

**Union Point City Council Minutes**  
**Monthly Meeting – March 9, 2021 – 6 p.m.**  
**Four Room School House – 211 Veazey Street, Union Point, GA**

**Attendees:** Mayor Lanier Rhodes **Council Members:** Sally Boswell, Mary Mundy, Mayor Pro-Tem Jimmy Scott, John Rhodes **Absent:** Wayne Brown  
**Others:** City Clerk Becky Cronic and Attorney Joe Reitman

Mayor Lanier Rhodes called the March 9th meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and opened the meeting with prayer.

A quorum was present for the meeting. It was noted that Council Member Brown was unable to attend due to unexpected circumstances. Council Member Mundy was unable to stay due to illness.

**A motion was made** by Council Member Boswell to approve the agenda; seconded by Council Member Clifton. Opportunity for discussion. Motion unanimously passed.

**A motion was made** by Council Member Boswell to accept the minutes presented from the February 9, 2021 council meeting with minor changes; seconded by Council Member Rhodes. Opportunity for discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Legal Matters:** Attorney Reitman reported that the bond validation advertisement has been submitted to the legal organ in Greene County and the Public Hearing for the bond validation for the financing of the water plant facility will be held on March 29<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. in Superior Court, Greene County Courthouse. Attorney Reitman noted that a question had been posed to him as to staggered terms for council members. He reported that staggering would be complex due to establishing the terms, but it would be for the council to discuss if it were to be considered for future.

**DDA:** Jill Rhodes reported on behalf of the DDA and shared that the museum items in one of the rooms in the Four Room Schoolhouse are being moved to the Downtown Building within the next two weeks. This will allow the Municipal Court to utilize the open room at the schoolhouse for attorneys and additional needs. Progress is being made at the Theater with needed repairs, and Mrs. Rhodes reported that DDA Member Dee Lhowe had resigned due to moving out of Union Point. DDA will seek a new member to replace Mrs. Lhowe on the board.

**New Business Introduction:** Mr. Stephen Alger Director of HR of ARC (America's Remanufacturing Company) introduced himself and the Operations Manager for Amazon, Bill Phillips, to the Council. This company is new to Union Point and located in the former Universal Rundle building on Industrial Blvd. They will have approximately 50 employees by the end of March and over 100 by the end of the year. This facility in Union Point services Amazon as the prime customer. Mr. Alger also requested assistance with parking matters along Industrial Drive and Industrial Blvd. which the Mayor and Council agreed to allow them to park along the street until parking in the rear of the building could be addressed. Proper signage will be installed for **"No Truck and Trailer Parking Anytime"**, however, parking for employees will be allowed.

**Clerk's Report:** Becky Cronic distributed a report to each of the council members. A bid advertisement for paving, patching and leveling streets in Union Point is being placed in the legal organ and bid packets are being mailed to potential companies provided through DOT. Bids are due by April 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Old Business:**

Engineer Chip McGaughey with EMI gave an overview of the status of the Water Plant project. Construction is slated to begin in early April. A meeting with the construction team is set for March 23<sup>rd</sup> and funds are within the budgeted bid for the materials. USDA will release funds following the construction meeting and when all documents have been filed following the Public Hearing on March 29<sup>th</sup>.

**New Business:**

Attorney Reitman gave a summary of the bond ordinance and resolution for the construction of the new water plant. **A motion was made** by Council Member Clifton to approve the interim bond ordinance and resolution for the City of Union Point's Water Plant project for financing, and to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign any documentation required. Seconded by Council Member Rhodes. Opportunity for discussion. Motion unanimously passed. **A motion was made** by Council Member Boswell to approve the permanent bond ordinance and resolution presented and to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign documentation related to the project. Seconded by Council Member Clifton. Opportunity for discussion. Motion unanimously passed. **A motion was made** by Council Member Scott to approve the rates for the bond validation and to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign documentation pertinent to the bond validation. Seconded by Council Member Rhodes. Opportunity for discussion. Motion unanimously passed.

**Sale of Surplus Property** – Three bids for the surplus firearms were submitted and the highest bid was for \$9,600. Council Member Scott motioned to accept the bid for the surplus property in the amount of \$9,600. Motion seconded by Council Member Rhodes. Opportunity for discussion. Motion unanimously passed.

**Department Reports:** Clean up week will be the week of May 24<sup>th</sup>. City will pick up household goods along roadside from residents. All residents are asked to put items out no later than 7 a.m. May 24<sup>th</sup>. There will be a bin for tires that residents will be allowed to dispose of their tires in. Notice about the Clean-Up Week will be inserted into the May utility bill.

**Public Comments:** Council Member Boswell thanked David Stephens for repairing the water leak on Dolvin Avenue.

**A motion was made** to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. by Council Member Boswell; seconded by Council Member Clifton. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Rhodes closed the meeting with a prayer.

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Mayor

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City Clerk

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Date