

Union Point City Council Minutes
Draft - Monthly Meeting – December 8, 2020 – 6 p.m.
Four Room School House – 211 Veazey Street, Union Point, GA

Attendees: Mayor Lanier Rhodes **Council Members:** Dawn Clifton, Sally Boswell, Wayne Brown, Mary Mundy, Mayor Pro-Tem Jimmy Scott, John Rhodes
Others: City Clerk Becky Cronic and Attorney Joe Reitman

Mayor Lanier Rhodes called the December 8 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 Rhodes. Opportunity for discussion. Motion unanimously passed.

A motion was made by Council Member Boswell to accept the minutes presented from the November 10, 2020 council meeting; seconded by Council Member Clifton. Opportunity for discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Legal Matters: Attorney Reitman noted that he had added an addendum to the November minutes to cover the message from Judge Kopp he had received during last month's meeting about Municipal Court re-opening in October. A lien is being placed on the property at 101 South Rhodes Street and will be processed this week for the demolition process that took place due to court order. USDA is working on the underwriting of the new Water Plant funding application; should have an update any day now.

Code Enforcement: Mr. Amerson was on the agenda, however, was unable to attend. Hal Chitwood updated the Council on several complaints he was dealing with related to an historic flower house and bat infestation. Homeowner is trying to resolve the issue and following historic preservation guidance from HPC. It was noted that the noise ordinance needed to be revisited to address compliance within a certain time of day/night. Hal also recommended that the City consider working on dividing the City into quadrants and focus on one at a time to deal with non-compliance issues. Former Pre School building on Witcher Street has been added to the list of buildings that needs addressing due to continued non-compliance.

Clerk's report –

Becky Cronic reported that tax bills will be mailed out December 15th. She also shared that an employee luncheon will be held in the newly renovated DDA building on December 18th. The construction of the Firefly Trail has been completed and the Department of Natural Resources will inspect the trail later in December. The City will be closed December 24-25 and half day on Dec 31st and closed January 1 for the holidays. A full copy of the report is included in the minutes book.

New Business:

A motion was made by Council Member Clifton to accept the sale of the surplus police equipment (vest, tasers, and body cameras) sold on GovDeals for \$1460. Motion seconded by Council Member Mundy. Opportunity for discussion. Motion unanimously passed.

Mayor Rhodes shared that he would like for the City to give each employee a Christmas bonus as they have done in year's past. The Mayor recommended that \$300 per employee be considered. **A motion was made** by Council Member Boswell that the City give a \$300 per employee Christmas bonus this year; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Scott. Opportunity for discussion. Motion unanimously passed.

Department Reports: David Stephens thanked the Council and Mayor for the purchase of the new equipment during 2020. He shared that the new dump truck that was ordered in May 2020 had arrived and is working well.

Public Comments:

Jill Rhodes thanked the employees for their work on the town. Mrs. Rhodes also wanted to report that a grant for \$5,000 had been applied for by the Firefly Inc. for a kiosk, images that would be painted on Carlton Avenue of the Firefly emblem, and another logo of "Firefly Wings" on the Water Tank along Carlton Avenue where guest could get pictures made in front of them. They hope to hear from the grant in mid-2021.

Mrs. Rhodes is also a member of the Historic Preservation Committee and shared the importance of the community adhering to the historic overlay for building and zoning within the City.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. by Council Member Clifton; seconded by Council Member Mundy. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Rhodes wished all a Merry Christmas and Attorney Reitman closed the meeting with a prayer.

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