

**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2010
6:30 PM**

{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 council meeting was held on September 21, 2010 at 6:30 PM at the City Municipal building with the following present:

COUNCIL: Mayor Harold Thompson, Mayor Pro Tem Keith Henderson, Councilmembers Robert Garner, Ricky Harris, Orangelow Ruff and Andy Bailey. Councilmember Hill was late due to being involved in a minor auto accident. He was present during the executive session.

CITY ATTORNEY: Billy Whitney was absent.

DEPARTMENTAL STAFF: Gloria Rogers – Municipal Clerk/Personnel Director; Sam White, - Public Safety Director; Perry Harmon – Public Service Director; Walker Gallman – Finance Director; Joe Nichols – Utility Director, Laura Hembree – Accounting Supervisor and Mike Petrie - Maintenance Shop Director.

NEWS MEDIA: Graham Williams – Union County News and Steve Ramsey – WBCU Radio

OTHERS: Larry Robinson and Debbie Woodard.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Thompson called the meeting to order. Invocation was given by Mayor Pro Tem Henderson. The pledge of allegiance was given by all present. The roll was called by Municipal Clerk Gloria Rogers.

2. MINUTES

A. August 17, 2010 - Regular Council Meeting

MOTION by Councilmember Harris to accept minutes as presented.

SECOND by Councilmember Bailey.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Monthly Reports

MOTION by Councilmember Ruff to accept monthly reports.

SECOND by Councilmember Bailey.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTION – UNION MILL VILLAGE RENAISSANCE PROGRAM

The Union Mill Village is a low income area within the City of Union, South Carolina. It has been determined that this area is in vital need of repairs and upgrades. The village has numerous problems, including dilapidated housing, inadequate water and sewer systems, deteriorated sidewalks and streets, public safety and various other problems. The City plans to do a comprehensive assessment of the area to identify the needs and problems. In order to make an application for Community Block Grant funding through the Village Renaissance Program to pay for assessment and provide a concise plan for the two phase project, the City must agree to match this grant in the amount of \$2,500 or 10 percent of the grant amount.

MOTION by Councilmember Henderson to provide a cash match of \$2,500 for this project and any additional funds required for the completion of the project.

SECOND by Councilmember Garner.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. AWARD BID – DEMOLITION – 510 S. PINCKNEY STREET

A total of 5 bids were received on August 20, 2010 for demolition of 510 S. Pinckney Street house. Bids are as follows: CGD Developers, Inc. - \$4,150; Bill Ferguson Grading - \$1,299; Kingsmore Construction - \$4,376; Ray Lemons Bulldozing - \$4,520.25 and Smith Backhoe & Construction - \$5,350.

MOTION by Councilmember Ruff to award bid to Ferguson Grading of Union, SC in the amount of \$1,299.

SECOND by Councilmember Harris.

DISCUSSION: Mayor Pro Tem Henderson states that before demolition is done, he wanted to make sure that contractor have documents in place and met requirements.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. AWARD BID – DEMOLITION – 107 OAK STREET

A total of 5 bids were received on August 20, 2010 for demolition of 107 Oak Street house. Bids are as follows: CGD Developers, Inc. - \$2,200; Bill Ferguson Grading - \$699; Kingsmore Construction - \$2,638.40; Ray Lemons Bulldozing - \$2,728.75 and Smith Backhoe & Construction - \$2,100.

MOTION by Councilmember Garner to award bid to Ferguson Grading of Union, SC in the amount of \$699 provided contractor have documents in place and met requirements.

SECOND by Councilmember Henderson.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

D. MOTION – JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM

Chief White states that the South Carolina Department of Public Safety has awarded the Union Public Safety Department a grant through the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program in the amount of \$23,180 for a Criminal Justice Information and Reporting System. There is a 5% match that would be 1,220.

MOTION by Councilmember Henderson to accept the JAG money in the amount of \$23,180 with a 5% match.

SECOND by Councilmember Bailey.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

E. **ORDINANCE – 1ST READING – AMEND LOCAL PREFERENCE
OPTION ORDINANCE**

The local preference ordinance has been in place for several years. During that time many changes have been brought to light concerning this ordinance. Staff feels at this time that the ordinance needs to be amended to clean up any misunderstanding and to comply with Federal and State requirements.

MOTION by Councilmember Bailey to pass 1st reading of the ordinance.
SECOND by Councilmember Ruff.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. **ANNOUNCEMENT BY MAYOR & COUNCIL**

Mayor Pro Tem Henderson states that Council needs to take a look at the City's Animal Control Ordinance. The language regarding what kinds of animals are being controlled in the city is very vague right now.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

A. Please address the Mayor and Council from the lectern and state your name and address for the record. (Please limit your comments to 3-5 minutes)

None

7. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – TO DISCUSS LEGAL, CONTRACTURAL AND PERSONNEL MATTERS

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

SECOND by Councilmember Harris.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

SECOND by Councilmember Hill.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

No action taken.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION by Councilmember Bailey to adjourn.
SECOND by Councilmember Garner.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Council meeting adjourned at 7:44 P.M.

Gloria J. Rogers, Municipal Clerk

Minutes approved _____ 2010

