

Union Point City Council Minutes
Monthly Meeting – April 9, 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, John Rhodes;
Attorney Joe Reitman and City Clerk Becky Cronic Absent: Mary Mundy

Mayor Lanier Rhodes called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and opened the meeting with prayer. A quorum was present and Mayor Rhodes called for approval of the minutes from the March 12, 2019 meeting. A **motion** was made by Council Member Scott to approve the minutes from the March 12th council meeting; seconded by Council Member Brown. Motion unanimously passed.

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

Legal Matters: Attorney Reitman presented a “bounded by deed” created for the property located between Hwy 77 North and Carlton Avenue for the purposes of deeding the abandoned property for the Firefly Trail project that lies within the City of Union Point to the Downtown Development Authority. A **motion** was made by Council Member Brown to approve deeding the property from the City of Union Point to the Union Point Downtown Development Authority. Motion seconded by Council Member Clifton. Motion passed unanimously.

Attorney Reitman updated the council on the easement progress in front of Union Point STEAM Academy for the Firefly Trail. This easement process will be complete upon the Board of Education approving final drawings from the project’s engineering firm.

Attorney Reitman shared that he had received a letter and contract just prior to the council meeting from the Firefly Trail, Inc. on behalf of W&A Engineering firm in regards to the Union Point model mile project that included a summary of fees, process of project, etc. A **motion** was made by Council Member Brown to approve the contract for the Union Point Model Mile Firefly Trail project from Williams & Associates subject to review by the Attorney, Mayor and Clerk to satisfy all fees and guidelines; seconded by Council Member Clifton. Motion passed unanimously.

The new water treatment facility funding is on schedule. Attorney Reitman advised that the engineering firm has not completed their part of the agreement to date. Mayor Rhodes agreed to contact the engineer to find out why the delay. A **motion** was made by Council Member Boswell to move forward with the new water plant project and funding resources as stated in the letter of conditions from USDA; seconded by Council Member Clifton. Motion passed unanimously.

No new update on the Tri-County Gas consolidation.

DDA Matters: Sherley Selman reported that the Ticket To Ride event profited around \$4,000. The bike raffles are not complete, but sales are going well. All funds from the event are going towards the Firefly Trail project. The next event to assist with funding towards Union Point’s commitment to the Firefly Trail will be a concert on August 16th at Festival Hall in Greensboro.

Police Matters: Chief Cash reported on recent Animal Control activity and will be working with Attorney Reitman to finalize an Intergovernmental Agreement with Woodville for Animal Control. Chief reported that the surplus vehicle sold for \$2,285. Funds will go to the general fund to offset code enforcement.

Chief Cash gave an update on the burned homes that have partial structures still remaining on sites. He is working with property owners/municipal court to have them torn down.

Clerk's report: Becky Cronic presented a list of properties that the City of Union Point owns and recommended to the Council that they consider selling the lot located at 1006 Watson Avenue. **A motion** was made by Council Member Clifton to allow the Clerk to properly advertise and sell the property via sealed bids; motion seconded by Council Member Rhodes. Motion passed unanimously.

The City will host a Clean-Up Week the week of May 13th – 19th and pay for a roll-off dumpster located at the Public Safety building for the week. **A motion** was made by Council Member Clifton to place a dumpster for tires at the Public Safety building along with the roll-off dumpster that is already slated to be on site; motion seconded by Council Member Brown. Motion passed unanimously.

Greene County Commissioners sent a letter forwarding the entire in-kind funding submitted to Greene County on behalf of Firefly Inc. to the City of Union Point for the model mile project. Total amount of in-kind funds for the project is \$16,667.

The Clerk presented a quote for the City's renewal insurance from the Boswell Group in the amount of \$48,537. Clerk is awaiting a quote from GMA and the Junction Agency in addition to the Boswell Group's quote. **A motion** was made by Council Member Brown to authorize the Clerk and Mayor to make final decision on the insurance upon reviewing other two quotes; seconded by Council Member Boswell.

Unfinished Business: None at this time.

New Business:

Becky Cronic presented a renewal agreement between the City of Union Point and Consultant Yolanda Callaway for Municipal Court. **A motion** was made by Council Member Boswell to approve the consulting agreement to include \$400 per month compensation retroactive to January 8, 2019; seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Scott. Motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Brown asked that the Council consider sponsoring the August 16th event supporting the Firefly Trail. Mayor Rhodes asked if he would like to make a motion for this consideration. **A motion** was made by Council Member Brown that the City of Union Point be a \$2500 Platinum Sponsor for the August 2019 concert featuring "The Return" band. Motion was seconded by Council Member Rhodes. Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports: Council Member Rhodes gave an update on the Barnes Street Park. Progress has been completed on clearing the lot. Basketball goals, backboards, and post have been ordered. The concrete for the ball court will be formed and poured in the next few weeks. A "not responsible" sign on behalf of the City of Union Point is being reviewed and will be posted upon the Attorney's recommendation. Council Member Rhodes stated that grant funds had not come in yet. He noted that in addition to the \$6,000 that was authorized by the Council last

month to move forward with the project, there is an additional \$800 needed to complete the current phase. **A motion** was made by Council Member Boswell to approve up to an additional \$1,000 for the outdoor park development; funds will be reimbursed upon receiving grant funds. Motion seconded by Council Member Brown. Motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Clifton noted that the cemetery committee was continuing to monitor the cemetery property and looking at landscaping opportunities for the future.

Council Member Boswell asked about the grass growing over the sidewalks. Mayor Rhodes noted that it was the city's responsibility to maintain the ditches and sidewalks in the residential areas unless the property owner wants to maintain the area in front of their homes/businesses.

Public Comments: Chief Cash commented that this May marks the 40th anniversary of the death of former Union Point Police Officer Thomas Rowery. He would like to see the City consider recognizing this date in some manner. Jan Brazier commented that a playground in the new park would be a nice addition.

No further business, a motion was made by Council Member Boswell to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Council Member Brown. Motion unanimously passed.

Mayor Rhodes ended the meeting. Council Member Clifton closed with a prayer.

Mayor

City Clerk

Date