

**Union Point City Council Minutes**  
**Monthly Meeting – February 14, 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, John Rhodes  
**Others:** City Clerk Becky Cronic

Mayor Lanier Rhodes called the February 14, 2023, meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and opened with a prayer. A quorum was present for the meeting.

**A motion was made** by Council Member Boswell to approve the agenda for the February 14, 2023, meeting. Seconded by Council Member Scott. Opportunity for discussion. Motion unanimously passed.

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

**Legal Matters:** Attorney Reitman was not at the meeting.

**Downtown Development Authority Update:** Jill Rhodes gave a brief report on DDA and shared that the Annual Firefly Ticket to ride event will take place on March 25<sup>th</sup> and Union Point DDA has agreed to allow the Union Theater to serve as a Registration and SAG stop location for the event. Volunteers will be needed to assist for this event. More details to follow in the weeks ahead. The DDA currently has two vacancies on its board for business members. Two names of business representatives were presented to the Council for appointment. Janie Potts and Tammy Wielinga with Tri-County Natural Gas were both recommended. **A motion was made** by Council Member Pinkney to allow Janie Potts and Tammy Wielinga to serve on the Union Point Downtown Development Authority to fill the vacancies. Seconded by Council Member Rhodes. Opportunity for discussion. Motion unanimously carried. Mrs. Rhodes also gave a report on the City's 5-Year Comprehensive Planning meeting that was in January in conjunction with White Plains and Siloam. A committee meeting will be held in the next month to discuss specific goals and plans for the City. (Committee members for Union Point: Teneisha Pinkney, Marty Dowdy, Mayor Rhodes, Becky Cronic – others interested may join)

**Clerk's Report:** Becky Cronic reported that she received her Clerk's Certification from the Carl Vincent Institute of Government at the Clerk's conference held February 6-8 at Jekyll Island. Mrs. Cronic reported that the Municipal Court Clerk recommended that the Council consider a translator program known as Language Line (information enclosed with packets) for court due to various nationalities who attend court. Fees incur if the Language Line is used at \$.64 per minute or \$.69 per minute depending on the language needed. Other options and accessories are available but not needed at this time. **A motion was made** by Council Member Boswell to approve the agreement/contract with "Language Line" as long as no other fees that are not mentioned on the agreement are charged. Motion seconded by Council Member Mundy. Opportunity for discussion. Motion unanimously carried. Mrs. Cronic also shared concerns about the continued need for controlling litter and trash in Union Point.

**Old Business:** Mayor Rhodes reported that the Flock Safety cameras have been installed near Country Club Drive on Lamb Avenue/Hwy 278 and on Hwy 77 S at the City limits sign and are currently being monitored.

**New Business:** The Greene County Development Authority has two representatives designated from Union Point. The terms are staggered and are for four years. **A motion was made** by Council Member Boswell to re-appoint Scott Tolleson to serve as one of Union Point's officers for the term of June 2022 – June 2026. Motion was seconded by Council Member Pinkney. Opportunity for discussion. It was noted that the re-appointment was retroactive to 2022 due to the oversight of the term expiration. Motion passed unanimously.

**Department Reports:**

Animal Control Officer Will Wright gave a report on recent activity at the dog-pound. A request for concern from Bob Bryan was presented to the council on the ordinances the city has for noise which includes continuous barking of dogs. Clerk Cronic reached out to the Sheriff to relay the concern for handling calls from residents who call 911 after hours

when Animal Control is unavailable. The fine for nuisance barking dogs is \$150. Mr. Wright also gave a brief report on the Fire Department and recent fire calls. David Stephens reported that water leaks due to the recent artic blast are continuing to be a major concern to the unaccounted for water. He and his department will continue to work on the lines. Mr. Stephens also reported that one of his department's employees recently left and that no one is currently applying for the two open positions in Public Works. The department needs help. The Mayor and Council discussed potential outsourcing of duties to help offset the lack of employees.

Mayor Rhodes recommended that the Council consider appointing Assistant Chief Wright as the Fire Chief. Due to the current Chief not being able to fulfill the requirements and responsibilities related to administrative duties for both state and local entities, Mayor Rhodes requested this change be considered. **A motion was made** by Council Member Rhodes to appoint Will Wright as the Fire Chief. Motion seconded by Council Member Mundy. Opportunity for discussion. Various duties related to administrative reporting and follow-through with personnel were discussed among the council. The motion unanimously passed.

**Other:**

Mayor Rhodes read a Proclamation requesting that the City of Union Point deem February 28<sup>th</sup> as Arbor Day in conjunction with the State of Georgia. **A motion was made** by Council Member Boswell to adopt a Proclamation proclaiming that Arbor Day be observed in City of Union Point on February 28, 2023. Seconded by Council Member Pinkney. Opportunity for discussion. The motion unanimously passed.

**Public Comment:** Jill Rhodes thanked the council for their efforts and for appointing Mr. Wright as Fire Chief.

There being no further business **a motion was made to adjourn** the meeting at 7:30 p.m. by Council Member Mundy; seconded by Council Member Harris. Motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Rhodes closed the meeting with a prayer.

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City Clerk

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