

Union Point City Council Minutes
DRAFT - Monthly Meeting –October 10, 2023 – 6 p.m.
Four Room School House – 211 Veazey Street, Union Point, GA

Attendees: Mayor Lanier Rhodes **Council Members:** Sally Boswell, Mary Mundy, William Harris, Jr., Teneisha Pinkney, John Rhodes, Jim Scott **Others:** City Clerk Becky Cronic **Absent:** Attorney Joe Reitman

Mayor Lanier Rhodes called the October 10, 2023, meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and opened the meeting with a prayer. A quorum was present for the meeting.

A motion was made by Council Member Boswell to approve the agenda for the October 10, 2023, meeting. Seconded by Council Member Rhodes. Opportunity for discussion. Motion unanimously passed.

A motion was made by Council Member Boswell to approve the minutes from the September 12, 2023, meeting with minor changes. Seconded by Council Member Mundy. Opportunity for discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Legal Matters: Attorney Reitman was not at the meeting. Mayor Rhodes gave an update on the 4760 Lamb Avenue property (former BP Station on Lamb Avenue). A court hearing took place on October 9th and ordered that the property owner meet compliance requirements within 30 days. Attorney Reitman is handling the court order as stated by the judge. He will update the council on this accordingly.

A motion was made by Council Member Boswell to approve the conditional use permit request to locate a manufactured home on the property at 808 Crawfordville Road, Union Point. Motion was seconded by Teneisha Pinkney. Opportunity for discussion. Mayor Rhodes noted that the property had debris and tires on it and requested that the owner please clean the property up before the home was placed on the lot. Motion passed unanimously.

Legal Matters: Attorney Reitman was not in attendance. Mayor Rhodes noted that the 4760 Lamb Avenue (Old BP Station) property non-compliance court case was held October 9th. The Judge and Attorney will be signing the court order and give further details within the next few days.

Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Update: Jill Rhodes reported on recent DDA fundraising efforts for the Union Theatre project. Mrs. Rhodes noted that DDA would also participate in the Halloween event at the Fire Department on October 28th.

Old Business: Becky Cronic gave an update on the Firefly Trail and reported that the current phase of the Union Point section and the Greene County portion would be complete by October 31st. **A motion was made** by Council Member Mundy to approve the second reading of the Firefly Trail compliance ordinance with minor revisions. Seconded by Council Member Pinkney. Opportunity for discussion. It was noted that minor changes would be made to the clause referring to “walkers with dogs”. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Scott to approve 2023 Five-Year Comprehensive Plan for the City of Union Point. Seconded by Council Member Pinkney. Opportunity for discussion. The motion unanimously passed.

New Business:

Becky Cronic presented a draft copy of the proposed FY2024 budget to the mayor and council members. A public hearing will be advertised and held on Thursday, November 2nd at 5 p.m.

Department Reports: Chief Wright encouraged the council to participate in the Fire Department’s Halloween Bash/Trunk-or-Treat for kids on October 28th from 5-8 p.m. Will Wright also reported on Animal Control. Council Member Mundy reported that she would begin advertising the Christmas Parade (Dec. 9th) before the end of October. Parade time is 2 p.m. and applications will be available at City Hall or Council Member Mundy will also have some available.

David Stephens reported that the gas meter consolidation has been completed and will now be read via drive-by through Tri-County Natural Gas Authority. The new reading system will be in place in November for the water/sewer readings.

Public Comment: Jan Brazier commented that several dogs in her neighborhood have run through underground fences that the owners have installed. She thanked Will for his efforts in enforcing the animal control ordinances. Council Member Boswell shared concern about the former Chipman Union Hosiery Mill site and encouraged that the city would look into social media options and or other forms of communication about “what is happening in Union Point.”

There being no further business **a motion was made to adjourn** the meeting at 7:25 p.m. by Council Member Boswell; seconded by Council Member Mundy. Motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Rhodes closed the meeting with a prayer.

Mayor

City Clerk

Date