

Union Point City Council Minutes
Monthly Meeting – February 9, 2021 – 6 p.m.
Four Room School House – 211 Veazey Street, Union Point, GA

Attendees: Mayor Lanier Rhodes **Council Members:** Sally Boswell, Mary Mundy, Mayor Pro-Tem Jimmy Scott, John Rhodes **Absent:** Dawn Clifton, Wayne Brown
Others: City Clerk Becky Cronic and Attorney Joe Reitman

Mayor Lanier Rhodes called the February 8th meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and opened the meeting with prayer.

A quorum was present for the meeting. It was noted that Council Members Brown and Clifton were unable to attend due to unexpected circumstances.

A motion was made by Council Member Scott to approve the agenda with additions under Old Business (Surplus Resolution) and New Business (Potential guest from Chamber of Commerce); seconded by Council Member Boswell. Opportunity for discussion. Motion unanimously passed.

A motion was made by Council Member Rhodes to accept the minutes presented from the January 12, 2021 council meeting; seconded by Council Member Mundy. Opportunity for discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Legal Matters: Attorney Reitman reported that the legal procedures for the Water Plant project were moving forward with bond counsel documentation being reviewed and all other legal steps being taken to proceed with the construction of the facility. The City will hear from Engineering Management at the next meeting with further updates on the timeline for the project. Attorney Reitman noted that he had reviewed the Municipal Court Clerk Agreement and the Firearms Resolution that would be presented under “New Business” and saw no additional changes that needed to be made.

DDA: Becky Cronic reported on behalf of the Downtown Development Authority. **A motion** was made to approve Marty Dowdy as a member of the DDA Board by Council Member Mundy; seconded by Council Member Rhodes. Opportunity for discussion. Council Member Boswell asked what the criteria was for serving on the DDA. No further discussion, the motion passed unanimously. Cronic also noted that David Simpson was currently working repairing the floors at the Union Theatre. The Union Point Historic Preservation Commission has two vacant slots due to the passing of Mr. Joel McRay and resignation of Bud Kennedy. Volunteers with some historic interest and or background are needed. One candidate has been recommended. **A motion** was made by Council Member Scott to approve Ginger Mulherin as a member of the Historic Preservation Commission; seconded by Council Member Rhodes. Opportunity for discussion. Motion unanimously passed.

Clerk’s Report: Becky Cronic reported that she would be attending two certification classes in the coming weeks to count towards her Clerk’s Certification. Becky asked that the Council consider planting a tree on Arbor Day in memory of former tree Board Chairman Joel McRay. **A motion** was made by Council Member Boswell to purchase and plant a tree in memory of Joel McRay. Seconded by Council Member Mundy. Opportunity for discussion. Motion unanimously passed. An updated Comprehensive Plan listing projects that had been completed over the past three years was distributed as information.

Old Business:

Mayor Pro Tem Scott updated the Council on the Firefly Trail and drainage concerns that have shown up since the trail has been completed. The Contractor and Engineer will be back to installing proper drainage features to resolve the water flowing across the trail.

A motion was made by Council Member Jim Scott to approve the Surplus Resolution to sell the guns and ammo that are currently the City's assets under the Police Department. Seconded by Council Member Boswell. Opportunity for discussion. Motion unanimously passed.

New Business:

MGAG – Representative Steve Edwards gave a detailed presentation on a rebate program offering that MGAG is recommending to municipalities who sell Natural Gas. A packet with all the details on the program was distributed to the council and clerk. Union Point would have to also advertise and be creative in getting the word out to both existing customers and new customers. This program is only available to property owners. **A motion was made** by Council Member Rhodes to approve a rebate program for Union Point utility customers offered in conjunction with the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia; seconded by Council Member Scott. Opportunity for discussion. Motion unanimously carried.

Scott Tolleson gave a brief report on behalf of the Greene County Development Authority.

Clerk Cronic presented the renewal of the Municipal Court Clerk contractual agreement with Yolanda Callaway. There were no changes to the agreement from the previous year. **A motion to renew** the Municipal Court Clerk contractual agreement with Yolanda Callaway was made by Council Member Boswell. Seconded by Council Member Mundy. Opportunity for discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Boswell to approve the Arbor Day Proclamation establishing February 26th as Arbor Day for the City of Union Point. Seconded by Council Member Rhodes. Opportunity for discussion. Motion unanimously passed.

Department Reports: Council Member Rhodes reported that a playground set is being donated to the City by an anonymous entity. Space for the playground is not cleared on the property next to the basketball court at this time. The playground equipment will be stored on other City property until it can be installed at the Barnes Street Park. Peekscape Tree Service has shared that they will clear trees that remain on the lot for little to no cost. A motion was made by Jim Scott to pay Peekscape Tree Service \$500 to cut the remaining trees on the Barnes Street Park property. Seconded by Council Member Mundy. Opportunity for discussion. A motion was made by Council Member Scott to restate the previous motion and allow Council Member Rhodes to negotiate and allow up to \$1500 with Peekscape to not only cut the trees but to remove them from the property. Seconded by Council Member Mundy. Motion unanimously passed.

Public Comments: No comments.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. by Council Member Boswell; seconded by Council Member Mundy. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Rhodes asked that Council Member Rhodes close the meeting with a prayer.

Mayor

City Clerk

Date