

**Union Point City Council Minutes**  
**DRAFT - Monthly Meeting – September 12, 2023 – 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 **Others:** City Clerk Becky Cronic, Attorney Joe Reitman **Absent:** John Rhodes

Mayor Lanier Rhodes called the September 12, 2023, meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and opened the meeting with a prayer. A quorum was present for the meeting.

**A motion was made** by Council Member Boswell to approve the agenda for the September 12, 2023, meeting. Seconded by Council Member Mundy. Opportunity for discussion. Motion unanimously passed.

**A motion was made** by Council Member Scott to approve the minutes from the August 8, 2023, meeting. Seconded by Council Member Boswell. Opportunity for discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Public Hearing:** Purpose of hearing was to hear a request for a conditional use permit to place a manufactured home at 808 Crawfordville Road. Mayor Rhodes opened the Public Hearing. Chountelle Hudson with Bureau Veritas presented a summary report on the requested application for the conditional use permit and stated that the individual applying for the permit had met all the requirements. Bureau Veritas recommended that the Council consider allowing approval of the application. Mayor Rhodes asked if anyone present at the meeting would like to speak against the request. No one was present against the request. Mayor Rhodes asked if anyone present would like to speak in favor of the request. Danny Griffin, owner of the property spoke in favor and answered any questions. Mayor Rhodes closed the Hearing after no further comments.

**A motion was made** by Council Member Boswell to approve the conditional use permit request to locate a manufactured home on the property at 808 Crawfordville Road, Union Point. Motion was seconded by Teneisha Pinkney. Opportunity for discussion. Mayor Rhodes noted that the property had debris and tires on it and requested that the owner please clean the property up before the home was placed on the lot. Motion passed unanimously.

**Legal Matters:** Attorney Reitman gave a report on the blighted property at 4760 Lamb Avenue. The owner remains out of compliance and has been given ample time to comply, therefore a court hearing is recommended and will be scheduled for October 9<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm to take further action. Attorney Reitman will handle all documentation, filings, and notify the Judge about the hearing date. Clerk Cronic will post the legal notices on the property. A motion was made by Council Member Pinkney to move forward with taking further action in court with the property at 4760 Lamb Avenue. Motion seconded by Council Member Scott. Opportunity for discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Update:** Jill Rhodes reported that the DDA continues to move forward with the Union Theatre renovations and encouraged all to support the upcoming fundraising concert on September 22 at Festival Hall. Jill also noted that the DDA would be participating in the October 28<sup>th</sup> Halloween event at the Union Point Fire Station.

**Clerk's Report:** Becky Cronic gave an overview of the Firefly Trail bridge installation and reported that the remaining section for the current phase of the trail for Union Point should be completed by mid-October. Becky reported that the Five-Year Comprehensive Plan had been submitted to the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for review. The City will need to adopt the plan upon making any corrections at the October meeting.

**Old Business:** Becky Cronic presented the second reading of the mileage rate ordinance and the proposed rate for 2023. **A motion to approve** a mileage rate of 6.637 was made by Council Member Boswell. Seconded by Council Member Mundy. Opportunity for discussion. Motion passed unanimously. **A motion was made** by Council Member Scott to approve the Mileage Rate Ordinance. Seconded by Council Member Pinkney. Opportunity for discussion. The motion unanimously passed.

**New Business:**

Becky Cronin reported that Charles Taylor had presented a proposal to the city as consideration for Municipal Court Public Defender. The Clerk reported that she had reached out to several law offices for potential candidates, however no one else had responded. She contacted Mr. Taylor, and he proposed a rate of \$200 per month. **A motion was made** by Council Member Boswell to approve Charles Taylor as Municipal Court Public Defender for the City of Union Point. Seconded by Council Member Mundy. Opportunity for discussion. The motion unanimously passed.

There will be a budget work session on September 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. at the Four Room Schoolhouse. All council members are encouraged to attend.

A draft and first reading of an ordinance addressing the Firefly Trail regulations for Union Point was presented. Several codes within the ordinance needed to be revised and a final version will be presented at the October meeting. **A motion was made** to approve the first reading of the ordinance for the Union Point section of the multi-county Firefly Trail. Seconded by Council Member Scott. Opportunity for discussion. It was noted that each city/county will have an ordinance that addresses their communities. The motion unanimously passed.

**Department Reports:** Council Member Mundy reported that she would once again chair the Christmas Parade and shared the date would be December 9<sup>th</sup>. Parade time is 2 p.m. and applications will be available at City Hall. Will Wright reported on Animal Control and the Fire Department. He asked that the council please consider including the need for proper handling of dogs on the Firefly Trail. He reported that aggressive dogs continue to be a concern and that he is following the city ordinance when faced with these incidences. Chief Wright reported that the Fire Department would be hosting a Halloween Bash/Trunk-or-Treat for kids on October 28<sup>th</sup> from 5-8 p.m. He also reported that a Christmas Dinner for the Fire Department would be held on December 9<sup>th</sup> and the Mayor and Council are invited to attend.

David Stephens reported that the water and gas meter changeout project was close to completion and if all goes well, the new reading system would be in place by October.

**Public Comment:** No comments.

There being no further business **a motion was made to adjourn** the meeting at 7:32 p.m. by Council Member Boswell; seconded by Council Member Mundy. Motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Rhodes closed the meeting with a prayer.

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City Clerk

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Date