Union Point City Council Meeting
DRAFT - Minutes – October 13, 2026 – 6 p.m.
Four Room School House – 211 Veazey Street, Union Point, GA

Attendees: Mayor Lanier Rhodes **Council Members**: Jim Scott, Sally Boswell, William Harris, Jr., Teneisha Pinkney, and Mary Mundy **Absent:** Kaylin Johnson **Others:** Attorney Joe Reitman and City Clerk Becky Cronic

Mayor Lanier Rhodes called the October 13, 2026, 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 Harris to approve the agenda for the October 13, 2026, meeting. Motion was seconded by Council Member Boswell. Opportunity for discussion. The motion unanimously passed.

A motion was made by Council Member Mundy to approve the minutes of the September 2026 meeting. Seconded by Council Member Boswell. Opportunity for discussion. The motion unanimously passed.

Public Hearing: Mayor Rhodes opened the Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing the recommended revisions to Article VII, VIII, IX, and X of Appendix A Zoning Ordinances of the City of Union Point's Code of Ordinances. Building and Zoning Official, Hal Chitwood, presented the recommended revisions to the articles noted in the zoning ordinances. It was noted that a moratorium was in effect until after the revisions were approved. Two readings of the ordinance at a public meeting are required before council may approve revisions, therefore the second reading will be presented and approved or denied at the November meeting. After all revisions were read, Mayor Rhodes asked if anyone present wanted to speak in favor of the revisions. No one commented. Mayor Rhodes asked if anyone present wanted to speak in opposition to the revisions. No one commented. Mayor Rhodes closed the Public Hearing.

Downtown Development Authority (DDA): Sherley Selman, DDA Volunteer, reported on the annual Junction Jamboree Jog that was held on September 26th. There were approximately 110 individuals who participated in the race that included a 5K, 10K, and 10-mile race. Sherley thanked all the sponsors and encouraged all to participate in futures races.

Legal Matters: Attorney Reitman will report under Old Business.

Clerk's Report: Clerk Cronic gave a brief update on the renewal of the employee life and health benefit plan. Open enrollment is through November 15, 2026. New annual premiums begin in January 2027 and will be $11,964.36 per employee. With less than 20 employees, health insurance is a challenge to get better quotes than through GMA. Dental and Vision are also offered through GMA and paid for by the employees if they want the benefit.
Clerk Cronic distributed the e-filing instructions via Peachfile to the council members. Council Members have filing responsibilities annually for ethics reporting. In the past the City Clerk managed the filing, however due to state changes, each council member will begin in January 2027 filing individually with their own account in the Peachfile Program.
Clerk Cronic reported that the FY2023 Annual Audit has been submitted to the State Department and she is working on FY2024's reporting. FY2024 is expected to be completed by the end of December 2026.
The Clerk also reported that road improvements were underway with resurfacing, paving, and patching of various streets within the city limits. All capital improvements and safety transportation improvements are funded with T-SPLOST revenue. This project costs just over $500,000.

Old Business:
Attorney Reitman addressed the Amended Noise Ordinance which required a second reading as authorized by the Union Point City Charter. The first reading of the ordinance with revisions was approved at the September council meeting. **A motion was made** to adopt the amendments to Section 50-31 – Noise Regulations within the City's Code of Ordinance by Council Member Pinkney. Motion seconded by Council Member Mundy. Opportunity for discussion. Motion unanimously passed.
Revised Zoning Ordinances: Public Hearing held earlier on this date**: A motion was made by** Council Member Boswell to approve the first reading of the revised Articles VII, VIII, IX, and X of Appendix A Zoning Ordinances of the City's Code. Motion seconded by Council Member Scott. Opportunity for discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

General Fund Budget 2027: A **motion was made** by Council Member Harris to adopt the FY2027 General Fund budget as presented with Revenues and Expenditures balancing at $1,369,745. Motion was seconded by Council Member Pinkney. Opportunity for discussion. It was noted that the revenue budgeted for FY27 recreational revenue was lower than in the past years. This is due to fewer rental opportunities and contributions anticipated for recreational facilities (gym, ballfield, donations to the trail projects). The motion unanimously passed. **A motion was made** by Council Member Boswell to approve the Water/Sewer FY27 Budget as information. Seconded by Council Member Mundy. Opportunity for discussion. Motion unanimously passed.

New Rates for Water and Sewer Tap fees – this item was tabled until further details could be gathered.

Department Reports:

Animal Control Officer Wright was not in attendance. Council Member Mundy reported that the annual Trunk or Treat will be held at the Fire Dept. 4-7pm on October 31st at the Fire Department. Donations for candy or prizes are being accepted, and all are encouraged to participate by decorating their cars at the event. The Flame Team Volunteers are organizing the event. Council Member Mundy noted that the Christmas Parade is scheduled for December 12th.

Public Comment: George Citron commented by thanking the Mayor and Council for their efforts and for the work they do for the city. Council Member Boswell commented on the continued litter issue the city has. She encouraged everyone to assist with educating the community not to throw out trash along the roadways.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm by Council Member Boswell. Motion was seconded by Council Member Pinkney. Opportunity for discussion. Motion unanimously passed.

Mayor Rhodes closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Mayor Clerk Date