

**Union Point City Council Minutes**  
**Draft - Monthly Meeting – May 14, 2024 – 6 p.m.**  
**Four Room School House – 211 Veazey Street, Union Point, GA**

**Attendees:**   **Mayor:** Lanier Rhodes   **Council Members:** Sally Boswell, Mary Mundy, Jim Scott, Teneisha Pinkney  
**Absent:** John Rhodes, William Harris, Jr.   **Others:** City Clerk Becky Cronic

Mayor Lanier Rhodes called the May 14, 2024, meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and opened the meeting with prayer. A quorum was not present for the opening of the meeting. Council Member Pinkney arrived at 6:10 p.m. and a quorum was present.

**A motion was made** by Council Member Boswell to approve the agenda for the May 14, 2024, meeting. Seconded by Council Member Mundy. Opportunity for discussion. The motion unanimously passed.

**A motion was made** by Council Member Scott to approve the minutes from the April 9, 2024, council meeting. Seconded by Council Member Pinkney. Opportunity for discussion. The motion unanimously passed.

**Legal Matters:** Attorney Reitman was not in attendance. Mayor Rhodes reported that the Old BP Station (4760 Lamb Avenue) was under contract, therefore due to the City not making improvements to the building to meet compliance, no lien is connected to the parcel, and the present owner will be able to sell the building as is. An update will be forthcoming on the sale.

**Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Update:** Jill Rhodes, DDA Chair, reported that the Authority had a meet and greet at the Union Point Museum on April 29<sup>th</sup>. City officials, DDA members and those who recently purchased buildings on Sibley Avenue were invited to attend to meet one another and update the new owners on what is taking place in Union Point. The DDA announced that a decision had been made to sell the Union Point Theatre due to lack of funding support to complete the renovations and due to future maintenance needs. The sale will take place in June 2024. Chairman Rhodes encouraged the council to share ideas for any needs they saw downtown.

**Sheriff's Report:** Sheriff Harrison presented quarterly statistics on law enforcement activities taking place in Union Point. The majority of calls reported were domestic disputes and there were several burglaries (suspects caught) that took place. Sheriff Harrison answered questions asked by the council members and shared his phone number with everyone in attendance so they could call if there was ever a need.

**Clerk's Report:** Becky Cronic reported that she had moved forward with securing TextMyGov.com as the text alert company who will administer updates from the city as needed to customers via text messages. The service will be \$1,500 a year.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

GMA informed the city that The Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System Defined Benefit Retirement Plan needs to be restated to protect the Plan's tax-qualified status with the IRS. The former agreement did not have the favorable IRS protection that was necessary. A motion was made by Council Member Mundy to restate the GMEBS Retirement Plan agreement with IRS protection of the tax-qualified status. Motion seconded by Council Member Scott. Opportunity for discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Department Reports:** David Stephens reported that the recent flushing of the water lines/hydrants went well, and that the city maintenance crew would continue to flush lines as needed to assist with the opening of the new water plant. David reported that his department needs two new mowers. He was asked to get a quote on two 61" mowers from BobCat, or another vendor for review.

Will Wright reported on both Animal Control and the Fire Department. Currently have 21 active firefighters.

**Public Comment:**

There being no further business **a motion was made to adjourn** the meeting at 7:05 pm by Council Member Boswell; seconded by Council Member Mundy. The motion unanimously passed.

Mayor Rhodes closed the meeting with prayer.

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City Clerk

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Date