

Union Point City Council Minutes
Monthly Meeting – December 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 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 with the addition of allowing Scott Tolleson with MGAG to address the council; seconded by Council Member Rhodes. Opportunity for discussion. Motion unanimously passed.

A motion was made by Council Member Clifton to accept the minutes presented from the November 12, 2019 council meeting with minor corrections noted; seconded by Council Member Mundy. Opportunity for discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Rhodes to approve the minutes from the called meeting held on November 21, 2019 to approve the 2019 mill rate. Seconded by Council Member Clifton. Opportunity for discussion. Motion passed.

Scott Tolleson with the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia (MGAG) briefed the Council and Mayor on the Public Service Commission's concern about the Tri-Co Gas consolidation. He noted that Union Point and Greensboro must agree on the partnership agreement or Authority in order to move forward. The Tri-Co Board will meet again in the coming weeks and will need to re-negotiate to move forward as is with partnership, or as an Authority. Mr. Tolleson answered a number of questions from the Council and reiterated that if Tri-Co remains as is with partnership status, it would cost more to operate moving forward.

Legal Matters: Attorney Reitman reported that the sale of property for Habitat is nearing closure. He is still waiting on Special Master Dick Schmidt to complete final details.

Downtown Development Authority Matters: Jill Rhodes reported that the annual Christmas tree lighting went well with about 75 people in attendance. Council Member Mundy also gave an update on the plans for the Union Point Christmas Parade which will be held December 14th.

Planning and Zoning – Hal Chitwood with Bureau Veritas reported that the property at 101 South Rhodes Street will need to be addressed and a final decision made as to the best way to clean up the site at the January meeting. Ample time has been allowed for the owner to get permits to repair the property as he requested, however nothing has been accomplished. Other properties in Union Point that are currently listed as not-in-compliance are being addressed through Bureau Veritas and will be based on the priorities that the council set with the initial agreement. Mr. Chitwood and Attorney Reitman reviewed the property maintenance code that needs to be adopted in addition to Union Point's current building codes.

Clerk's report: Clerk Becky Cronic shared a brief report with the council. It was noted that the Clerk would like to see that the employees get a Christmas incentive again this year. **A motion was made** by Council Member Scott to approve a \$250 Christmas incentive to each of the City of Union Point employees and to include Denise Channell with the incentive; seconded by Council Member Boswell. 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: **A motion was made** by Council Member Rhodes to approve the first reading of the proposed ordinance amending the current building code to include the use of the latest edition of the Georgia Property Maintenance code; seconded by Council Member Clifton. Opportunity for discussion. Motion unanimously passed.

New Business:

Animal Control – A motion was made by Council Member Boswell to terminate the lease on the 1005 Carlton Avenue building currently being used as the Animal Control shelter and relocate the belongings and kennel to the Crawfordville Road city property (former rodeo grounds). Motion seconded by Council Member Mundy. Opportunity for discussion. Motion passed with Council Members Boswell, Rhodes, Scott, Clifton, and Mundy in favor; Council Member Brown abstained.

Committee/Other Department Reports: None at this time.

Public Comments: Jill Rhodes commented on her concern for the property at 101 South Rhodes Street and encouraged the council to please take legal action on the property in January. Jan Brazier commented on the various properties that are not falling into compliance with the City's ordinances and asked that they consider addressing all of them as soon as possible.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. by Council Member Boswell; seconded by Council Member Clifton. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Clifton closed the meeting with a prayer.

Mayor

City Clerk

Date