

Union Point City Council Minutes
Monthly Meeting – September 8, 2020 – 6 p.m.
Four Room School House – 211 Veazey Street, Union Point, GA

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

Mayor Lanier Rhodes called the September meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and opened the meeting with prayer. A quorum was present.

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

A motion was made by Council Member Clifton to accept the minutes presented from the August 11, 2020 council meeting; seconded by Council Member Mundy. Opportunity for discussion. Motion passed unanimously. A motion was made to approve the minutes from the Special Called meeting on August 27th by Council Member Boswell; seconded by Council Member Clifton. Opportunity for discussion. Motion passed with Council Members Clifton, Mundy, Boswell, and Scott approving; Council Member Brown abstained.

Legal Matters: Attorney Reitman was not able to attend.

DDA Report: Jill Rhodes reported on behalf of the Downtown Development Authority. It was noted that the fountain pump in the park was being replaced due to the pump that was recently installed being the wrong size for the commercial type fountain. She also reported that newcomer bags were being developed for new property owners and that DDA planned to work on business incentive packets soon as well. Over \$5000 in sponsorships had been raised for the Junction Jog taking place on September 26th.

The Fluker building on Sibley Avenue is under renovation by new owner Dexter Jackson. Jill gave a brief update on the Hawthorn Heights property which is still under foreclosure proceedings. The Mayor asked that the council note any other buildings/sites that they felt were in non-compliance to be discussed at the next meeting.

Clerk's report – Becky Cronic included a copy of her report in the council member packets.

The CARES ACT Funding issued by the Federal and State funding systems allocated \$99,408 to the City of Union Point for any purchases and unexpected expenditures related to COVID-19. The State of Georgia CARES Act funding reimbursements were due by September 1, 2020. The City submitted \$68,956.65 in expenses related to COVID-19. The fund reimbursements were for PPE Equipment, thermometers, sanitizing stations, payroll and benefits for employees quarantined during the specified time, and a truck for the Public Works Department for employees to be better separated during their duties at work.

The Clerk suggested that the City consider removing lettering from one of the police cars for potential use by City employees who may need to travel during the year. Clerk will investigate the cost savings and the cost of removing the lettering and report back at a future meeting.

Fire Fly Groundbreaking is scheduled for Friday, September 11th at noon in front of Greene County Primary School on Hwy 77 North. All are encouraged to attend.

Unfinished business:

A Resolution for the CARES ACT Funding was submitted in August however was not presented due further information that was to be forthcoming. **A motion was made by** Council Member Scott to approve the CARES ACT Funding Resolution for the City of Union Point. Motion seconded by Council Member Boswell. Opportunity for discussion. Motion passed 4-1 with Council Members Clifton, Mundy, Scott, and Boswell approving and Council Member Brown opposing.

New Business:

A motion was made by Council Member Boswell to approve the 2020 rollback Millage Rate at 8.838 mills for the City of Union Point; seconded by Council Member Mundy. Opportunity for discussion. It was noted that this rate will generate \$172,770 for the year. Motion unanimously passed. **A motion was made** by Council Member Clifton to approve the 2020 Millage Rate Ordinance for the City of Union Point; seconded by Council Member Boswell. Opportunity for discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

A copy of the General Fund, Water and Sewer, and Natural Gas for Union Point was presented to the Council for review. A Public Hearing will be held on September 29th at 5 p.m. for the proposed 2021 FY budget. This will be properly advertised in advance for Public Participation.

Department Reports:

Council Member Mundy reported that the date for the Christmas Parade is slated for December 12th. Applications will be available at City Hall.

Council Member Clifton is seeking landscaping ideas for the Greenlawn Cemetery.

Fire Department: Estimates are being requested for new floors and for siding or other alternative exterior options for the safety building.

Public Comments: None.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. by Council Member Clifton; seconded by Council Member Mundy. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Rhodes closed the meeting with a prayer.

Mayor

City Clerk

Date