

Union Point City Council Minutes
DRAFT - Monthly Meeting – December 12, 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 and Attorney Joe Reitman

Mayor Lanier Rhodes called the December 12, 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 December 12, 2023, meeting. Seconded by Council Member Mundy. Opportunity for discussion. The motion unanimously passed.

A motion was made by Council Member Boswell to approve the minutes from the November 14, 2023. Seconded by Council Member Rhodes. Opportunity for discussion. The motion unanimously passed.

Legal Matters: Attorney Reitman reported that the property owner at 4760 Lamb Avenue has received a court order to have the property in compliance by January 9th. If this property remains in non-compliance by court on January 9th, the city will then take the necessary steps to get the building in compliance or tear it down. The council will review options.

Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Update: Jill Rhodes reported that the DDA is developing guidelines for rental space that is available at the Union Theatre. Both the front of the facility and the back are complete and space can be utilized for small meetings and or events. DDA recently received two separate grants to assist with further renovations at the theatre. Rayle EMC's **Operation Round Up** awarded a \$5,000 non-matching grant to the DDA; and Fox Theatre Institute awarded a \$25,000 matching grant to the DDA. Additional funds are needed to complete the overall project and the DDA continues to seek grants and donations. Union Point's Birthday Celebration and the Firefly Trail Ticket to Ride event will be held March 23rd and plans are now underway for the community event.

Clerk's Report: Becky Cronic gave a brief report and noted dates that the city would be closed for Christmas and New Year's.

Old Business:

Scott Tolleson, Chairman of the GCDA and Representative for Union Point, gave an update on the Greene County Development Authority. He reported that the Athens Tech building in Greensboro is now owned by the Authority and that they are looking at options to sell the building to a potential industry looking at property adjacent to the parcel that the building is located on. He reported that the Authority is looking at the Siloam/Union Point I-20 interchange for future growth. Several industries are looking for property and the Greensboro Industrial Park has little space available. Scott shared that Georgia Power's current regional representative is taking another position with Georgia Power and Angela Hahn will be the area representative for Union Point and Greene County.

Scott (also with MGAG) reported that the Municipal Gas Authority continues to work closely with Tri-County Natural Gas Authority on the transition with the recent consolidation.

New Business:

A motion was made by Council Member Rhodes to renew the Clerk of Court Contract for Yolanda Callaway for the 2024 Fiscal Year. Motion seconded by Council Member Scott. Opportunity for discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Department Reports: Fire Chief and Animal Control Officer Will Wright gave a report on recent activity with the Fire Department and Animal Control. Council Member Mundy reported on the recent Christmas Parade and thanked all who helped with the event.

Public Comment: Jill Rhodes encouraged the Council to highly consider tearing the old gas station at 4670 Lamb Avenue down. She commented that it had been in non-compliance long enough.

There being no further business **a motion was made to adjourn** the meeting at 7:15 p.m. by Council Member Mundy; seconded by Council Member Pinkney. The motion unanimously passed.

Mayor Rhodes closed the meeting with a prayer.

Mayor

City Clerk

Date