

**MINUTES  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 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 October 16, 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 Harris, 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; Perry Harmon – Public Service Director; Joe Nichols – Utility Director and Walker Gallman – Finance Director. Mike Petrie – Maintenance Shop Director was absent.

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

**OTHERS:** Billy Dunlap, Freddie Gault, Boy Scouts (Troop 42), Melissa Youngblood, Jay Alexander, Adrienne Alexander, Torance Inman, Paul S. Greer, II, Olivia Henderson and Renee Alexander.

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. September 18, 2007 - Regular Council Meeting

**MOTION** by Councilmember Bailey to accept minutes as presented.

**SECOND** by Councilmember Harris.

**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. Ribbon Cutting - Wildfire Connections High-Speed Wireless Internet and Announcement from Billy Dunlap

Mr. Billy Dunlap, VP-Business Development of Wildfire Connections, announced that Wildfire Connections will be launching "Free Wi-Fi" service in the City of Union later this month. The first phase of WildFire-Union will be the historic downtown area, followed soon thereafter by other areas of the community. The venture will be financially supported through the sale of on-line advertising to local businesses and regional companies with a desire to do business in Union.

4. **Business**

- A. APPOINTMENT – REPRESENTATIVE FOR YMCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Union County YMCA has overcome many obstacles with the help of the City of Union and also generous members. They have hired a Senior Program Executive and will be planning lots of activities for the future. The YMCA is requesting that City Council consider appointing a representative for the YMCA Board of Directors that could serve a more active and participatory role.

**MOTION** by Councilmember Bailey to appoint Councilmember Harold Thompson to the YMCA Board of Directors.

**SECOND** by Councilmember Hill.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- B. DISCUSSION/MOTION – THE UNION CONNECTION – CHANNEL 14

The City of Union has had the local government access cable channel 14 up and running since June 21, 2007. This channel now has a name which is "The Union Connection" and a logo. Lots of comments have poured in regarding the channel. However, there are still people in the community who are unaware of this channel being in operation. The recommendation is to discuss ways to advertise "The Union Connection" Channel 14. Some examples are newspaper, radio, schools, churches and billboard. A quote was received from Daisy Outdoor Advertising for billboard advertising. Staff will develop a budget and submit back to Council.

- C. DISCUSSION/MOTION – LEASE & UPFIT OF SPEC BUILDING AT 7 LSP DRIVE, UNION COMMERCE PARK

A letter of intent to lease the facility located at 7 LSP Road, Union, Commerce Park was presented to City Council from The Timken Company. The letter of intent summarizes the terms of the lease, renewal options, and operating expense exclusions and provides an overview of the lease terms.

**MOTION** by Councilmember Thompson to accept the letter of intent and lease agreement.

**SECOND** by Councilmember Bailey.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

D. **ORDINANCE – 1<sup>ST</sup> READING – BUDGET AMENDMENT-  
APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO UPFIT SPEC BUILDING AT 7 LSP  
DRIVE, COMMERCE PARK**

An ordinance to appropriate funds to upfit spec building at 7 LSP Drive,  
Commerce Park was presented to City Council for 1<sup>st</sup> reading.

**MOTION** by Councilmember Bailey to pass 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the budget  
amendment ordinance.

**SECOND** by Councilmember Ruff.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

None

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

7. **EXECUTIVE SESSION: TO DISCUSS LEGAL, CONTRACTUAL  
AND PERSONNEL MATTERS:**

**MOTION** by Councilmember Harris to go out of regular session into  
executive session to discuss a contractual matter.

**SECOND** by Councilmember Hill.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION** by Councilmember Bailey to go out of executive session back  
into regular session.

**SECOND** by Councilmember Ruff.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

No action taken.

8. **ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION** by Councilmember Bailey to adjourn.

**SECOND** by Councilmember Thompson.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council meeting adjourned at 8:31 P.M.

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Gloria J. Rogers, Municipal Clerk

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