

**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 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 September 18, 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; Mike Petrie – Maintenance Shop Director and Walker Gallman – Finance Director.

NEWS MEDIA: Mike Stevens – WBCU Radio.

OTHERS: Everette Gallman, Olivia Henderson, Attorney John Tiencken 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**

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MOTION by Councilmember Harris to accept minutes as presented.

SECOND by Councilmember Thompson.

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 Hill.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. **Business**

- A. **ORDINANCE – 2ND READING – APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT 403 SOUTH CHURCH STREET & ALSO DEMOLISH OF STRUCTURES ON PROPERTY**

An ordinance to appropriate fiscal 2007-2008 monies from the general fund for the purchase of property at 403 South Church Street and demolition of property was presented to City Council for 2nd reading. City Council passed 1st reading of the ordinance at its September 18, 2007 meeting.

MOTION by Councilmember Thompson to pass 2nd reading of the ordinance.

SECOND by Councilmember Hill.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- B. **DISCUSSION/MOTION – SC DOT HWY. 215 AND OLD BUFFALO ROAD**

A request for removal of Section S-44-42 (Old Buffalo Road) from SC 215 to US 176/SC 215 (Duncan By Pass) approximately 0.14 miles was presented to City Council. The recommendation is to review documents and discuss the situation at Hwy. 215 and old Buffalo Road with regards to additional business coming to this area. SC DOT has requested the City of Union to accept transfer of ownership of old Buffalo Road from Hwy. 215 to Hwy. 176 into the City road system.

MOTION by Councilmember Thompson to table item until additional information is obtained the SC DOT.

SECOND by Councilmember Harris.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Mayor Morgan announced that the artist, Blue Sky, has begun work on the mural been painted on the back of the Keepsake Jewelers Building which is a part of the second phase of the Opportunity Grant.

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

MOTION by Councilmember Harris to go out of regular session into executive session to allow attorneys to give Council an update on a legal matter.

SECOND by Councilmember Thompson.

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.

7. **ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Council meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Gloria J. Rogers, Municipal Clerk

Minutes approved _____ 2007