

**Union Point City Council Minutes**  
**Monthly Meeting – December 10, 2024 – 6 P.M.**  
**Four Room School House – 211 Veazey Street, Union Point, GA**

**Attendees:** **Mayor** Lanier Rhodes **Council Members:** Mayor Pro-Tem Jimmy Scott, Sally Boswell, Mary Mundy, William Harris, Jr. & John Rhodes **Absent:** Teneisha Pinkney & City Clerk Becky Cronic  
**Others:** Finance Officer Sheila Jordan

**Mayor** Lanier Rhodes called the December 10, 2024 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 Rhodes to approve the agenda for the December 10, 2024 meeting. Seconded by Council Member Mundy. Opportunity for discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

**A motion was made** by Council Member Boswell to approve the minutes for the November 12, 2024, council meeting with minor change adding "or state issued ID" under the Clerk's Report for credible identification for account holders. This is in addition to driver's license; under Old Business change remall to remain. Motion seconded by Council Member Harris. Opportunity for discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Attorney Reitman was not in attendance. No legal matters noted.

**Downtown Development Authority** (DDA) – Mayor Rhodes reported that DDA representative Jill Rhodes was not in attendance due to another commitment. Mayor Rhodes reported that it was anticipated that the new corridor signs for the city would be completed by Christmas or New Year's.

**Old Business:**

Mayor Rhodes reported that a copy of the FY2025 Budget for WATER/SEWER FUND was included in their packets for review. No other old business at this time.

**New Business:**

Renewal of Law Enforcement Agreement - Mayor Rhodes reported that the IGA between the City of Union Point and Greene County Sheriff's Office is expiring at the end of the year. To renew the IGA with the same number of hours as the original agreement, it would exceed our budgeted funds due to an increase in the hourly wages for the officers. In 2019 when the Union Point Police Department, closed Union Point entered an agreement for additional public safety protection. The laws state if you have a municipality, the Sheriff of that specific county is required to give protection without an agreement. After discussing the options in 2019, the council decided to request extra protection. The agreement at that time was 24 hours a month with the Sheriff's Office covering as many of these hours as he could with the officers. The city would pay the 24 hours regardless of them being present. With the increase in the salaries for officers, the council discussed the options for FY2025.

**A motion was made** by Council Member Boswell to decrease the extra protection hours per month to 18 hours. Motion seconded by Council Member Scott. Opportunity for discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Rhodes confirmed the Christmas luncheon for employees would be at the Fire Department at noon, December 19th. On December 24th and 25th the City will be closed for Christmas. It will close at noon New Years' Eve, December 31st and be closed New Year's Day.

**Department Reports:**

Council Member Mundy reported that the Christmas parade had 3 bands confirmed and 6 vendors. The parade line-up is at 11 a.m. and the parade will begin at 1 p.m.

Will Wright reported on both Fire Department and Animal Control. The fire department has received over 30 calls so far since October. They have responded to mutual aid in Woodville, Greensboro, and Siloam. Taliaferro County Fire Dept. has requested a mutual aid agreement and will be sending documentation in the coming weeks. The fireman's annual dinner will be this Saturday. Dinner will be catered by CK's Smokehouse. The Mayor and Council are welcome to attend.

I have located 4 pump trucks for the city to consider. The prices given were \$487,000, \$462,000, \$439,000, and lowest being \$360,000 for a 3000 gallon pumper. Several volunteer firefighters will be assisting with the parade on Saturday. The local toy drive went well. Many thanks to Linda Crossman. We will have 40 small tablets to be given out to kids between 2-14 yrs.

Chief Wright thanked volunteers Erica Rodriguez and Liddy Smith for their assistance with the toy drive, and thanked Council Member Mundy for all her hard work with the coordination of the recent fire department functions.

**Public Comments:**

Mr. Butler thanked Public Works David for the expertise work they did on patching roads at Summer Hill. It was greatly appreciated. Mayor Rhodes remarked that it was a pleasant surprise to hear positive comments. It's very seldom to receive thanks for the work done, as the majority of the time its complaints on what has not been done.

Mayor Rhodes introduced and welcomed the new pastor from Siloam Missionary Baptist Church.

There being no further business, Council Member Rhodes **made a motion** to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Council Member Mundy. Motion unanimously passed.

Mayor Rhodes closed the meeting with prayer.

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Mayor

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City Clerk

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Date