

**Union Point City Council Minutes**  
**Monthly Meeting – November 12, 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 and Mayor Pro-Tem Jimmy Scott. **Others:** Attorney Joe Reitman and City Clerk Becky Cronic

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 Boswell to approve the agenda for meeting; seconded by Council Member Clifton. Opportunity for discussion. Motion unanimously passed.

**A motion was made** by Council Member Mundy to accept the minutes presented from the October 8, 2019 council meeting with minor corrections noted; seconded by Council Member Rhodes. Opportunity for discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

It was noted that there was a Public Hearing for comments on the FY 2020 Budget held on October 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Four Room Schoolhouse in Union Point. There was not a quorum present. A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Scott to approve the notation of the Public Hearing being held to review the FY2020 Budget on October 22, 2019; seconded by Council Member Rhodes. Motion unanimously passed.

**Legal Matters:** Attorney Reitman reported on the proposed Intergovernmental Agreement for Tri-County Natural Gas's consolidation of an authority or partnership. He stated that the council would need to vote on to become a partnership or an authority. It was noted that Mayor Rhodes and Mayor Pro-Tem Scott voted to move forward with the authority consolidation at the Tri-County Board meeting; however, the council would have the final approval.

Attorney Reitman reported that he is finalizing the steps for the property sale to Habitat for Humanity and that the sale should be final within the next couple of weeks.

**Downtown Development Authority Matters:** Jill Rhodes reported on the progress with the Fire Fly trail and that the surveyors have started their work on the trail design and engineering. Mrs. Rhodes updated the Mayor and Council on the progress being made with HUD on the historic Hawthorne Heights home. The foreclosure process on the home is currently on hold due to another mortgage on the home. The annual Christmas Tree lighting will take place the end of November in conjunction with the Storytime program the DDA is currently hosting.

**Clerk's report:** Clerk Becky Cronic gave an update on several items in the Clerk's report. Mrs. Cronic reported that health/dental/vision insurance quotes had been received for the 2020 FY. **A motion was made** by Council Member Boswell to approve Anthem as the new insurance carrier for the City of Union Point at the reduced rates presented; seconded by Council Member Clifton. Opportunity for discussion. Motion unanimously carried.

A copy of Clerk Cronic's monthly report highlighting various general items will be on file with the minutes.

**Old/Unfinished Business:** The second reading of the FY 2020 budget was presented to the Mayor and Council with noted changes. A motion was made by Council Member Rhodes to adopt the balanced budget for the general fund and for the enterprise funds as presented; seconded by Council Member Mundy. Opportunity for discussion. Motion carried 5-1 (Council Members Boswell, Rhodes, Scott, Mundy, and Clifton in favor and Council Member Brown opposed)

Mayor Rhodes reported that due to the changes with law enforcement in Union Point, Animal Control needs to be addressed. Mr. Will Wright is currently on as needed basis for Animal Control in the city limits and has shared that he would be interested in continuing to work as needed. The county animal control office has offered that Mr. Wright visit and shadow in their office anytime.

**New Business:**

The proposed millage rate for 2019 was presented to the Council and the 5 Year History and Tax Levy is being advertised in the newspaper this week as public notice. A called meeting will be held on November 21<sup>st</sup> for the purpose of voting on the proposed rate of 8.862 for 2019.

Mayor Rhodes shared a petition from residents Allie & Bradley Benkoski requesting speed bumps be placed on Bryan Avenue to assist with slowing traffic down due to children playing near and in the street. **A motion was made** to place a speed bump on Bryan Avenue to reduce the speed of traffic by Council Member Mundy; seconded by Council Member Rhodes. Opportunity for discussion. Motion passed with Council Members Boswell, Rhodes, Scott, Clifton, and Mundy in favor and Council Member Brown abstaining.

Mayor Rhodes reported that three police cars remain under a lease agreement and are not being used. **A motion was made** by Mayor Pro-Tem Scott to move forward with relieving the City of Union Point of the debt and offer them to another entity in the county or neighboring counties; seconded by Council Member Boswell. Opportunity for discussion. Motion passed with Council Members Boswell, Rhodes, Mayor Pro-Tem Scott, Clifton and Mundy in favor, and Council Member Brown abstaining.

**Committee/Other Department Reports:** None at this time.

**Public Comments:** Jill Rhodes and Jan Brazier commented on Tri-County.

Mayor Rhodes entertained a motion to approve or disapprove the Tri-County consolidation agreement Attorney Reitman presented to the council in October. **A motion was made** by Sally Boswell to approve Attorney Reitman's version of the Tri-County partnership agreement that was presented at the October 2019 council meeting; motion seconded by Council Member Clifton. Opportunity for discussion. Mayor Pro-Tem Scott shared his concerns with this partnership. Motion passed with Council Members Boswell, Brown, Rhodes, Clifton and Mundy in favor, and Mayor Pro-Tem Scott opposed.

Clerk Cronic noted that a motion was needed to officially appoint Scott Tolleson as Union Point's representative for the Greene County Development Authority. A motion was made by Council Member Rhodes to appoint Scott Tolleson as Union Point's representative on the Greene County Development Authority; seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Scott. Motion passed with Council Members Boswell, Rhodes, Mayor Pro-Tem Scott, Clifton, and Mundy in favor and Council Member Brown abstaining.

No further business, Mayor Rhodes requested a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel. **A motion was made** to exit Regular Session and enter Executive Session by Council Member Boswell; seconded by Council Member Clifton. Opportunity for discussion. Motion unanimously passed.

**A motion was made** by Council Member Mundy to exit Executive Session and re-enter Regular Session; seconded by Council Member Clifton. Opportunity for discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

**A motion was made** by Council Member Rhodes to move forward with the Animal Control proposal presented in Executive Session. Motion seconded by Council Member Mundy. Opportunity for discussion. Motion unanimously passed.

**A motion was made** to approve the two presented raises for salaried employees as presented in Executive Session by Council Member Boswell. Motion seconded by Council Member Mundy. Opportunity for discussion. Motion unanimously passed. **A motion was made** to approve a 5% raise for all employees for this year. Motion seconded by Council Member Rhodes. Opportunity for discussion. Motion unanimously passed.

**A motion was made** to adjourn regular session at 7:15 p.m. by Council Member Boswell; seconded by Council Member Mundy. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Rhodes closed the meeting with a prayer.

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City Clerk

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