

**MINUTES  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2007  
6:30 P.M.**

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{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 November 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, Keith Henderson, Ricky Todd Harris, Orangelow Ruff and Fran Bailey.

**CITY ATTORNEY:** Billy Whitney

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

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

**OTHERS:** Alan Parker and Olivia Henderson.

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. October 16, 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 Harris.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. **Business**

A. ORDINANCE – 2<sup>ND</sup> **READING** – APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO UPFIT  
SPEC BLDG AT 7 LSP DRIVE, COMMERCE PARK

City Council passed 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the ordinance at its October 16, 2007 meeting. The recommendation is to pass 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the ordinance.

**MOTION** by Councilmember Bailey to pass 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

**SECOND** by Councilmember Harris.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. DISCUSSION/MOTION – GAS SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS – NEAL  
SHOALS ROAD AND FAIRVIEW CHURCH CIRCLE

The City of Union received a petition from residents on Neal Shoals Road and Fairview Church Circle requesting natural gas service. The petition, the cost estimate prepared by our engineering consultant and a map of the area was presented to Council. The recommendation is to approve the natural gas line to be installed by the City's construction crew at an approximate cost of \$41,204.00.

**MOTION** by Councilmember Thompson to approve gas system improvements.

**SECOND** by Councilmember Hill.

City Council briefly discussed the gas system improvements.

Councilmember Henderson recommends that the construction crew run a 4 inch gas line along Neal Shoals Road and Fairview Church to serve even more potential customers. This will be at an approximate cost of \$37,000.

**AMENDMENT TO MOTION** by Councilmember Henderson to increase the budget to \$78,000 to run 4 inch gas line.

**SECOND** by Councilmember Hill.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

C. DISCUSSION/MOTION – RENEWAL OF ASSISTANCE FOR  
2007/2008 WINTER HEATING BILLS

City Council is concerned about the impact winter heating bills have upon our elderly and low-income customers. City Council and staff have heard many hardship stories. City Council may wish to make \$10,000 available in Community Change funds to supplement The Salvation Army's FEMA funds in support of the Emergency Food and Shelter Program. The funds may be used to assist City utility customers who qualify or as the City Council may otherwise direct. Use of these funds to help with heating bills is in keeping with what we have always said funds will be used for. The Salvation Army and Carolina Community Actions have indicated that they are willing to qualify applicants for the assistance as appropriate. In the event \$10,000 in Community Change funds is exhausted prior to winter's end, a further \$20,000 in Utility Fund Retained Earnings is budgeted as a supplement for this use as well. Should Council agree to renew the release of Community Change funds to assist City utility customers, a motion is required.

**MOTION** by Councilmember Ruff to agree to renew the release of Community Change Funds.

**SECOND** by Councilmember Bailey.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- D. DISCUSSION/MOTION – CHANGE DATE OF DECEMBER  
REGULAR MEETING FROM DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> TO DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>

Change date of December regular council meeting from December 18<sup>th</sup> to  
December 11<sup>th</sup>.

**MOTION** by Councilmember Bailey to change meeting date.  
**SECOND** by Councilmember Hill.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- E. DISCUSSION/MOTION – DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
BUILDING AND PROPERTY AT 213 THOMPSON BOULEVARD –  
CHIEF SAM WHITE

An ordinance to appropriate monies from the general fund for the  
purchase of property at 213 Thompson Boulevard in the amount of  
\$235,000 was presented to City Council for 1<sup>st</sup> reading.

**MOTION** by Councilmember Bailey to approve purchase of property  
located at 213 Thompson Blvd.  
**SECOND** by Councilmember Ruff.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- F. DISCUSSION/MOTION – PINPOINT GPS SYSTEM FOR WASTE  
COLLECTION TRUCKS IN PUBLIC SERVICE DEPARTMENT –  
PERRY HARMON

Public Service Director Perry Harmon discussed purchasing a Pinpoint  
GPS System for waste collection. The recommendation is to take  
advantage of a 40% discount and purchase this PinPoint GPS system.

**MOTION** by Councilmember Bailey to approve purchase of Pinpoint  
GPS system.  
**SECOND** by Councilmember Harris.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- G. ORDINANCE – 1<sup>ST</sup> READING – APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR  
UNION MILL REMEDIATION & DRAINAGE PROJECT

On September 19, 2006 City Council passed a resolution to agree to  
appropriate a 10% match for a CDBG Grant for the Union Mill  
Remediation and Drainage Improvement Fund. Also, City Council  
approved an additional amount of \$19,130 needed to complete the project  
budget. This was a requirement of the Grant application in order for the  
City to be considered for the grant. The CDBG grant was awarded on  
December 13, 2006 in the amount of \$500,000. City staff is now  
requesting City Council formally appropriate the funds by ordinance.

**MOTION** by Councilmember Henderson to pass 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the  
ordinance.  
**SECOND** by Councilmember Hill.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

H. **AWARD BID – WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS – RESERVOIR  
VARIABLE SPEED 250 HP PUMP**

The City of Union currently operates 3 pumps at its reservoir. We regulate the flow processed through the Water Plant with on (1) 250 HP variable speed pump. In order to allow a backup to this variable speed pump, we received two (2) quotes to install the same variable speed pumping system on the other 250 HP pump located at the reservoir. This will allow us to alternate run times between the two (2) pumps and perform maintenance. The recommendation is to award bid to Utility Electric in the amount of \$73,703.00. Quote includes removing existing pump motor/controller and new installation. Funds are allocated in the current budget (Water System 5 year Capital Improvements).

**MOTION** by Councilmember Harris to award bid to Utility Electric.  
**SECOND** by Councilmember Bailey.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

Mayor Morgan wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

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 7:04 P.M.

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Gloria J. Rogers, Municipal Clerk

Minutes approved \_\_\_\_\_ 2007