

**MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2008
6:00 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).}

A public hearing was held on Tuesday, February 19, 2008 at 6:00 P.M. in the City Municipal building with the following present:

COUNCIL: Mayor Bruce Morgan; Councilmembers Thompson, Ruff, Henderson and Harris. Councilmember Tommie L. Hill was absent due to attending a MEO Class in Columbia, S.C.

DEPARTMENTAL STAFF: Gloria Rogers – Municipal Clerk/Personnel Director and Jeff Lawson, CBO MCP-Building Official.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Charles Barber - Chairman, Kristina Sommer, Bobby Jo Gibbs and Oscar R. Gist, Sr. Lynn Eaves-Vice Chairman was absent.

NEWS MEDIA: Steve Ramsey – WCBU Radio

OTHERS: Beatrice Rice, Dorothy B. Neal, Mary B. Norman, Manning Jeter, Annie Jeter, Bennie Mae Jeter, Lewis Jeter, Jr., Mamie Jeter-Holmes, Oscar R. Gist, Sr., Mary E. Johnson, and Katherine Pendergrass.

A. Call To Order

1. Mayor Morgan called the meeting to order.

B. Business

1. Hearing Concerning Ordinance Amending The Zoning Ordinance Of The City of Union By Rezoning A Parcel Of Property From R-6 Residential To A-2 Highway Commercial Located At 413 South Church Street

Building Official Jeff Lawson discussed the purpose of the Public Hearing. At their Council Meeting held on July 19, 2005, City Council approved the recommendation from the City Planning Commission to deny a request from the owner of the property located at 413 South Church Street. The request was to rezone the property from R-6 Residential to A-2 Highway Commercial. The owner of the property is making another request for the rezoning of his property. The property is adjacent to property which is already zoned A-2 Highway Commercial.

Mayor Morgan asked if there was anyone who would like to speak in favor of the rezoning.

Mr. Paul Gene Kirby, owner the property located at 413 South Church Street spoke in favor of the property being rezoned from R-6 Residential to A-2 Highway Commercial. He states that he wants to do something positive with the property for the city, as well as for himself. He asked that his property be rezoned.

Mayor Morgan asked if there was anyone who would like to speak in opposition of the rezoning.

Mrs. Beatrice Rice, 107 Goings Lane, spoke in opposition of the property being rezoned from R-6 Residential to A-2 Highway Commercial. Mrs. Rice states that she is trying to revitalize her property and she feels that rezoning the property will decrease the value of her property because the property owner is storing old cars, trucks, tires and an old cement mixer on his property. The property line at 413 South Church Street is adjacent to her property.

Mr. Manning Jeter, 409 South Church Street, spoke in opposition of the property being rezoned from R-6 Residential to A-2 Highway Commercial. Mr. Jeter states that the property has not been cleaned up at 413 South Church Street since Mrs. Kirby requested rezoning of this property two years ago. Mr. Jeter states that the property is an eyesore in the neighborhood. He is requesting that the property not be rezoned.

The Planning Commission will review the rezoning request and submit their recommendation at tonight's regular council meeting.

Public hearing adjourned at 6:17 P.M.

Gloria J. Rogers, Municipal Clerk

Minutes approved _____ 2008