Union Point City Council Meeting
Minutes – Sept 8, 2026 – 6 p.m.
Four Room School House – 211 Veazey Street, Union Point, GA

Attendees: Mayor Lanier Rhodes **Council Members**: Jim Scott, Sally Boswell, Kaylin Johnson, William Harris, Jr., Mary Mundy **Absen**t: Teneisha Pinkney **Others:** Attorney Joe Reitman and City Clerk Becky Cronic

Mayor Lanier Rhodes called the September 8, 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 Johnson to approve the agenda for the Sept. 8, 2026, meeting. Motion was seconded by Council Member Boswell. Opportunity for discussion. The motion unanimously passed.

A motion was made by Council Member Boswell to approve the minutes of the August 2026 meeting with minor changes. Seconded by Council Member Harris. Opportunity for discussion. The motion unanimously passed.

Legal Matters: Attorney Reitman reviewed the city's current Noise Ordinance and recommended a couple of revisions including the addition of a timeframe for audible noise which is set from 10pm – 7am, and clarification that at the 100 feet distance noise such as radios, bands, etc., must be fully audible. This draft was presented as the first reading for the revised ordinance. The second reading of the ordinance will be read in October and will be presented for approval.

Downtown Development Authority (DDA): Jill Rhodes, DDA Chairperson, reported on the Ogeechee River Headwaters mini park in Union Point. The property continues to be enhanced, and additional amenities will soon be added. Sherley Selman reported that the annual Junction Jamboree Jog would be held on September 26th. Sherley encouraged all to participate.

Clerk's Report: Clerk Cronic gave a brief update on Thornton's Crossing (housing development underway on Dolvin Avenue). All permits for land development have been approved, and the developers are scheduled to break ground any day.

Old Business:
Speed Bump for Newsome St.: Mary Mundy presented a petition from residents on Newsome Street requesting a speed bump. Upon reviewing the request, it was approved to place a speed bump on Newsome. **A motion was made** by Council Member Harris to place a speed bump between Carlton Avenue and Hart Avenue where needed. Motion was seconded by Council Member Pinkney. Opportunity for discussion. Motion unanimously passed.
Policy Update for Employee Handbook: Attorney Reirman reviewed and highlighted key points to the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act policy that is required to be added to the Employee Handbook. **A motion was made** by Council Member Boswell to approve the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act policy for the City of Union Point Employee Handbook. Motion seconded by Council Member Kaylin Johnson. Opportunity for discussion. The motion passed unanimously.
General Fund Budget 2027: A Public Hearing will be held on September 29th at 5:30pm for the purpose of reviewing the draft for Fiscal Year 2027 General Fund Budget. The proposed budget was presented to the Mayor and Council this evening and a copy is available for public review at the City Hall. The adoption of the budget and budget ordinance will take place at the October 13th Council Meeting.

New Business:
Clerk Cronic presented a draft of the current revisions to the Manufactured Home and Residential District Ordinance that is under review. A Public Hearing will be held in October to receive comments and questions. Upon review and approval of this ordinance, the current moratorium against specific permits may be lifted.
The proposed millage rate and details pertaining to the rate were presented and reviewed. **A motion was made by** Council Member Boswell to approve 5.75 percent for the 2026 tax millage rate. Motion was seconded by Council Member Mundy. Opportunity for discussion. It was noted that this rate is lower than the previous year and will generate around $250,000 in revenue for the General Fund budget. Motion unanimously passed.

Clerk of Court Contract: Clerk Cronic presented the Clerk of Court's annual renewal contract for review and consideration. Clerk Yolanda Callaway has requested that her contract be revised to cover 6 months rather than a year due to retirement. Clerk Cronic reported that after discussions with Ms. Callaway that she would be able to train her replacement over the six-month period. Clerk Cronic recommended that the Clerk of Court position remain in house and that staff member Erica Rodriguez take on the added responsibility. **A motion was made** by Council Member Boswell to renew Yoland Callaway's contract for six months as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member Scott. Opportunity for discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Department Reports:
Animal Control Officer Wright gave a report from Animal Control. He continues to work with the surrounding Humane Societies to manage adoptions and foster homes for as many animals as possible.
Trunk-or-Treat/Halloween Bash will be held from 5-8pm on October 31st at the Fire Department.

Public Comment: Mrs. Loraine Henderson commented on the trash that continues to be left on Bloodworth Street. She asked that the city consider placing "No Littering" signs along the roadway to try to help with the concern. Mayor Rhodes shared that her comments were appreciated, and signs would be added in the coming days.

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

Becky Cronic closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Mayor Clerk Date