

Union Point City Council Minutes
Monthly Meeting – June 8, 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, Dawn Clifton **Absent:** Attorney Reitman **Others:** City Clerk Becky Cronic

Mayor Lanier Rhodes called the June meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. and opened the meeting with prayer.

A quorum was present for the meeting.

A motion was made by Council Member Boswell to approve the agenda for the May meeting; seconded by Council Member Clifton. Opportunity for discussion. Motion unanimously passed.

A motion was made by Council Member Boswell to accept the minutes presented from the May 11, 2021, council meeting; seconded by Council Member Mundy. Opportunity for discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Legal Matters: Attorney Reitman was unable to attend the meeting. Mayor Rhodes presented a letter of resignation from Council Member Wayne Brown. A motion was made by Council Member Scott to accept the letter of resignation from Council Member Brown. Seconded by Council Member Clifton. Opportunity for discussion. Council Member Boswell asked if Mr. Brown gave a reason for resigning. No one was aware of a reason. Motion unanimously passed.

DDA: Jill Rhodes reported that for the City of Union Point to maintain its Certified Local Government status, the City would need to appoint another member to serve on the Historic Preservation Commission. There must be a total of five members to comply. She asked that the Council please consider nominating someone with interest in history or with a background in historic preservation. Mrs. Rhodes reported that she had exhausted all efforts getting anyone to respond to her from Housing and Urban Development regarding the historic Hawthorn Heights property that continues to remain in disrepair on Carlton Avenue. Due to continuous non-compliance status, she requested that the City have code enforcement handle the property going forward.

Clerk's Report: Becky Cronic distributed a monthly re-cap of the month in the council members packets. She reported that Attorney Reitman is working with BOE Attorney on a Memo of Understanding (MOU) for getting watering capabilities to the Butterfly Garden on the Greene County Primary School property easement along the Firefly Trail. Clerk Cronic also asked that those attending the GMA Conference in August needed to confirm as soon as possible.

Old Business: Becky Cronic presented a bid for the 2016 Ford Taurus Police Car from GovDeals. No bids of interest were placed on the 2013 Ford Taurus that was advertised. A motion was made to reject the bid submitted via GovDeals for the 2016 Ford Taurus by Council Member Clifton; seconded by Council Member Mundy. Opportunity for discussion. Council Member Rhodes asked that the Clerk reach out to the surrounding entities and find out if any of them were interested and recommended running the ad again for both cars. Motion unanimously passed.

A motion was made by Council Member Rhodes to allow the City Clerk to list the following surplus vehicles on GovDeals: 1989 Hummer, 2008 Utility Truck, 1994 Ford F350; and to sell the following to salvage yard 1997 Ford F150. Seconded by Council Member Boswell. Opportunity for discussion. Motion unanimously passed.

A motion was made by Council Member Boswell to accept the painting bid in the amount of \$4,900 from *Billy Wilson Painting* for painting the Four Room Schoolhouse exterior trim and handrails, inside hallway, and the flagpole and small City of Union Point sign at City Hall. Motion seconded by Council Member Mundy. Opportunity for discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Rhodes to accept the revised Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Greene County, the City of Woodville, and Oglethorpe County for joint services, for the provision of services, or for the joint or separate use of facilities or equipment which must deal with activities, services, or facilities which the contracting Parties are authorized by law to undertake or provide; and to provide for parks and recreation facilities; whereas the Cities and the Counties desire to cooperate to construct a new public recreation trail known as an **extension to the Firefly Trail**. Motion seconded by Council Member Scott. Opportunity for discussion. Motion unanimously carried.

It was noted that there will be a budget work session at City Hall on June 24th at 4 p.m. for the Mayor and Council. A notice will be posted as this meeting is open to the public.

New Business

The City’s current Historic Preservation Notice Ordinance was presented. Due to Certified Local Government criteria, City Clerk Cronic reported that revisions needed to be made with regards to Section 18-125. **A motion was made by** Council Member Scott to revise Section 18-125 to include the following under **(h) (1)** Notice of the issuance or denial of a certificate of appropriateness shall be sent by United States mail to the applicant (regardless of whether applicant requested such notice, and regardless of any prior authorization from the applicant not to do so), and also sent to all other persons who have requested such notice in writing filed with the commission. Seconded by Council Member Boswell. Opportunity for discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

It was also noted that in the code of ordinances for Historic Preservation Section 18-123 that a revision needed to be made to item (c) Commission members shall serve three-year terms and be **reappointed not reelected** if they choose.

Department Reports: Council Member Boswell asked Public Works Superintendent Stephens about the possibility of spraying for mosquitoes. He will investigate this and report back to the council. Clerk Cronic gave a brief update on Code Enforcement and that there was no new update on the property on Witcher Street (former school). Attorney Reitman is still working on the title search and legal details for the property.

Historic Preservation: Jill Rhodes – HPC representative presented Barbara Amerson’s name as a candidate for serving on the Historic Preservation Commission. Mrs. Amerson is very knowledgeable of the history of Union Point and has agreed to serve on the commission if needed. A motion was made by Council Member Boswell to appoint Barbara Amerson as a member of the Historic Preservation Commission; seconded by Council Member Mundy. Opportunity for discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments: None at this time.

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

Mayor Rhodes closed the meeting with a prayer.

Mayor

City Clerk

Date