

**Union Point City Council Minutes**  
**Monthly Meeting – November 8, 2022 – 6 p.m.**  
**Four Room School House – 211 Veazey Street, Union Point, GA**

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

Mayor Lanier Rhodes called the November 8, 2022, meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. with a prayer followed by the pledge to the flag. It was noted that a quorum was present.

**A motion was made** by Council Member Scott to approve the agenda for the November 8, 2022, meeting. Seconded by Council Member Mundy. Opportunity for discussion. Motion unanimously passed.

**A motion was made** by Council Member Boswell to approve the minutes from the October meeting. Seconded by Council Member Pinkney. Opportunity for discussion. Motion passed 4-1 with Council Member Scott abstaining due to not being at the October meeting.

**Legal Matters:** Attorney Reitman was unable to attend the meeting.

**DDA Update:** Mayor Rhodes gave a brief update on the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) provided by Jill Rhodes, Chair of DDA. DDA and the City of Union Point applied for a Preservation Grant through the Fox Theatre Institute and was awarded \$40,000 for the Theatre. The funds awarded will be used to match DDA funds and renovate most of the rear section of the Theatre. There is a scheduled completion date of June 15, 2023. The Joel McRay Memorial Garden formerly known as the Butterfly Garden, was almost complete. The garden is located along the Firefly Trail near the Carlton Avenue and North Rhodes Street section of the trail. Volunteers will be planting and assisting with completion in the weeks ahead. The 5K Junction Jog was well attended in September and all funds raised will be used towards restoration of the Union Theatre.

**Clerk's Report:** Becky Cronic gave an overview of the health insurance open enrollment timeframe and reported that the rates for health, dental and vision will remain the same for employees for the 2023 year. Property taxes will be mailed December 15<sup>th</sup> and are due February 15, 2023. Mrs. Cronic reported that she is seeking a new audit firm to complete the 2020 audit as the firm the city has been using for many years recently closed and is not going to be able to complete the past and current audits.

**Old Business:**

Hal Chitwood, zoning official, reported on the recent rezoning request and sub-divide for the property located next to 4481 Lamb Avenue owned by Mr. Dwyane Bolden. The owner applied to rezone the property from R1 to M1 and would like to put a restaurant on the property if approved. Mr. Bolden was in attendance and presented a summary of his plans for the property and future business. **A motion was made** by Council Member Boswell to rezone the property next to 4481 Lamb Avenue from R1 to M1. Seconded by Council Member Pinkney. Opportunity for discussion. Motion passed 4 – 1 with Council Member Scott opposing. **A motion was made** by Council Member Pinkney to sub-divide the property next to 4481 Lamb Avenue as a separate parcel for a proposed restaurant location. Seconded by Council Member Harris. Opportunity for discussion. It was noted that Mr. Bolden would have to present further plans and requirements prior to any construction. Motion passed 4-1 with Council Member Scott opposing.

Clerk Cronic presented a quote from LaToya Hutchinson, Esq., as a candidate for Union Point Municipal Court Public Defender. The quote was tabled until next month when further information from the Court Clerk could be obtained.

Flock Safety Camera information and a detailed map of Union Point of where the cameras would best serve the area was presented to the council. It was recommended that two cameras be purchased and installed along the Hwy 270 corridor and the Hwy 77 S corridor. **A motion was made** by Council Member Pinkney and seconded by Council Member Harris to purchase two cameras for additional safety precautions for Union Point. Opportunity for discussion. Motion unanimously passed.

**New Business:**

**A motion was made** by Council Member Boswell to renew the annual contract for Municipal Court Clerk Yolanda Callaway at a rate of \$500 per month. Seconded by Council Member Mundy. Opportunity for discussion. It was asked who her back-up was if she was not able to attend. This will be addressed when contract is presented. Motion unanimously passed.

**Department Reports:** Assistant Chief Will Wright presented a request to receive a letter of intent for the purchase of a new fire truck for the Union Point Fire Department. A packet with details on the proposal was given to each council member for review. SPLOST funds will not be enough to cover the purchase therefore, grants are being considered to assist with the purchase. Council will review and revisit the proposal.

Council Member Mundy reported that the Christmas Tree lighting and the Christmas Parade are coming together. The tree lighting will be December 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. and the parade on December 10<sup>th</sup> 2 p.m. All are invited to attend.

David Stephens shared in his report that several roads in the city have areas that are of concern to him as sections are washing out. Matthew Jackson with Jackson’s Grading and Construction submitted a proposal for repairing one section that has become a priority due to utilities needing to be installed on Dolvin Avenue. **A motion was made** by Council Member Scott to approve up to \$6,000 for Jackson’s Grading and Construction to repair the section on Dolvin Avenue. Seconded by Council Member Boswell. Opportunity for discussion. Motion unanimously passed.

**Other:** Clerk Cronin reported that several calls had come in regarding rental of the gym. After discussion it was recommended that an inspection take place before allowing anyone to use it due to it not being used in a year and potential safety issues.

**Public Comment:** Jan Brazier commented in favor of the safety cameras and inquired about the exact locations.

There being no further business **a motion was made to adjourn** the meeting by Council Member Boswell; seconded by Council Member Pinkney. Motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Rhodes closed the meeting with a prayer.

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Mayor

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City Clerk

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