

Union Point City Council Minutes
Monthly Meeting – May 10, 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, John Rhodes
Others: City Clerk Becky Cronic, Attorney Joe Reitman

Mayor Lanier Rhodes called the May 10, 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 May meeting; seconded by Council Member Scott. Opportunity for discussion. Motion unanimously passed.

Council Member Boswell made a motion to accept the minutes presented from the April 12, 2022 council meeting; seconded by Council Member Mundy. Opportunity for discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Legal Matters: Attorney Reitman gave an overview of the process for re-establishing the historic preservation district in Union Point. Prior to making final changes to the existing boundaries, the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) must hold a Public Hearing to present the changes. A draft of the newly recommended boundaries for the historic district was presented for the council to review.

Downtown Development Authority (DDA) – Jill Rhodes reported that the Fox Theatre Institute staff would be presenting a “Big Check” to the DDA on May 25th at 1pm to officially recognize the acceptance of DDA’s Historic Planning Grant award in the amount of \$50,000 for the Union Theatre. The funds are being used to obtain architectural plans for the Theatre. Local officials are encouraged to attend. Jill reported that members of the community and council members are encouraged to assist with a downtown gardening project on the evening of May 18th along Sibley Avenue. It was noted that the month of May is Historic Preservation Month and Union Point’s HPC will participate with this event by opening the downtown history museum on Saturday, May 14th.

Clerk’s Report: Becky Cronic reminded the Mayor and Council that clean-up week would begin May 23rd. Becky also reported that there is a potential buyer for the former tire shop (owned by Gary Yearwood’s) on the corner of Lamb Avenue and Sibley Avenue. There is also a barber shop opening next door to the Union Point Grocery and Deli. Mr. Bradford Marshall, barber, will be opening in the next few weeks upon approval of his inspection by the building official.

Old Business:

Mayor Rhodes and Council Member Scott gave an update on Tri-County Natural Gas Authority. A letter is being mailed to each gas customer notifying them of upcoming changes. It is anticipated that the transition and consolidation will be set to move forward with a new billing system in August.

New Business:

A mobile COVID Vaccine Unit will be hosting a clinic in July. ARC has volunteered their parking lot as a site for the clinic. More details will be forthcoming. Becky Cronic presented a draft of the historic sites and historic district that HPC would like to consider for the re-established Union Point Historic Preservation District.

Department Reports: David Stephens updated the council with his monthly report. He will continue to address the potholes and rough areas in several roads over the coming weeks. Several trees in the historic cemetery fell during a recent storm are being addressed however, it will take time as it is difficult to get equipment into the cemetery to remove them. Mayor Rhodes recognized David Stephens for 35 years of service to the City of Union Point and thanked him for his continued service.

Public Comment: None.

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

Mayor Rhodes closed the meeting with a prayer.

Mayor

City Clerk

Date