

Union Point City Council Minutes
DRAFT - Monthly Meeting – May 12, 2020 – 6 p.m.
Four Room School House – 211 Veazey Street, Union Point, GA

Attendees: Mayor Lanier Rhodes **Council Members:** Wayne Brown, John Rhodes, Sally Boswell, Mary Mundy and Dawn Clifton, Mayor Pro-Tem Jimmy Scott
Others: City Clerk Becky Cronic and Attorney Joe Reitman

Mayor Lanier Rhodes called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and opened the meeting with prayer. A quorum was present. **NOTE:** There was no meeting in April due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

A motion was made by Council Member Rhodes to approve the agenda; seconded by Council Member Boswell. Opportunity for discussion. Motion unanimously passed.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Scott to accept the minutes presented from the March 10, 2020 council meeting; seconded by Council Member Mundy. Opportunity for discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Legal Matters: Attorney Reitman reported that the nuisance case between the City of Union Point vs. Willie Calvin, 101 South Rhodes Street, was now on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the Governor's Order to extend appeals until June. Mr. Calvin has made an appeal since the hearing in March to Magistrate Court even though the Judge ruled in favor of the City. Further updates after the waiting period is lifted. Attorney Reitman reported that both easements for the Fire Fly Trail have been approved and the last one is being recorded upon final signatures. A first reading was also presented to the Council for a fence ordinance recommended by Union Point's building official.

Clerk's report – Becky Cronic gave a brief overview of her report that was included in the council packet. A financial report was also included for FY2020's second quarter. A brief review of the recent code enforcement meeting Clerk Cronic had with Bureau Veritas was also shared during this time. Letters regarding compliance to the City's ordinance (Section 46-2 – Weeds and grass) will be mailed out after Bureau Veritas comes down to cite the locations determined by the City.

Unfinished business: Scott Tolleson with the Gas Authority reported on the recent approval of the Tri-County Authority and the advantages this will have. A revised Tri-County Authority Resolution was presented for the council to sign. All changes were discussed, and Mayor Rhodes called for a motion to approve the revised document. **A motion** was made by Council Member Dawn Clifton to approve the revised Tri-County Authority Consolidation Resolution; motion seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Scott. Opportunity for discussion. Motion unanimously passed.

Becky Cronic noted for information that the City's COVID-19 Resolution was voted on unanimously via email on March 26, 2020. The Resolution related to the recent pandemic and Governor's Orders was posted on the front of City Hall and on the Union Point website.

Mayor Rhodes reported that the Sheriff's Office is working with Human Resources at the County Office on a proposed IGA for law enforcement. He anticipates having a draft by the June meeting.

New Business: Tri-County Gas has approved to run gas lines to the Harrison Poultry Plant in Crawfordville. This project will need to be financed by both Greensboro and Union Point owners of Tri-County. Each entity will finance \$2.7 million towards the construction loan and Tri-County will make the payments. Upon Tri-County Natural Gas Authority passing through legislature, the project will then be refinanced in the Authority's name.

A motion was made by Council Member Clifton to allow the Mayor and Clerk to process documentation with a letter of intent for borrowing \$2.7 million for the Harrison Poultry project in Crawfordville, GA. Seconded by Council Member Mundy. Opportunity for discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Boswell to allow the Mayor and Clerk to proceed with signing documents for the financing of \$2.7 million dollars through Farmers & Merchants Bank, Washington, Georgia at a rate of 2.5% for fifteen years for the Tri-County Natural Gas project to Crawfordville. Motion seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Scott. Opportunity for discussion. Motion unanimously passed.

Union Point has two representatives who serve on the Greene County Development Authority. One of the current representative's term will expire on June 30, 2020. **A motion was made** by Councilmember Boswell to appoint Dee Lindsey as Union Point's representative for the next four-year term to replace Wayne Jackson whose term will expire June 30, 2020. Motion seconded by Council Member Rhodes. Opportunity for discussion. Mayor Rhodes noted that he had contacted Mr. Lindsey when his name was nominated as a candidate for appointment. Mr. Lindsey stated that he would be willing to serve on the Authority as Union Point's representative. Council Member Boswell asked if Mr. Lindsey had served in the past which he has not. Motion unanimously passed.

Department Reports: David Stephens was not at the meeting however it was noted that the new backhoe for the Public Works department had been delivered. Mayor Rhodes shared that the Water Plant project is moving forward and that interim financing proposals have been submitted. The best rate and proposal for the construction loan was submitted by Farmers & Merchants Bank at 2.5%. **A motion was made** by Council Member Scott to accept the proposal from Farmers & Merchants Bank at 2.5% for the interim financing of the construction loan for the water plant project. Motion seconded by Council Member Clifton. Opportunity for discussion. It was noted by the City Clerk that the term would be for 14 months. Motion passed unanimously.

Other: Council Member Rhodes shared that he had applied for several grants for the basketball park and would report back when he had updates. Council Member Mundy shared that residents on Summer Hill had asked that she share their concerns about the potholes and road repairs that are needed in their neighborhood. The Mayor gave a background of why this area continues to need repairs and will talk with the road department about patching the road. It was also noted that during the COVID-19 pandemic that the basketball goal rims had been removed at the Barnes Street Park and would not be replaced until the end of June.

Public Comments: None at this time.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. by Council Member Rhodes; seconded by Council Member Mundy. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Rhodes closed the meeting with a prayer.

Mayor

City Clerk

Date