

Union Point City Council Minutes
DRAFT Monthly Meeting – June 14, 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., John Rhodes **Absent:** Teneisha Pinkney and Attorney Reitman
Others: City Clerk Becky Cronic

Mayor Lanier Rhodes called the June 14, 2022, meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. and opened the meeting with prayer.

A quorum was present.

Council Member Boswell made a motion to approve the agenda for the June meeting; seconded by Council Member Rhodes. Opportunity for discussion. Motion was unanimously approved.

Council Member Mundy made a motion to accept the minutes presented from the May 10, 2022, council meeting; seconded by Council Member Harris. Opportunity for discussion. Motion was unanimously approved.

Legal Matters: Attorney Reitman was not in attendance. Clerk Cronic reported that the property on Witcher Street (former Pre-School Building) is no longer in compliance with the agreement that was settled upon in court. Clerk Cronic will notify the owner and his attorney before further action is taken.

Downtown Development Authority (DDA) – Jill Rhodes reported that there are various preservation grants available to assist with renovations of the Theatre. One non-matching grant that will be applied for is through the Fox Theatre Institute. The most recent grant received for the theatre was utilized to obtain design plans and those plans are now complete. DDA will update the council as the Union Theatre progresses. Jill reported that DDA is seeking assistance on translating the city newsletter into Spanish for the Hispanic community.

Clerk's Report: Becky Cronic gave a brief overview of upcoming meetings and included a copy of the "Utilities - Code of Ordinance" for information.

Old Business:

Mayor Rhodes and Council Member Scott gave an update on Tri-County Natural Gas Authority. A customer service representative and a bookkeeper have been offered positions with the Authority. The two individuals will utilize offices at City Hall that are currently available. Tri-County will pay for minor upgrades that need to be addressed in the offices. Both individuals will begin in mid-July.

Engineering Management Inc. (EMI - city engineer) presented a proposal to enhance the current zoning map to include an overlay once the historic district boundaries have been approved. **A motion was made** by Council Member Scott to allow EMI to provide an overlay within the zoning map with cost of the project not to exceed \$2,000. Seconded by Council Member Boswell. Opportunity for discussion. Motion was unanimously approved.

New Business:

A sample of an Aggressive Dog Ordinance was presented to the council for review. No action was taken.

Greene County Family Connection is seeking a volunteer from Union Point to fill the open seat on their board of directors to represent Union Point. **A motion was made** by Council Member Scott to approve Council Member Boswell as the City of Union Point's representative on the Greene County Family Connection Board of Directors. Seconded by Council Member Mundy. Opportunity for discussion. Motion was unanimously approved.

Due to a recent request as to how many cemetery graves could be purchased at one time, the council discussed that no limit be put on the number of graves. However, the graves are not to be purchased by an organization and resold.

Department Reports: Wisteria Cemetery had two large trees to fall during a storm in May. The city does not have the proper equipment to properly remove them. **A motion was made** by Council Member Boswell to allow the Mayor and Clerk to outsource the removal of the fallen trees and debris in Wisteria Cemetery with a tree service company. Motion seconded by Council Member Mundy. Opportunity for discussion. The trees need to be removed as soon as possible and the Mayor and Clerk will try to stay within the budgeted amount for cemetery maintenance. Motion was unanimously approved.

Council Member Rhodes gave an update on the state approved playground equipment that has been offered to the City of Union Point. This playground equipment is to be installed next to the Basketball Park on Barnes Street. If the ground next to the basketball court is not ready for the equipment to be installed, the city will store it until the site is ready. **A motion was made** by Council Member Mundy to accept the playground and move forward with proper installation of it when the site next to the basketball court on Barnes Street it ready. Motion seconded by Council Member Scott. Opportunity for discussion. Council Member Boswell expressed concern that if monkey bars are a part of the equipment that the city revisit the installation of them. Motion was unanimously approved.

Public Works Superintendent David Stephens reported that one of his employees had taken another job and that additional help is needed to complete the duties for his department (grass cutting, etc.). The position will be posted until filled, and outsourcing some of the duties will be necessary.

Public Comment: None.

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

Mayor Rhodes closed the meeting with a prayer.

Mayor

City Clerk

Date