

Union Point City Council Minutes
DRAFT - Monthly Meeting – January 11, 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 January 11, 2022, meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and opened the meeting with prayer. A quorum was present for the meeting.

Attorney Joe Reitman administered the oath of office and the swearing in of the mayor and council members.

A motion was made by Council Member Boswell to appoint Council Member Jim Scott as Mayor Pro-Tem; seconded by Council Member Mundy. Opportunity for discussion. Motion unanimously passed.

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

Council Member Mundy made a motion to accept the minutes presented from the December 14, 2021, council meeting; seconded by Council Member Scott. Opportunity for discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Legal Matters: Attorney Reitman updated the council on properties at both 810 Dolvin Avenue and one on Witcher Street (former Pre-School). Both properties are now in compliance. Attorney Reitman reported that the representative presenting the satellite internet agreement proposed from Viasat was not able to attend this evening but was available to answer questions via conference call. After all questions, the council will consider the proposal to allow Viasat to lease space to locate a satellite internet tower on property owned by the city. The agreement was tabled until the next meeting to allow time to review the proposal.

Downtown Development Authority: Jill Rhodes reported that the DDA is assisting the City Clerk with making sure the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) meets all criteria for compliance so that the city can remain a Certified Local Government (CLG). DDA nominated the current new members to fill open seats on the commission. They will be attending an orientation presented by the Department of Community Affairs and a meeting with the city building official to review the city ordinances pertaining to HPC next week. Mrs. Rhodes gave an update on the Hawthorne Heights property and reported that the tax sale has been canceled twice. Code enforcement is also attempting to contact the owners/bank to bring the property into compliance.

Clerk's Report: Becky Cronic gave a brief report and updated the council on upcoming meetings/trainings.

Old Business:

Jim Scott reported that the consolidation process to create the new Tri-County Gas Authority has been finalized. Operational policy will be forthcoming. David Stephens gave an update on the progress at the new water treatment plant that is being built.

New Business:

Mayor Rhodes reported that he would be appointing two new members to the Housing Authority Board. No candidates have been presented. Becky Cronic shared that she and Mayor Rhodes would be attending weekly meetings to renegotiate the L.O.S.T. percentages with the county and other municipalities. Local industries have expressed their concern to the City Clerk that Industrial Blvd. is in need of paving/patching/repair. This street has been discussed some time back and the clerk will request that an engineer or asphalt company assist with estimated expenditures for repairing the road. Funding will also have to be acquired.

A motion was made Council Member Boswell to allow the mayor to sign a Proclamation proclaiming February 18th at Arbor Day in Union Point. Seconded by Council Member Scott. Opportunity for discussion. Motion unanimously passed.

Public Comments: None.

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