

**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 20, 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 May 20, 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: Melissa Youngblood, Acting Municipal Clerk; Sam White, - Public Safety Director; Joe Nichols – Utility Director; Walker Gallman – Finance Director, Jeff Lawson, CBO MCP-Building Official; Perry Harmon – Public Service Director and Mike Petrie – Maintenance Shop Director. Gloria Rogers, CMC – Municipal Clerk/Personnel Director was absent due to attending an IIMC Annual Conference.

NEWS MEDIA: Charles Warner – Union Times

PLANNING COMMISSION: Charles L. Barber, Bobby Joe Gibbs, and Oscar R. Gist, Sr.

OTHERS: Jerry Brannon, Bob Love, Deborah C. Flint, Zach Martin, Wade Flint, Dalton Johnson and others.

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. April 15, 2008 Regular Council Meeting

MOTION by Councilmember Hill to accept minutes as presented.

SECOND by Councilmember Bailey.

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 Ruff to accept monthly reports.

SECOND by Councilmember Harris.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. UPDATE – UNION COMMUNITY INDICATORS – BOB LOVE

Mr. Bob Love, Chair of Union Community Indicators Project addressed City Council. He presented a copy of the first edition of the Union Community Indicators Report. This is many hours of discussion and research. The goal was to identify and examine the key human service and social issues affecting Union County. The issues and services chosen were based on surveys from the community. The areas identified that most impact the growth, health and quality of life for all cities are: economics, education, environment/recreation, family and health. Sponsors that provided the financial support to design and print the publication are Milliken Foundation, The Timken Foundation, County of Union and City of Union. A Union Community Indicators Meeting will be held May 27, 2008.

4. **BUSINESS**

A. AWARD BID –RIVER PUMP #4 REPLACEMENT

Four (4) pumps are housed at the River to supply raw water to the reservoir and water plant. Pump #4 is a 700 hp vertical turbine pump and has been in operation since the 1970's. We recently pulled this pump due to excessive vibration and discovered replacement was necessary. Two bids were received on replacing the high service pump: HD Waterworks - \$125,000 and Dixie Electro Mechanical Services, Inc. - \$120,317. Dixie Electro Mechanical Services, Inc. stated existing motor would not be compatible to the type pump they are quoting. A separate quote would be required at an additional estimated cost of \$60,000 for new motor. City Staff recommends that Council award bid to HD Waterworks in the amount of \$125,000.

MOTION by Councilmember Bailey to accept staff recommendation

SECOND by Councilmember Ruff.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. AWARD BID – WASTEWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS - MENG CREEK WWTP BULK STORAGE

Bids were received on March 2, 2008 at City Hall for a 10,000 gallon bulk caustic storage tank and associated equipment at the Meng Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant. Three bids were received: Shoreline Enterprises - \$193,700; JL Construction Co. - \$221,400 and DR Terry Construction Co. - \$313,592. Design changes were agreed upon and Shoreline agreed to a deduction of \$19,800 for a total cost of \$173,900. A copy of the low bid and a letter of recommendation from consultant were presented to Council. The recommendation is to award bid to Shoreline Enterprises of Mooresville, NC in the amount of \$173,900.

MOTION by Councilmember Bailey to award bid to Shoreline Enterprises.

SECOND by Councilmember Hill.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. AWARD BID – ELECTRICAL SUBSTATION MAINTENANCE

Two bids were received on April 29, 2008 at 2:00 pm for electrical substation maintenance: KVA, Inc. - \$56,622.50 and Utility Resource Associates, LLC (Eaton) - \$119,943.00. A letter of recommendation from consultant was

presented to Council. City Staff recommends that Council award bid to KVA, Inc., of Duncan, SC in the amount of \$56,622.50.

MOTION by Councilmember Bailey to accept staff recommendation.
SECOND by Councilmember Harris.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

D. AWARD BID – SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS – TIMKEN SPORTS COMPLEX

Thirteen bids were received on April 24, 2008 at 2:00 pm for sewer system improvements for Timken Sports Complex. A bid summary and a letter of recommendation from consultant were presented to Council. City Staff recommends that Council award bid to Whitesides Construction of Duncan, SC in the amount of \$81,089.00.

MOTION by Councilmember Bailey to award bid to Whitesides Construction.
SECOND by Councilmember Ruff.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

E. ORDINANCE – 1ST READING – BUDGET ORDINANCE

A Budget Ordinance for FY 2008-2009 was presented to Council for 1st reading.

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

F. ORDINANCE – 1ST READING – ADOPT TAX LEVY FY 2008-2009

A Tax Levy Ordinance for FY 2008-2009 was presented to Council for 1st reading.

MOTION by Councilmember Thompson to pass 1st reading.
SECOND by Councilmember Bailey.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

G. ORDINANCE – 1ST 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. A public hearing was held prior to the regular council meeting regarding the rezoning.

Mr. Jeff Lawson read the recommendation from the Planning Commission. “The Planning Commission for the City of Union does recommend to City Council the rezoning of the property located at 302 Buffalo/West Springs Highway from A-5 Shopping Center to A-2 Highway Commercial.”

Charles Barber – Chairman
Oscar Gist, Sr.

Bobby Joe Gibbs
Kristina Sommer

MOTION by Councilmember Henderson to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to rezone property located at 302 Buffalo/West Springs Highway from A-5 Shopping Center to A-2 Highway Commercial.

SECOND by Councilmember Bailey.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

H. DISCUSSION/MOTION – REQUEST FOR REMOVAL OF OLD BUFFALO ROAD FROM SC 215 TO US 176 (DUNCAN BYPASS)

Documents regarding the situation at Highway 215 and Old Buffalo Road with regards to additional business coming to the area were discussed. There is a request for the removal of the road.

MOTION by Councilmember Henderson to accept recommendation for the removal of Old Buffalo Road from SC 215 to US 176 (Duncan By-Pass).

SECOND by Councilmember Bailey.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

I. AWARD BID – DIRECTIONAL BORING MACHINE

Two vendors have demonstrated their equipment and submitted quotes for a directional boring machine: Ditch Witch of the Carolinas – \$153,600 and Vermeer Mid-Atlantic, Inc. - \$143,115.70. The machines performed directional borings on the U.S. Hwy. 176, Furman Fendley Highway installing a water line to the new sign and installing underground electric at Commerce Park. City Staff recommends that Council award bid to Vermeer Mid Atlantic, Inc. in the amount of \$143,115.70.

MOTION by Councilmember Henderson to accept staff recommendation.

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. **ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION by Councilmember Bailey to adjourn.

SECOND by Councilmember Ruff.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Council meeting adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

Gloria J. Rogers, Municipal Clerk

Minutes approved _____ 2008