

Union Point City Council Minutes
Monthly Meeting – January 10, 2022 – 6 p.m.
Four Room School House – 211 Veazey Street, Union Point, GA

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

Mayor Lanier Rhodes called the January 10, 2023, meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and opened with a prayer. A quorum was present for the meeting.

A motion was made by Council Member Mundy to approve the agenda for the January 10, 2023, meeting. Seconded by Council Member Harris. Opportunity for discussion. Motion unanimously passed.

A motion was made by Council Member Rhodes to approve the minutes from the December meeting. Seconded by Council Member Scott. Opportunity for discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

The fiscal year end 2022 financials were presented as information.

Legal Matters: Attorney Reitman updated the council on a notice from Viasat on the notice to extend the Gateway Lease by and between the City of Union Point and Viasat Inc., for an additional twelve months commencing April 12, 2023 – April 11, 2024. Fiber is still not available to this area with the preferred provider therefore no activity is taking place at the construction site as of now. No other updates were noted.

DDA Update: Jan Brazier reported that with assistance from the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) the Union Point Garden Club was able to receive a \$1,000 community project grant from “Plant America”. The grant funds will be used to assist with planting near the relocated flower garden along the Firefly Trail. Jill Rhodes reported that there are several buildings in downtown that are for sale and if anyone knows of people who may be interested, please contact the City and DDA will guide them as to who to contact. She also reported that the building that houses the museum has several leaks and the DDA is addressing the need for repairs.

Clerk’s Report: Becky Cronic reported on the upcoming Five-Year Comprehensive Plan Public Hearing and steering committee meeting that will jointly be held with White Plains and Siloam. Each municipality will have their own committee and plan, however the Public Hearing and initial meeting will be held January 26th. The steering committee from each entity is requested to have an elected official to serve along with a downtown business owner or DDA member. Council Member Pinkney volunteered to serve on the committee as the elected official.

Old Business:

Council Member Scott gave an update on the section of road on Dolvin Avenue that the city is overseeing due to a portion of the road collapsing. David Stephens, City Superintendent and Public Works department crew; Wendall Matthews, Tri-County Natural Gas Supervisor worked together to prepare the road and mark the main water lines for the contractor who will be placing new pipe for a new business locating in the area. Due to the age of the water lines in the area, these lines are very hard to identify therefore additional time was taken to prepare the area for future customers.

New Business: There was no new business presented to the Council.

Department Reports:

David Stephens gave a report on the numerous water issues due to the recent freezing temperatures. He will continue to have his department work on several lines that have slow leaks once the major ones have been repaired. Will Wright gave a brief report on Animal Control activity.

Other: Council Member Jim Scott gave a report on items that needed to be addressed at the old gymnasium before it is safe to rent it out to any groups in the near future.

Public Comment: None.

There being no further business **a motion was made to adjourn** the meeting at 7 p.m. by Council Member Mundy; seconded by Council Member Rhodes. Motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Rhodes closed the meeting with a prayer.

Mayor

City Clerk

Date