

Union Point City Council Meeting
DRAFT - Minutes – January 13, 2026 – 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, Kaylin Johnson, Teneisha Pinkney, William Harris, Jr. **Others:** City Clerk Becky Cronic, Attorney Joe Reitman

Mayor Lanier Rhodes called the January 13, 2026, meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and opened the meeting with prayer. A quorum was present.

Mayor Rhodes welcomed all and asked everyone to introduce themselves just before the swearing in of Mayor and Council ceremony. Attorney Joe Reitman presented the Oath of Office to the Mayor and Council and swore each of them into office for a four-year term.

A motion was made by Council Member Boswell to approve the agenda for the January 2026 meeting. Second, Council Member Mundy. Opportunity for discussion. The motion unanimously passed.

A motion was made by Council Member Boswell to approve the minutes of the December 2025, meeting. Second, Council Member Harris. Opportunity for discussion. The motion unanimously passed.

Legal Matters: – Attorney Reitman did not have a report. Council Member Harris asked that Attorney Reitman follow-up on the delinquent fines and fees that are due to Municipal Court. Attorney Reitman stated that he is available if needed and will speak with the Clerk of Court if she needs assistance.

Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Update: Jill Rhodes reported that the DDA continues to work on the Ogeechee River future park on Lamb Avenue. Riprap rock will be placed along the riverbed soon to help with erosion. Mrs. Rhodes reported that the property known as Hawthorne Heights at 607 Carlton Avenue continues to be enhanced as the owner is renovating the home after years of deterioration. We look forward to seeing the completion of the property that will add to the revitalization of this historic parcel. The DDA will meet for their next meeting on January 26th at the museum on Sibley Avenue at 5:30 p.m. Anyone who would like to attend may do so.

Clerk's Report: Becky Cronic reported that 12% of the revenue for the property tax bills had been received as of the end of December. Due date for the 2025 taxes is February 16th. Four businesses renewed their Malt Beverage Licenses: BP Station, Short Stop, Union Point Grocery and Deli, and Jackson's BBQ. Clerk Cronic and Municipal Court Clerk Callaway are working with a collection agency on a proposal to recoup delinquent court fees. More information to come when it is available.

Old Business:

Clerk Cronic reported that the sealed bids for the sale of surplus property at 807 Park Avenue were opened on January 9th. Only one bid was submitted. A motion was made by Council Member Scott to accept the bid from Marquavious Mitchell in the amount of \$1,001 for the purchase of the parcel at 807 Park Avenue and to include the payment of closing fees incurred. Motion was seconded by Council Member Boswell. Opportunity for discussion. Motion unanimously passed. Clerk Cronic will notify the purchaser to proceed with finalizing the sale.

New Business:

A proposal was submitted to the council for the potential opening of a package store and liquor license purchase in Union Point. Further information is necessary before looking at this proposal. The item was tabled until more details were available. Clerk Cronic reported that February 20, 2026, is Arbor Day in Georgia. A proclamation will be forthcoming to proclaim this same date as Arbor Day in Union Point. A tree is being sought to replace a tree that was planted and died in the Firefly Garden. Further details on the time of the planting on Arbor Day will be forthcoming.

Department Reports:

Animal Control Officer Wright gave a report on the month's animal control activity. David Stephens also gave an update on the Water Department and reported that the water tank on Industrial Blvd will be under maintenance in the coming weeks and an operator will be at the water plant night and day. More details will be forthcoming to determine exact dates.

Public Comment: Gayle Thornton commented that she wanted to publicly thank Animal Control Officer Wright for his efforts and attentiveness to the calls and duties for Animal Control. Council Member Mundy commented and thanked all who assisted with the efforts with the Flame Team and those who contributed to the Christmas toy drive in December. Many families welcomed assistance from the community and were truly grateful. Council Member Mundy also thanked all who participated in the Christmas Parade. Several bands were scheduled to attend, however, due to a change of plans at the last minute, only one participated.

Mayor Rhodes asked if there was any need for Executive Session. No need.

Mayor Rhodes gave encouraging words to the newly elected council members and challenged them all to work towards the betterment of Union Point during their term.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 pm by Council Member Harris. Motion was seconded by Council Member Mundy. Opportunity for discussion. Motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Rhodes closed the meeting with prayer. A reception followed the meeting to allow the Mayor, Council Members and Public to interact with each other.

Mayor

Clerk

Date