

Union Point City Council Minutes
DRAFT - Monthly Meeting – March 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: Attorney Joe Reitman and City Clerk Becky Cronic

Mayor Lanier Rhodes called the March 8, 2022, meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and opened the meeting with prayer.

A quorum was present.

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

Council Member Boswell made a motion to accept the minutes presented from the February 8, 2022, council meeting; seconded by Council Member Mundy. Opportunity for discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Scott made a motion to approve the minutes from the special called meeting to review the IGA for a TSPLOST referendum on February 14, 2022. Motion seconded by Council Member Boswell. Opportunity for discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Legal Matters: Attorney Reitman briefly gave an overview of a lease agreement that Viasat satellite division had proposed to the City of Union Point to install an internet satellite dish next to the current Verizon Tower. Attorney Reitman introduced Krista Orloff, representative for Viasat, to answer questions that the council had about the lease and satellite that is being proposed to be in Union Point. Attorney Reitman will follow-up with Krista following the meeting to go over next steps to potentially move forward with the lease and any further details before the council decides on the lease agreement.

Downtown Development Authority (DDA) – Jill Rhodes gave a brief update on the DDA. Two events she noted and encouraged the council to participate in were the Business Networking event on March 16th at 6 p.m., and the Firefly Trail Inc. Ticket to Ride annual event being held March 26th. Registration in Athens or at the Theatre in Union Point.

Clerk's Report: Becky Cronic reported that the renewal period for health insurance and ancillary was April 1st. Recent quotes from the City's insurance broker and from GMA were distributed to the Council prior to the meeting. Rates have increased and Mrs. Cronic strived to gather the best plan that would fit the needs of the employees. Additional information from GMA to reflect a quote that would include commission for using a broker will be requested. Upon receiving the updated quotes, Mrs. Cronic will email the board for further guidance before the council will decide on which plan to approve.

Amendment (March 16th) – a follow-up email was submitted to the Mayor and Council recommending that the City of Union Point adopt the Open Access POS 90/70 – 1500 Deductible Plan quoted by GMA. A majority of the council members responded to the email and approved the proposed quote. A formal adoption and ordinance will be approved at the April 12th Council meeting. Insurance will take effect April 1, 2022.

Old Business:

Tri-County Natural Gas Authority needs space for a satellite office and warehouse space for equipment. The City of Union Point has space available for use and a proposed lease agreement has been presented for approval. A copy of the lease which includes allowing Tri-Co to lease a portion of the former Police Department space at the Public Safety Building and the blue building behind City Hall. A motion was made by Council Member Scott to approve the Tri-County Natural Gas Authority lease agreement for \$1,000 a month. Motion seconded by Council Member Boswell. Opportunity for discussion. Motion unanimously passed.

New Business:

A motion was made by Council Member Boswell to adopt Resolution #20822 City of Union Point, Georgia 2022 Historic Preservation Fund Application Submission for the Union Point Historic Resource Survey Project. Motion seconded by Council Member Mundy. Opportunity for discussion. It was noted that this resolution is necessary for the NEGRC to serve as the grant administrator when and if the City of Union Point is awarded. Motion unanimously passed.

Department Reports: David Stephens reported that he had requested asphalt from the plant in Siloam, however, the amount needed for the streets in Union Point was not enough for the plant to justify making asphalt at this time.

Council Member Boswell noted that DNR have given several recommendations for the city to look at if they wanted to pursue downsizing the current deer population. City will consider options and discuss in the near future.

Public Comments:

Jill Rhodes thanked the council for supporting and adopting the Resolution for the Historic Resource Survey. This is crucial to the CLG status.

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