

Union Point City Council Minutes
Monthly Meeting – June 9, 2020 – 6 p.m.
Four Room School House – 211 Veazey Street, Union Point, GA

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

Mayor Lanier Rhodes called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and opened the meeting with prayer. A quorum was present. **NOTE:** Due to continued safety requirements related to COVID-19 Pandemic, only ten people were allowed in the meeting room.

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

A motion was made by Council Member Clifton to accept the minutes presented from the May 12, 2020 council meeting; seconded by Council Member Mundy. Opportunity for discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Legal Matters: Attorney Reitman reported that the nuisance case between the City of Union Point vs. Willie Calvin, 101 South Rhodes Street, continues to be on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the Governor's Order to extend appeals until July. Further updates will be reported after the waiting period is lifted. Attorney Reitman reported that all financial documents have been signed and officially finalized with Tri-County Gas project to Harrison Poultry in Crawfordville.

Attorney Reitman reviewed the second reading of the fence ordinance. It was noted that durable plastic could be added under types of material for fences, and that farm type gates could only be used in agricultural use areas and in the back yard of residential use areas. **A motion was made** by Council Member Boswell to approve the second reading of the fence ordinance with changes noted. Motion seconded by Council Member Clifton. Opportunity for discussion. Motion unanimously passed.

An overview of the Fluker Building on Sibley Ave. was presented by Attorney Reitman. This building has been deemed as an unsafe building by Code Enforcement and must be addressed. **A motion was made** by Council Member Mundy to move forward with proceeding with legal actions against the owners to bring the Fluker Building on Sibley Avenue into compliance. Motion seconded by Council Member Clifton. Opportunity for discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Attorney Reitman reported that there was some question regarding the easement being requested from Mr. Ed Ogletree as far as ownership of the ROW adjacent to his property for the Fire Fly Trail. Will be finalizing this in the next two weeks. He also will be reviewing the annual "MGAG Review" renewal for the gas department.

Clerk's report – Becky Cronic gave a brief overview of her report that was included in the council packet. She noted that the City Hall lobby is now back open for business with limited customers allowed at one time.

Unfinished business:

Sheriff Donnie Harrison was in attendance and shared his recommendation for additional law enforcement coverage for Union Point that has been requested by the City. The total recommended cost to the city would

be \$96,420 plus \$5,000 deductible for legal claims and \$1,000 deductible for property damage claims when and if needed for the officers who are on patrol the additional hours in Union Point. This cost would be for a total of 24 hours a week equal to 1248 hours annually. Sheriff Harrison also shared that the radar permit to allow the Sheriff's Office to enforce the speed limit in Union Point has not been approved by GDOT. It has been requested but no permit as of June 9th.

New Business: Becky Cronic presented that there are two vehicles that are of no use to the departments under the City. A 2006 Ford F-150 and a 1999 Chevy Blazer. These vehicles had been acquired through a surplus program in 2018 through the Police Department and need repairs but are of no use to the City. **A motion was made** by Council Member Boswell to proceed with selling the vehicles through the surplus property sealed bid process. Motion seconded by Council Member Rhodes. Opportunity for discussion. Motion unanimously passed. A motion was made to amend the previous stated motion by Council Member Boswell to include the sale of a 1972 Fire Truck that needs extensive repairs and is no longer of use to the City. Motion seconded by Council Member Mundy. Opportunity for discussion. Motion unanimously passed.

Resident Will Gibson who resides at 108 Veazey Street presented a petition to install speed breakers on Veazey Street between Carlton Ave. and Hart Avenue. A motion was made by Council Member Clifton to approve the request for speed bumps on Veazey Street between Carlton Avenue and Hart Avenue. Motion seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Scott. Opportunity for discussion. Motion unanimously passed.

IGA with Greene County Sheriff's Office: A motion was made by Council Member Rhodes to enter into an intergovernmental agreement in July 2020 with the Greene County Sheriff's Office for 1248 hours additional law enforcement coverage annually in Union Point at a cost of \$96,420 per year plus any deductibles that may incur while officers are on duty with legal claims and property damage claims. Motion seconded by Council Member Clifton. Opportunity for discussion. This IGA is pending until approved by the Greene County Board of Commissioners. Motion passed unanimously.

Department Reports: Council Member Clifton reported on behalf of the Cemetery Committee that the cedar trees that are located near the newest section of Greenlawn Cemetery need to be removed. City Clerk will speak with Public Works Director David Stephens and have them remove them in the coming weeks.

Other: Council Member Mundy asked for an update from the request from last month by Summerhill residents related to the road conditions in that area. Public Works will access the roads again in the next few weeks.

Public Comments: None at this time.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. by Council Member Rhodes; seconded by Council Member Clifton. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Rhodes closed the meeting with a prayer.

Mayor

City Clerk

Date