

Union Point City Council Meeting
Minutes from October 14, 2025 – 6 p.m.
Four Room School House – 211 Veazey Street, Union Point, GA

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

Mayor Lanier Rhodes called the October 14, 2025, meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and opened the meeting with prayer. A quorum was present.

A motion was made by Council Member Boswell to approve the agenda for the October 14, 2025, meeting. Seconded by Council Member Pinkney. Opportunity for discussion. The motion unanimously passed.

A motion was made by Council Member Boswell to approve the minutes from the September 9, 2025, meeting. Seconded by Council Member Scott. Opportunity for discussion. The motion unanimously passed.

Legal Matters: – Attorney Reitman had nothing to report. Amanda Armstrong with the Probation Services presented an amendment to the Probation Service Contract between Judicial Alternatives and Union Point Municipal Court. The amendment was to increase the current fees of \$40 to \$45 per month for regular probation supervision and from \$50 to \$55 per month for intensive probation services. **A motion was made** by Council Member Scott to approve the amended Probation Services agreement between Union Point and the Judicial Alternatives from \$40 per month to \$45 per month for probation services and when needed for intensive probation services the increase will go from \$50 to \$55. Motion seconded by Council Member Mundy. Opportunity for discussion. A question asked about the intensive probation and if that was ever needed for Union Point. Motion unanimously passed.

Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Update: Jill Rhodes reported that the DDA had a successful foot race (Annual Junction Jog) in conjunction with Firefly Trail, Inc. on September 27th. Over 125 participated. Jill also noted that the Story Walk along the Firefly Trail was installed, and a ribbon cutting was held on October 11th. This addition to the trail amenities created a fun activity for families with children.

Clerk's Report: Becky Cronic reported that the patching and some paving has begun in Union Point. Garrett Paving and the Public Works Department will both be working on the roads over the next several weeks and months. T-SPLOST funds are used for projects such as this, and general funds will not need to be utilized. Public Works has made several repairs at the ballfield on Universal Drive and was reopened for public use.

Old Business:

Clerk Cronic presented a proposed FY2026 budget to the council for review. A Public Hearing will be held on October 28th at 12:00 noon at the Four Room Schoolhouse in reference to the budget. Mayor Rhodes reported that the Greene County Fire and Rescue began overseeing the Union Point Fire Department October 1st. The transition has gone well, and we will continue to work through the changes in the months ahead.

The city received one bid for the 1972 Ford Firetruck that was deemed surplus property. **A motion was made** by Council Member Scott to accept the \$1,254 bid for the 1972 Firetruck from Marty Dowdy. Motion was seconded by Council Member Pinkney. Opportunity for discussion. It was noted that the city would work with Mr. Dowdy on getting it removed from the property a couple of weeks. Motion unanimously passed.

New Business:

Mayor Rhodes reported that someone had expressed interest in the property at 807 Park Avenue which is a parcel that the city acquired from a tax sale years ago. One of the neighboring property owners would like to purchase it and as required, the council would have to agree that this property be advertised before being sold. The council tabled the item until the November meeting so they could look at the property for further review.

Mayor Rhodes presented a renewal Resolution for the Greene County Hazard Mitigation Plan between the City of Union Point and Greene County. The Federal Emergency Management Agency requires this plan for all counties. **A motion was made** by Council Member Boswell to approve the renewal of the Resolution for the Greene County Hazard Mitigation Plan for Union Point. Motion seconded by Council Member Mundy. Opportunity for discussion. Motion unanimously passed.

Clerk Becky Cronic noted that staff member Erica Rodriguez had made updates to the Union Point Website. She asked that the council review it and let her know if they have any additional information that they think would be helpful to add.

Department Reports:

Animal Control Officer Wright gave a report on the month's animal control activity. He reported that there would be a Free Vaccination and low cost spay and neuter opportunity for the community hosted by Lake Oconee Humane Society on October 18th at the Fire Department. Mayor Rhodes reported that Officer/Chief Wright had transitioned out of his role as Fire Chief and to recognize Will, a plaque was presented to him for his service of twenty-seven years. Utility/Public Works reported that speed bumps had been placed on Bloodworth Street as requested. Council Member Mundy reported that the Christmas Parade would be held on December 13th, and a Trunk or Treat would be held at the Fire Station on October 25th.

Public Comment & Adjournment:

Clarence Hillsman, a resident who resides on Bloodworth Street, thanked the Mayor and Council for placing the speed bumps in place on Bloodworth Street. Mrs. Armstrong clarified a clause in the judicial agreement from earlier in the meeting. Darius Johnson commented on the road paving and asked about the state highways in addition to the city streets.

No further comments, or need for Executive Session, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m. **Motion to adjourn** by Council Member Boswell. Seconded by Council Member Scott. Motion unanimously passed.

Mayor Rhodes closed the meeting with prayer.

Mayor

Clerk

Date