

REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL: November 13, 2018

The City Council of Union Point met in regular session on Tuesday, November 13, 2018, at 6:00 P.M., in the Four-Room School Building at 211 Veazey Street with Mayor Rhodes presiding. The members present were Mayor Pro-Tem Jimmy Scott, Sally Boswell, Dawn Clifton, Mary Mundy, and John Rhodes. Absent: Wayne Brown

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rhodes at 6:08 p.m. Mayor Rhodes opened the meeting with a prayer followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag. A quorum was present.

Mayor Rhodes called for approval of the minutes from the last regular council meeting which was held on October 9, 2018. A motion was made by Councilmember Clifton and seconded by Councilmember Rhodes to approve the minutes from October 9. Motion passed unanimously. Mayor Rhodes called for a motion to approve minutes of the called meeting held on October 30th. A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Scott and seconded by Councilmember Mundy to approve the minutes with minor changes noted. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made to approve the agenda by Councilmember Mundy; seconded by Councilmember Rhodes for the November 13th meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Attorney Joe Reitman updated the council on the Tri-County Natural Gas Consolidation proposal. He noted that the drafted agreement to consolidate with the City of Greensboro has been ongoing since February 2018. Attorney Reitman shared the preferred option to keep a General Partnership with Operations and Maintenance Agreement as opposed to Creating a Regional Authority. Attorney Reitman advised that Peter Floyd has more details on statewide information and advised that he would ask Peter to come and address the council if needed. This item on was tabled until further information is available.

Attorney Reitman reported that the recent contested court case pertaining to two junked cars in Union Point went well and the City will not incur any cost. Judge Rice worked the case with the citizens and towing fees billed to the City will be reimbursed by the citizen involved. No further updates by Attorney Reitman.

Union Point DDA: Dee Lhowe gave an update on upcoming dates for the DDA. December 8th (change of date) will be the Union Point Christmas Parade that will be held at 6 p.m. They will host Santa's workshop in the City's Sibley Avenue building with the tree lighting being held the same night.

DDA Chair Jill Rhodes gave a financial report and shared that the local action committee for the Firefly Trail will be revisiting the fundraising events for the first part of 2019. The committee will be expanding their territory to include a larger target group for soliciting funds. DDA will update with details at a future meeting. Quarterly reports are being submitted to the state related to the Firefly Trail Grant and funds are being reimbursed with grant funding for projects affiliated with the Trail. This again is a City Grant and Clerk Cronin will be assisting with future reporting. In addition, land acquisition for the Firefly Trail is in process for several parcels along the potential trail in Union Point. Firefly Trail's main office in Athens has offered to assist the DDA with this process and has \$30,000 available to assist if needed.

A motion was made by Councilmember Rhodes to move forward with the land acquisition process for the land at the North Rhodes Street and Carlton Road intersection with assistance from the Firefly Trail office and Attorney Reitman. Motion seconded by Councilmember Mundy. Motion carried unanimously.

Jill Rhodes reported that Wayne Brown had recently resigned from the Downtown Development Authority due to his new work schedule.

Chief of Police Robert Cash reported that the beer and wine application license process has revisions that need to be addressed. He provided documentation on the current application process and will assist with submitting revisions for the Code of Ordinances. Chief Cash also reported that the illegal drug ordinance needs to be addressed as changes have taken place with the state laws. A motion was made by Councilmember Clifton and seconded by Councilmember Rhodes to have Chief Cash *draft* a new Code for Union Point related to the marijuana section of the illegal drug ordinance. Motion carried. 4 yes and 1 no (Councilmember Boswell voting against)

Chief Cash reviewed recent code enforcement notices and inspections that he had been working on with Bureau Veritas since June 2018. Three properties have been condemned and the inspectors will continue to work with the City on these properties. These properties include the Lamb Avenue property (former Sisson's station); property on North Rhodes Street (old underpass area); and the property on the corner of Sibley Avenue.

Chief Cash updated the council on the truck he had recommended as a patrol vehicle at the October meeting. The truck needed repairs that were estimated to be less than the current maintenance on the Dodge Charger patrol car. However, the repair cost increased as the mechanic began looking into them. Chief did not pursue the repairs and made a new recommendation to lease a vehicle through the Public Safety Interceptor Program. This item was tabled until the December meeting when further information was clarified on the cost to the City.

Unfinished business: Councilmember Clifton inquired about a payment that was due to the office of Smith, Welch, Webb & White for services he provided to the City of Union Point during the litigation process with Greene County earlier in the year. It was noted by Mayor Rhodes that he was expecting an updated invoice and that he and the Clerk would revisit the fees and process payment.

New Business: Clerk Cronic gave a short update on her two weeks of being with the City. She also noted that she had discussed the upcoming holidays for the City with Mayor Rhodes. A motion was made by Councilmember Sally Boswell to include both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day as annual holidays for employees. Motion seconded by Councilmember Mary Mundy. Motion carried unanimously. Attorney Reitman recommended revising the Code of Ordinance to reflect the holiday revision and adopt it at the December meeting.

Councilmember Mundy reported that she had attended a recent meeting in regards to a Disaster Plan for the County. She asked if Union Point already has a plan in place. After some discussion Councilmember Boswell noted that she was aware that the school system (including Union Point Steam Academy) has one in place and that Union Point should consider mirroring the plan. There will be more information to come on this topic as it becomes available.

Mayor Rhodes reported that he and Chief Cash are reviewing the Magistrate Intergovernmental Agreement and would update the agreement with further documentation at the next meeting.

Public Comment: Melanie Cash commented on the Magistrate Agreement concerns and asked for clarification on the fee schedule currently being charged per case. Council Member Clifton commented that she felt more patrol was needed for speeding vehicles on Veazey Street. Council Member John Rhodes commented on the Police Car lease recommended by the Chief and stated that he felt it would be a benefit to the City. Attorney Rietman stated he would clarify sections 25 and 26 of the lease and update at next council meeting in December.

A motion was made by Councilmember Clifton to leave regular session and move into Executive Session; seconded by Councilmember Rhodes. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilmember Clifton to move out of Executive Session; seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Scott. Motion passed unanimously.

Chief Cash reported that he had concerns with the current payroll cycle for the Police Department known to most as TRU-UP. Overtime hours and cycle has pros and cons. City Clerk was asked to speak with GMA representative to recommend best option for Police Department's future payroll.

There were no further comments. Mayor Rhodes entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Rhodes made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Councilmember Boswell. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Rhodes closed the meeting with prayer.

Mayor _____ Deputy / Clerk Treasurer _____