

Union Point City Council Minutes
Monthly Meeting – February 08, 2022 – 6 p.m.
Four Room School House – 211 Veazey Street, Union Point, GA

Attendees: Mayor Lanier Rhodes **Council Members:** Sally Boswell, Mary Mundy, Mayor Pro-Tem Jimmy Scott, William Harris, Jr. & Teneisha Pinkney **Absent:** John Rhodes **Others:** City Clerk Becky Cronic

Mayor Lanier Rhodes called the February 8, 2022, meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and opened the meeting with prayer. A quorum was not present. The Mayor stated that the Public Hearing would be delayed until a quorum was present so that all members could hear the request.

Mayor Rhodes called on Sheriff Harrison to present his quarterly report for information. The Sheriff reported that the majority of the 911 calls officers have had in Union Point over the last quarter have been at the Elliott Circle Housing Authority units. This area is being addressed by the Housing Authority in conjunction with the Sheriff's Office.

Council Member Teneisha Pinkney entered the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Rhodes noted that a **quorum was present** for the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Rhodes opened the scheduled Public Hearing to hear a request for a conditional use permit for 115 Crawfordville Road. Mayor Rhodes called on Hal Chitwood to present the planning and zoning report to give further details on the permit requested. Copies of the report were distributed to the council prior to the meeting for review. Mr. Chitwood recommended denying the permit due to the lot not meeting the proper criteria. He also noted that a variance request may be presented on behalf of the owner for consideration of adjusting the requirements. Mayor Rhodes asked if anyone was present to speak against the request. No one present. Mayor Rhodes asked if anyone wanted to speak in favor of the permit. Mr. Jack Bone, property owner spoke in favor of the request. No further attendees speaking in favor or against, the Public Hearing was closed at 6:40 p.m. and a decision will be made during regular session.

Council Member Boswell made a motion to approve the agenda for the February meeting; seconded by Council Member Mundy. Opportunity for discussion. Motion unanimously passed.

Council Member Scott made a motion to accept the minutes presented from the January 12, 2022, council meeting; seconded by Council Member Boswell. Opportunity for discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Downtown Development Authority: Jill Rhodes reported that the following dates are to be noted for DDA: March 15th - networking meeting at the Union Theatre at 5:30 p.m. for all Union Point businesses to allow them to become more familiar with one another. March 26th – Ticket to Ride Firefly Trail, Inc. begins at the Union Theatre; volunteers are needed. May (date to be determined) Historic Preservation Month event. Mrs. Rhodes presented two nominations, Bill Phillips with ARC, and Council Member Teneisha Pinkney, for the Downtown Development Authority to replace outgoing members. A motion was made by Council Member Mundy to accept Bill Phillips and Teneisha Pinkney as representatives to serve on the Union Point Downtown Development Authority. Seconded by Council Member Boswell. Opportunity for discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Legal Matters: Attorney Reitman was unable to attend the meeting.

Clerk's Report: Becky Cronic gave a brief report and updated the council on upcoming meetings/trainings. Mrs. Cronic recommended that the budget be amended to reflect changes in the Gas Fund budget due to the recent Gas Authority consolidation. A motion was made by Council Member Jim Scott to transfer a total of \$17,000 from the city's Gas Fund and distribute \$12,000 to the Water Fund, and \$5,000 to the General Fund to offset cost of insurance expenditures due to the consolidation of the gas systems to the Tri-Co Gas Authority. Motion seconded by Teneisha Pinkney. Opportunity for discussion. It was noted that the insurance for the Union Point gas system now falls under the Tri-Co Natural Gas Authority and funds that were previously allocated for insurance in the Gas Fund were no longer necessary in the gas fund. Motion unanimously passed.

Old Business:

The Viasat Agreement in regard to the opportunity to lease space in the City for a satellite for internet remains on hold due to not hearing back from Viasat representatives.

New Business:

A motion was made by Council Member Jim Scott to deny the conditional use permit requested for 115 Crawfordville Road due to the lot not meeting the minimum square footage requirement or minimum lot width requirement. Motion seconded by Council Member Boswell. Opportunity for discussion. The property is also in the historic district and the ordinance requirements will not allow for this permit. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Boswell to approve Tynasha Evans and Rev. Joseph Hurley to serve on the Union Point Housing Authority Board. Motion seconded by Council Member Scott. Opportunity for discussion. Motion unanimously approved.

Department Reports: Will Wright reported on Animal Control calls and reported that he continues to trap and remove wildlife from within the city limits. Calls come in to both the City Hall and to 911 for Animal Control. Will Wright is also Assistant Fire Chief and reported that everything was going well at the Fire Department. The volunteers are working well with the County Fire & Rescue employees since the Intergovernmental Agreement was implemented last year. David Stephens requested that the council consider approving that he purchases a new Walk-Behind saw to replace the old one for cutting asphalt/concrete when repairing leaks or issues under the road. Estimated cost is around \$3800. **A motion was made** by Council Member Scott to approve the purchase of a new Walk-Behind saw for the water & gas department. Council Member Boswell seconded the motion. Opportunity for discussion. Motion unanimously passed.

Public Comments: Dawn Clifton thanked the Animal Control officer for his efforts and thanked the Council for enforcing the ordinances that have been adopted for Union Point.

There being no further business Council Member Boswell **made a motion** to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Council Member Mundy. Motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Rhodes closed the meeting with a prayer.

Mayor

City Clerk

Date