours of hard work during the Budget Work Sessions.

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 Thompson.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Tuesday, May 15, 2007

Council meeting adjourned at 7:05 P.M.

Gloria J. Rogers, Municipal Clerk

Minutes approved _____ 2007