

Union Point City Council Minutes
Monthly Meeting – January 14, 2020 – 6 p.m.
Four Room School House – 211 Veazey Street, Union Point, GA

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

Mayor Lanier Rhodes called the 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 Clifton to approve the agenda; seconded by Council Member Scott. Opportunity for discussion. Motion unanimously passed.

A motion was made by Council Member Clifton to accept the minutes presented from the December 10, 2019 council meeting with minor corrections noted; seconded by Council Member Mundy. Opportunity for discussion. Motion passed with Council Members Boswell, Rhodes, Clifton, Scott, and Mundy approving and Council Member Brown abstaining.

Legal Matters: Attorney Reitman was unable to attend.

Downtown Development Authority Matters: Jill Rhodes gave a brief report on the DDA and stated that they will have a more detailed report next month with activities for the spring. She reported that the Fire Fly trail was moving forward with engineer Justin Echols working on the design plans.

Planning and Zoning – Hal Chitwood with Bureau Veritas submitted a report on the status of the 101 South Rhodes Street site that is in violation of several building/code enforcement ordinances. A motion was made by Council Member Clifton to take this property violation to court and move forward with further action. Seconded by Council Member Rhodes. Opportunity for discussion. Motion unanimously passed.

Clerk's report was presented by Becky Cronic. A Revenue and Expense Report was distributed as information reflecting the first two months of FY2020. Clerk Cronic also reported the City had recently been recertified as a City of Ethics. Full copy of monthly Clerk's report will be filed with the minutes.

Unfinished business: Clerk Cronic reported that the ad for the three 2017 Police vehicles had been placed and that bids are due by January 24th.

A motion was made by Council Member Scott to approve the amendment to the building code ordinance reflecting that the International Property Maintenance Code be integrated with provisions of Section 18-31 of Union Point's building code; seconded by Council Member Clifton. Opportunity for discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Clerk Cronic noted that the surplus property advertised on GovDeals including the 1987 Ford Fire Truck and the 2008 Crown Victoria had expired. The 1987 truck sold for \$2430 and the Crown Vic had no bids. The Crown Vic will be sold as scrap due to no sale.

New Business:

A motion was made by Council Member Boswell to approve the Greene County Statewide Mutual Aid Assistance Agreement; seconded by Council Member Clifton. Opportunity for discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Rhodes stated that Judge Pete Rice had resigned from his position as Municipal Court Judge. **A motion was made** by Council Member Boswell to offer the Municipal Court Judge position to Attorney David Kopp for the City of Union Point. Seconded by Council Member Mundy. Opportunity for discussion. Council Members Boswell, Rhodes, Scott, Clifton, and Mundy in favor; Council Member Brown opposed.

Mayor Rhodes reported that a local business owner had inquired about using the ballfields on Sunday afternoons for soccer. He would like to give a contribution to the City for allowing him to do so. A motion was made to enter into an agreement relieving the City of liability with Al Tirado (Al's Roofing) to allow him to use the ballfields in Union Point for \$200 a month on Sundays after 12:00 p.m. Seconded by Council Member Mundy. Opportunity for discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Committee/Other Department Reports: It was noted that the cemetery shrubs at Greenlawn could use trimming. It was also noted that Public Works needs additional equipment and bids need to be gathered for a dump truck and backhoe.

Public Comments: Jan Brazier commented that it might be a good idea to use the funds that Mr. Tirado contributes for the potential walking trail around the ball park that is on the future horizon. Council Member Boswell noted that a picture of a flooded yard (property belonging to Mr. George Gibson) would be in the newspaper this week and it would be related to Union Point and improper drainage in the City. Council Member Mundy thanked those for assisting with the Christmas Parade and agreed to chair the parade for next year.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. by Council Member Boswell; seconded by Council Member Clifton. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Rhodes closed the meeting with a prayer.

Mayor

City Clerk

Date