

**MINUTES
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2009
10:00 AM**

{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).}

A special meeting was held on Tuesday, September 24, 2009 at 10:00 A.M. in the City Municipal building with the following present:

COUNCIL: Mayor Harold Thompson, Mayor Pro Tem Keith Henderson, Councilmembers Tommie Hill, Sr., Robert Garner, Ricky Todd Harris, Orangelow Ruff and Andy 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; Laura Hembree – Accounting Supervisor. Mike Petrie – Maintenance Shop Director was absent.

NEWS MEDIA: Graham Williams – Union Times and Steve Ramsey-WBCU.

OTHERS: Carol Mason McMeekin, Tommy Ford, Robbie Moody, Auvis Cole and Bonnie Ammons.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. BUSINESS

A. ORDINANCE – 2ND READING – TAX INCREMENT BOND, SERIES 2009.

City Council passed 1st reading of a Tax Increment Bond, Series 2009 Ordinance at its September 15, 2009 regular meeting.

MOTION by Councilmember Garner to pass 2nd reading of the Tax Increment Bond, Series 2009.

SECOND by Councilmember Bailey.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. AWARD BID – REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF ABESTOS FROM COCA-COLA BUILDING

The City of Union contracted the professional services of S&ME to perform an environmental analysis of the buildings located at 213 Thompson Blvd. which the City owns. Upon receiving the test results, a bid was prepared by J.L. Rogers & Callcott Engineers, Inc. to remove and

dispose of the asbestos on the property. A total of 4 bids were received at 2:00 pm on September 22, 2009. The apparent low bidder is Asbestos & Demolition of Columbia, SC in the amount of \$24,000.

MOTION by Councilmember Henderson to accept low bid from Asbestos & Demolition with demolition funds coming from the general fund.

SECOND by Councilmember Ruff.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. DISCUSSION/MOTION – DEMOLITION – COCA-COLA BUILDING
– 213 THOMPSON BLVD.

Mayor Thompson states that last week he asked each councilmember to go look at the Coca-Cola Building. Utility Director Joe Nichols states that all councilmembers had the opportunity to go by and visit the facility. Mr. Nichols states that it is council's decision on what they want to do with the building. Mr. Nichols states that originally the City had purchased the Coca-Cola Building in hopes of renovation to provide additional office space for public safety and a court room for municipal court. However it would not be cost efficient to renovate the building and the building is not listed on the historical register. Staff recommends demolition of the Coca-Cola building at an estimated cost of \$110,000 for demolition. Councilmember Henderson recommends employees help with some of the clean-up of the site once the asbestos is removed.

MOTION by Councilmember Garner to authorize staff to move forward with the demolition of the Coca-Cola building.

SECOND by Councilmember Hill.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

D. CHECK PRESENTATION – BUFFALO SEWER PROJECT –
PHASE II

Bonnie Ammons with the Department of Commerce presented a check in the amount of \$500,000 to the City of Union for the Buffalo Sewer Project – Phase II.

Councilmember Henderson request City staff to research to find out when the \$10 a month surcharge for Buffalo Water & Sewer customers comes off of bill.

Mayor Thompson states that staff will research his request.

3. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION by Councilmember Hill to adjourn.

SECOND by Councilmember Bailey.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Council meeting adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

Gloria J. Rogers, Municipal Clerk

Minutes Approved _____ 2009

