

Union Point City Council Minutes
DRAFT - Monthly Meeting – April 13, 2021 – 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, John Rhodes **Absent:** Wayne Brown
Others: City Clerk Becky Cronic

Mayor Lanier Rhodes called the April 13th meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and opened the meeting with prayer.

A quorum was present for the meeting.

A motion was made by Council Member Boswell to approve the agenda; seconded by Council Member Clifton. Opportunity for discussion. Motion unanimously passed.

A motion was made by Council Member Clifton to accept the minutes presented from the March 9, 2021 council meeting with minor changes; seconded by Council Member Mundy. Opportunity for discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

DDA: Jill Rhodes reported on behalf of the Downtown Development Authority. She reported that many of the museum items from the Four Room Schoolhouse have been relocated to the Sibley Avenue DDA Building. This will be a more visible location for the museum and plans are to have volunteers open the museum on various days. Additions and repairs being made in the Historic Theater will be complete in the next few weeks. Mrs. Rhodes shared that all will be invited to see the renovations in the weeks ahead. A UGA art student will be in Union Point during May to paint the Firefly Wings on the old water tank as previously discussed. Firefly stenciling patterns on Carlton Avenue will be forthcoming to enhance the road that leads to the Firefly Trail. Mrs. Rhodes asked the Council to consider approving Bretta Battle as a new member of the DDA to replace Dee Lhowe who recently moved from Union Point. Bretta works for the Union Point Post Office and resides in Union Point. **A motion was made by** Council Member Clifton to approve Bretta Battle as a new DDA member. Motion seconded by Council Member Mundy. Opportunity for discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Sheriff's Report: Sheriff Donnie Harrison gave a detailed report on activity in Union Point related to Law Enforcement since October 2020. A total of 1,650 calls/responses from the Sheriff's Office have been made over the past six months. Officers continue to patrol the City of Union Point 24 hours during the week and the days/times vary from week to week. Sheriff Harrison reported that more officers are needed on the force in Greene County and throughout the state, however, there are limited officers applying at this time. Additional coverage in Union Point will continue as agreed upon in the intergovernmental agreement that was entered in August of 2020.

Clerk's Report: Becky Cronic distributed a report to each of the council members in their packets. She verbally noted that the Butterfly Garden along the Firefly Trail had been planted by numerous volunteers and that the City and GC School System are working to address the water supply needs to maintain the garden.

Old Business:

The City of Union Point will have its annual “Spring Clean-Up Week” May 17th through May 23rd. All residents may place household items they are wanting to dispose of along the streets in front of their homes during clean-up week and city workers will begin picking up the items the week of May 24th. A dumpster bin will also be onsite at the fire station for residents to place items in, and a bin will be at 100 Scott Street for resident to dispose of tires. A notice about the clean-up week will be placed in the utility bills with more details.

New Water Plant: Mayor Rhodes reported that all legal documents and financial documents had been finalized and that the contractors have been onsite unloading materials and equipment. Further details on the actual groundbreaking will be forthcoming.

New Business:

Bid packets for the LMIG Project (repaving and resurfacing up to six streets) were submitted to DOT approved asphalt contractors in March. An ad for the project was also placed in the legal organ for Greene County. Four bids were received for the project: Garrett Paving Company (\$160,580.01); C & H Paving, Inc. (\$171,752.83); Pittman Construction Company (\$176,271.76); and Chance Fuller/Southern Asphalt (\$226,083.75).

A motion was made by Council Member Clifton to award the bid for the LMIG 2018-2020 project to Garrett Paving and to allow the Mayor and Clerk to make necessary bid adjustments with the contractor as needed based on the allocated LMIG funds the City of Union Point has in the General Fund for the project. Motion seconded by Council Member Jim Scott. Opportunity for discussion. Public Works Director David Stephens noted that he had worked with Garrett Paving in the past with other City projects and they did a nice job. Mayor Rhodes also noted that the LMIG funds and allocated percentage in the General Fund for this project is around \$115,400. Motion unanimously passed.

A motion was made by Council Member Boswell to ensure that Alexander Avenue (from Bloodworth Street to Bloodworth Street), Parham Drive (from Bloodworth Street to Alexander Avenue), and a portion of Barnes Street (from Dolvin Avenue to Carlton Avenue) were paved and to use any remaining funds to patch areas most needed on remaining streets within the 2018-2020 LMIG project. Motion seconded by Council Member Mundy. Opportunity for discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

City of Ethics Resolution: A motion was made by Council Member Clifton to approve the renewal of the **City of Ethics Resolution** for the City of Union Point. Motion seconded by Council Member Boswell. Opportunity for discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Department Reports: David Stephens included a Utility report with the council packets.

Public Comments: Council Member Mundy shared her concern about the need for speed bumps on Newsome Street due to several children living in the area and playing near the street. **A motion was made** by Council Member Mundy to place speed bumps on Newsome Street between Carlton Avenue and Hart Avenue pending a signed petition by residents that will need to be turned into the City Clerk for proper filing procedures. Motion seconded by Council Member Clifton. Opportunity for discussion. Motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. by Council Member Boswell; seconded by Council Member Rhodes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Rhodes closed the meeting with a prayer.

Mayor

City Clerk

Date