

**Union Point City Council Minutes**  
**Monthly Meeting – March 12, 2019 – 6 p.m.**  
**Four Room School House – 211 Veazey Street, Union Point, GA**

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

Mayor Lanier Rhodes called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. and opened the meeting with prayer. A quorum was present and Mayor Rhodes called for approval of the minutes from the February 12, 2019 meeting. A motion was made by Council Member Brown to approve the minutes from the February 12<sup>th</sup> council meeting; seconded by Council Member Clifton. Motion unanimously passed.

A motion was made by Council Member Boswell to accept the Agenda for the meeting as presented; seconded by Council Member Mundy. Motion passed unanimously.

**Legal Matters/Unfinished Business:** Attorney Reitman updated the council on the recent research he had done on the property for the DDA and Firefly Trail located on Hwy 77 North and Carlton Avenue. He recommended that the best way for the City to get title access to the property is to have a “bounded by survey” created. The Georgia Railroad has abandoned the property and GDOT reported they only maintain the state highway right-of-way. A motion was made by Council Member Clifton to allow Attorney Reitman draw up a bounded by survey for the property from GDOT to the City of Union Point and a bounded by survey from the City of Union Point to the Union Point Downtown Development Authority. Motion seconded by Mary Mundy. Motion passed unanimously.

Attorney Reitman reported that he had submitted the draft Tri-County Consolidation partnership agreement to Greensboro’s attorney for review. He will report on the agreement after hearing back from Greensboro.

**DDA Matters:** Dee Lhowe reported on behalf of the DDA and gave an update on the construction of the wall at the Theater. It has been completed and she thanked the Chief for getting community service to handle the labor on the construction. She also reported that volunteers are scheduled to host a booth for the Firefly Trail at The Big Event on 3/16/2019 near Lake Oconee. Ticket to Ride will be held on 3/23/2019 and two bicycles will be raffled off during the event. DDA also continues to work on the Sibley building where a restroom and office space are being constructed within the building.

**Police Matters:** Chief Cash invited Officer Kevin Malloy to introduce himself to the Council and Mayor. Chief presented his monthly report to the council and he requested more information on the most recent Service Delivery Strategy Agreement with Greene County 911 Dispatch office stating that he had not seen any changes in the way services had been handled. Mayor Rhodes shared that he and the Clerk would look into clarifying the services. Chief Cash reported that he had a concern with the current municipal court cases that there is not a clear path with code-enforcement and Judge Rice on nuisance cases. Attorney Reitman will look into this and follow-up on Judge Rice’s potential conflicts.

Chief Cash reported that he would like to sell the Dodge Charger police car on Gov Deals since the car is no longer of use to the Police Department. Attorney Reitman advised that he would submit an agreement to Chief Cash pertaining to the sale of the car due to it being valued at more than \$500. A motion was made by Council Member Brown to allow the car to be listed for sale on Gov Deals due to it no longer being of use to the City of Union Point. Motion seconded by Council Member Mundy. Motion passed unanimously.

Chief Cash reported that 28 dogs were spade or neutered on March 11<sup>th</sup> at the Circle of Friends mobile event at the former Dollar General parking lot in Union Point. They would like to host another day and will contact Chief in the future. The City of Woodville has requested that Union Point's Animal Control assist them on an as needed bases. Mayor Phil Brock stated that Woodville is willing to pay for the assistance. Mayor Rhodes stated that he supports this effort and would like that the two cities consider forming an intergovernmental agreement on this matter.

**Clerk's report:** Becky Cronic presented a draft Take Home Car policy for the Police Department that will be submitted within the current Police Department policies for vehicles. The council was asked to review the policy and it will be considered at the April meeting for adoption. The Clerk's report highlighted clean-up week slated for May, a report from the Greene County Development Authority/Economic Development Director, and Arbor Day. Union Point has also been awarded an application to apply for a matching grant (30%) from GDOT in the amount of \$8,000 for improving road signage and road striping within the City Limits. A motion was made by Council Member Boswell to allow the Clerk to proceed with the application and authorize Union Point to pay the \$2,400 (30%) match required for improving the streets. Motion seconded by Council Member Clifton. Motion passed unanimously.

**Unfinished Business:** Mayor Rhodes reported that the GMA Conference would be held in June. Those attending this year's conference due to schedules will be Council Members Clifton and Mundy, Clerk Cronic, and Mayor Rhodes.

Mayor Rhodes presented an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Magistrate Court that is in effect through December 2020. A motion was made by Council Member Boswell that the City of Union Point enter the agreement based on one third support of the Magistrate Court along with the City of Greensboro and Greene County with each paying \$3,000. Motion seconded by Council Member Rhodes. Motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Rhodes gave an update on the status of the new outdoor park on the corner of Barnes Street and Crawfordville Road. Clearing has begun due to the work from volunteers with McGhee's Tree Service and the City Public Works Department. Council Member Rhodes reported that a volunteer has also submitted, and will be submitting grant applications for the project. An estimated \$100,000 is being applied for. Volunteers are in place to set-up and provide the material for forming the foundation for the concrete slab for the basketball court and an estimate for the concrete needed to complete the court is around \$5,000. A motion was made by Council Member Brown to authorize the City to execute up to \$6,000 for the cost of phase one of the project until grant funds are received. Motion seconded by Council Member Mundy. Motion passed unanimously.

**New Business:**

Mayor Rhodes presented the updated Hazard Mitigation plan and Resolution that is updated every five years. A motion was made by Council Member Brown to approve the plan and resolution on behalf of the City of Union Point. Motion seconded by Council Member Clifton. Motion passed unanimously.

Clerk Cronin presented an intergovernmental agreement with Greene County in regards to Elections for future elections. Currently the City of Union Point conducts its own elections. The current voting equipment that the City owns is now obsolete and many changes are forthcoming with the rules, training, and regulations for holding elections. Mayor Rhodes asked that the council take the IGA and review it and we would revisit it at a later date.

**Emergency Shelters:** Council Member Clifton gave a brief overview of concerns for an emergency shelter during severe weather. She noted that she had been contacted by a resident in regards to this concern. She contacted the local churches and found that they would all be supportive of being on standby to assist with shelter in emergency situations as they each have basements/fellowship areas that would be feasible. Communicating that these facilities are available will be a continuous process. Plans are to notate this in monthly billing, news articles, and notices in the lobby at City Hall.

**Public Comments:** Dee Lhowe shared that she appreciated the efforts that are being taken on the new park for the kids. Jill Rhodes also noted that inserting notices in the utility bills each month would be a good way to spread the news about the emergency shelters.

**Committee Reports:** Council Member Brown reported on behalf of the Equipment Committee. He has been talking with David Stephens, Public Works Director, in regards to much of the worn out equipment they are currently using. Most of the equipment is over ten years old. He has an estimate on both purchasing and leasing mowers and has one more that will be forthcoming. Councilman Brown will report further on equipment at the next meeting. Council Member Brown also shared that he felt additional office staff would be a plus in the near future.

Council Member Mary Mundy reported on behalf of the Pension's committee and shared that she would be reviewing the GMA Retirement plan and the 401A plan and be meeting with the Clerk to make recommending changes on the plans.

A motion was made to move into Executive Session by Council Member Mundy; seconded by Council Member Rhodes. Motion passed. A motion was made to move into regular session by Council Member Boswell; seconded by Council Member Mundy. No further business, a motion was made by Council Member Boswell to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Council Member Clifton. Motion unanimously passed.

Mayor Rhodes ended the meeting with a prayer.

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City Clerk

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