

Union Point City Council Meeting
Minutes – April 14, 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 April 14, 2026, 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 April 14, 2026, meeting. Motion was seconded by Council Member Mundy. Opportunity for discussion. The motion unanimously passed.

A motion was made by Council Member Scott to approve the minutes of the March 2026 meeting. Second, Council Member Johnson. Opportunity for discussion. The motion unanimously passed.

Legal Matters: Attorney Reitman had no updates or reports.

Downtown Development Authority (DDA): Jill Rhodes, DDA Chair, reported that efforts continue to be underway on the Ogeechee River Park development along Lamb Avenue and will continue through the summer. Mrs. Rhodes reported that the historic home known as Hawthorne Heights visible from downtown and owned by Blair Dorminy, is undergoing major renovations. HPC will review permits for appropriateness and interior renovation permits have been issued for the project. This historic home will potentially one day be an event venue.

Clerk's Report: Clerk Cronic reported that GA-DOT would be working in the Union Point area in mid-April to repair several areas on Hwy 278/Lamb Avenue. Residential road repair RFPs will be going out in several weeks for other city road repair projects where T-SPLOST funds will be utilized. A report from the city's engineer was distributed to the council identifying several concerns and repairs they are making at their cost to soon get the new Water Treatment Plant in operation. Council Members Harris and Johnson will be attending the GMA Convention in Savannah in late June.

Old Business:

Fire Chief Rodney Wiggins, Deputy Chief Daniel Pritchett, and Captain Chris Shockley were in attendance for the April meeting. Chief Wiggins and Deputy Pritchett gave a six-month overview of the fire department and highlighted the additions and changes that have taken place in the department since the consolidation. One new tanker truck has been added, giving more protection for this district. Lighting upgrades to lower the cost of electricity have been put in place, and annual maintenance continues to be in place for equipment. There is a total of 12 Volunteer firemen for Union Point. A total of ninety-six volunteer and paid firemen in GCFR (34 FT – 20 PT; 42 Volunteers) Union Point Volunteers received \$25 per accredited drill and \$25 per call from Greene County Fire and Rescue.

A request to rent the old gym was presented by Andre Brown and Carlos Woods with Against All Odds (AAO), an organization promoting the betterment of youth in the community. Both gentlemen shared their desire to lease the gym for a youth basketball program for May – July 2026. AAO has responsible leaders and parents who volunteer to work with the kids. They would provide their own insurance for liability purposes, and a retired police officer, Randy Barnhart, will be on premises for security. After the presentation and all questions were raised, Mayor Rhodes asked for a motion to allow the group to use the gym as is, or to deny the request. **A motion was made** by Council Member Sally Boswell to allow AAO to lease the gym on Witcher Street for an agreed upon fee for 3 months as is. Motion was seconded by Council Member Pinkney. Opportunity for discussion. "What will the monthly rate be for the lease" was asked. A separate motion will need to be made for cost. Motion passed 5 to 1 with Council Member Scott in opposition. After discussion, a rate was determined for the lease of the gym for AAO. **A motion was made** to charge \$100 per month by Council Member Mundy for the next three months. Seconded by Council Member Pinkney. Opportunity for discussion. It was asked if there was

a need for additional fees based on need for lighting, exit signs, etc. **A motion was made to amend the previous motion** by Council Member Johnson to charge \$100 deposit and then \$100 per month in addition to utility cost for May, June, and July 2026, with the agreement that any expenses needed to run the program would be covered by AAO, i.e., supplies, light bulbs, cleaning, etc. Motion was seconded by Council Member Mundy. Further discussion. The motion passed 5 – 1 with Council Member Scott in opposition.

New Business:

Clerk Cronin reported that there are several vehicles that are no longer of use to the city. Superintendent David Stephens advised that the following equipment and vehicles are out of service and of no use to the Public Works Department. A Bandit Chipper, a 1994 Dump Truck, and a 2005 F-250 X-Cab Truck. From the Public Safety Department there is a 2005 Ford F-250 Super Duty (old Fire Chief's Truck) and a 1989 Chev. Silverado (Old Animal Control Truck). **A motion was made** by Council Member Boswell to sell the following vehicles as is for surplus property through Gov. Deals and advertise the same in local newspaper. Motion seconded by Council Member Mundy. Opportunity for discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Department Reports:

Animal Control Officer Wright gave a report on the month's animal control activity. The city continues to have both unclaimed dogs and cats that run at large. Several tickets were written in March to those who have dogs that were identified.

David Stephens reported that the engineers and technicians are working on the items listed on the handout that was presented to the council. EPD has required that these items be corrected and will come back for another visit upon completion. Most of these repairs will be at the engineers' cost. Council Member Harris shared his dissatisfaction with the engineering team and asked the council consider hiring another firm the next time any projects come up. Council Member Mundy thanked those who participated in donating to the Egg Hunt that was held in late March coordinated by the Flame Team organization. The next event will be on May 1st as Bingo will be held at the Fire Station Training room for Senior Citizens at 6 p.m.

Public Comment: Mr. Mandrell Terrell came to the podium and asked about renting the ballfields for an event this summer. Mayor Rhodes shared with Mr. Terrell that this time was for making comments on items that had been discussed at the meeting, however, he would let him speak and come back to the next meeting to give details and further information on what he would like to host.

Council Member Harris asked that Housing Authority Director Ingersoll share his concerns about storm water issues. Council Member Harris said that Mr. Ingersoll had talked to him about several issues he was having. After several comments, Mayor Rhodes asked that Mr. Ingersoll meet with David Stephens on any issues he is having later so that the city could get a better idea of what needs to be corrected, or if anything needed to be corrected.

Mayor Rhodes asked if there was any need for Executive Session. None at this time.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm by Council Member Boswell. Motion was seconded by Council Member Harris. Opportunity for discussion. Motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Rhodes closed the meeting with prayer.

Mayor

Clerk

Date