

Union Point City Council Minutes
Monthly Meeting –September 10, 2019 – 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
Attorney Joe Reitman and City Clerk Becky Cronic
Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Jimmy Scott & Council Member 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.

PUBLIC HEARING – Mayor Rhodes called the Public Hearing to order. Purpose of the Hearing was for use of a conditional use permit for a mobile home at 1104 Watson Avenue. There were no individuals present to speak in opposition of the permit. Speaking in favor and requesting the permit was Sequena Moon. She requested that her uncle be allowed to place a mobile home of the parcel that she owns. All application documents have been received by the City. Opportunity for discussion – none. Mayor Rhodes thanked Ms. Moon for coming and the Public Hearing was closed.

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

Mayor Rhodes made a proclamation presentation to Professor Joseph Norman and students from the Lamar Dodd School of Art with the University of Georgia for the artwork they painted over the summer in Union Point. Mr. Norman and the students gave a brief presentation of their artwork before leaving the meeting.

A **motion** was made by Council Member Brown to accept the minutes presented from the August 13, 2019 council meeting; seconded by Council Member Clifton. Opportunity for discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

A **motion** was made to accept the minutes from the called meeting held on August 27, 2019 by Council Member Clifton. Seconded by Council Member Rhodes. Opportunity for discussion. Motion unanimously passed.

Legal Matters: Attorney Reitman was not able to attend the meeting due to a prior commitment.

Downtown Development Authority Matters: Treasurer Joyce Heffner gave the financial report for DDA and the Firefly Trail accounts. Sherley Selman reported on behalf of DDA in regards to the upcoming 5k Race on September 28th.

Police Matters: Chief Cash reported on two properties that have been in court due to code enforcement. Both structures at 806 Crawfordville Road and 101 South Rhodes Street will come under the City's authority within the next two weeks as to how they will be removed from parcels.

Clerk's report: Clerk Becky Cronic distributed a report to the Council prior to the meeting and highlighted several bullet points. A copy of the report will be filed with the minutes.

Old/Unfinished Business: 30 and Out Plan for retirement was discussed and a decision will be made prior to January 1 based on the budget review taking place in the next few weeks.

New Business: A motion was made to recertify the City of Union Point as a City of Ethics through GMA by Council Member Boswell; seconded by Council Member Clifton. Opportunity for discussion. Motion unanimously approved. A resolution was signed by the Mayor and Council to submit to GMA for this certification.

It was noted that there would be a called Work Session at City Hall within the next two weeks to review the budget for 2020. It was also noted that DOT had been contacted about a dead tree at the corner of Universal Drive and Lamb Avenue.

Let it be noted that a vote was taken via phone on September 12 to approve the conditional use permit for Sequena Moon. All four members in attendance at the September 10th meeting were in favor of granting the permit.

Committee/Other Department Reports: None at this time. Mayor Rhodes did note that there is a need for Natural Gas at the new water plant that is slated to begin in 2020. Cost to run the gas lines out to the location will be around \$20,000 due to going under railroad. This cost will be offset with grant and funding for the water plant.

Public Comments: Jill Rhodes commented that the DDA would be joining the Trunk or Treat event on October 26th with the Volunteer Fire Department. She encouraged all to help with the fun event. Joyce Heffner commented and clarified her Fire Fly Trail fund report.

No further business, a **motion** was made to exit Regular Session and enter Executive Session by Council Member Rhodes; seconded by Council Member Brown. Opportunity for discussion. Motion unanimously passed. **Motion** was made to amend the motion to exit Regular Session and enter Executive Session for the purpose to discuss personnel by Council Member Rhodes seconded by Council Member Brown. Opportunity for discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

A **motion** was made by Council Member Boswell to exit Executive Session and enter Regular Session; seconded by Council Member Brown. Opportunity for discussion. Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made to adjourn regular session at 7:20 p.m. by Council Member Brown; seconded by Council Member Clifton. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Rhodes closed the meeting with a prayer.

Mayor

City Clerk

Date