

Union Point City Council Minutes
Monthly Meeting – August 8, 2023 – 6 p.m.
Four Room School House – 211 Veazey Street, Union Point, GA

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

Mayor Lanier Rhodes called the August 8, 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 August 8, 2023, meeting. Seconded by Council Member Rhodes. Opportunity for discussion. Motion unanimously passed.

A motion was made by Council Member Boswell to approve the minutes from the July 11, 2023, meeting with minor changes. Seconded by Council Member Mundy. Opportunity for discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Legal Matters: Attorney Reitman was not in attendance.

Greene County Habitat for Humanity: Patrick Kozma presented a request for permission to tap into the City's water/sewer for Lot #7 of the Habitat Homes being built on Bloodworth Street. Greene County Habitat will pay for the water and sewer tap and the city will tie the tap into the lines that are currently in place on Bloodworth. There is sufficient slope to allow the line to run from the lot to an existing water/sewer line. All drawings and surveys were presented for the council to review. **A motion was made** by Council Member Boswell to allow Greene County Habitat for Humanity to purchase taps for water and sewer for Lot #7 on Bloodworth Street to have necessary utilities for the new home being built. Motion was seconded by Council Member Pinkney. Opportunity for discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mobile Car Wash in Union Point: Rico Brinkley presented a request to the council that he be allowed to wash non-commercial cars and trucks on private business properties in the commercial district. This would not be a permanent location for business as he owns a mobile business and would only wash vehicles in parking lots upon obtaining permission from the local business owner. The council agreed that if this was an occasional venture and there was no congestion or large gatherings in the lot where the car wash was taking place, that permission was granted.

Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Update: Jill Rhodes reported that the DDA has submitted a third grant application to the Fox Theatre Institute for \$25,000 to assist with funding the next phase of the renovations at the Union Theatre. The DDA is currently seeking sponsors for the upcoming fundraising concert which will also benefit the Theatre. **A motion was made** by Council Member Pinkney that the City of Union Point support the efforts of the Union Theatre and sponsor the concert at the \$2500 level. Motion seconded by Council Member Boswell. Opportunity for discussion. The motion unanimously passed.

Old Business: The five-year comprehensive plan is in draft format and NEGRC will be hosting the next Public Hearing in Siloam on August 22 at 6 p.m.

New Business: Becky Cronic presented a draft of the mileage rate five-year history and the first reading of the Ordinance for Mileage Rate adoption. A motion was made by Council Member Rhodes to approve the first reading of the Mileage Rate Adoption Ordinance. Motion seconded by Council Member Pinkney. Opportunity for discussion. Clerk Cronic noted that the proposed mileage rate of 6.637 would be voted on at the September meeting. The motion unanimously passed.

Mayor Rhodes reported that the Municipal Court Public Defender position remains vacant. Both Mayor Rhodes and Clerk Cronic spoke with a potential candidate, and he will provide a proposal before the September meeting.

Department Reports:

Becky Cronic reported that "Overview" (a water and heat assistance program) will be aiding the Greene County area in the 2024 FY and a handout with pertinent information was distributed. Council Member Boswell expressed concern about housing needs in the area that continue to be an ongoing need for families in the area.

Public Comment: No comments.

There being no further business **a motion was made to adjourn** the meeting at 6:55 p.m. by Council Member Mundy; seconded by Council Member Scott. Motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Rhodes closed the meeting with a prayer.

Mayor

City Clerk

Date