

Union Point City Council Minutes
Monthly Meeting – November 9, 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 **Others:** Attorney Joe Reitman and City Clerk Becky Cronic

Mayor Lanier Rhodes called the November 9 meeting to order at 6:02 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 November 9 meeting; seconded by Council Member Clifton. Opportunity for discussion. Motion unanimously passed.

A motion was made by Council Member Mundy to accept the minutes presented from the October 12, 2021, council meeting; seconded by Council Member Scott. Opportunity for discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made to accept the financials as information by Council Member Scott; seconded by Council Member Clifton. Opportunity for discussion. Motion unanimously passed.

Legal Matters: Attorney Reitman reported on the revised proposal he submitted to Ledcor Technical Services regarding the proposed renting of city property next to the Verizon Tower for an internet satellite. A representative from Ledcor will review the revisions and Attorney Reitman will advise them that the council will negotiate \$750 monthly rent. The council advised Attorney Reitman to please request that a representative attend the December council meeting to answer further questions. Attorney Reitman reported on two nuisance court cases; both property owners have been ordered by the judge to comply (810 Dolvin Avenue and the former Pre-School on Witcher Street).

DDA: Jill Rhodes reported that the Fox Theatre Institute grant that the DDA applied for to assist with the design plans for the Union Point Theatre had been accepted and Union Point DDA has been awarded \$50,000. Grant funds will be awarded in two phases. The design plans must be completed by June 30, 2022. Future grants from the Fox and other preservation entities may be applied for upon completion of the plans. Mrs. Rhodes reported that a video/slideshow is being created for the museum and hopes to have it available for viewing in December.

Clerk's Report: Becky Cronic reported that business license renewals have been mailed out for 2022. Property tax bills will also be mailed in December. A Public Hearing requesting a variance is scheduled for December 14th for Greene County Habitat. Notice will be advertised in the legal organ and on the property as required.

Old Business:

Scott Tolleson gave an overview of the Tri-County Consolidation progress which is in the transition stage. Greensboro, Union Point, and Tri-County are working with all entities to merge the operational duties into one. Plans are to have the merge in place in January/February 2022. Scott reported on behalf of the Greene County Development Authority and shared that the current unemployment rate is at 2.4% for Greene County.

Hal Chitwood, Building Official, reported on the progress of the building repairs at America's Remanufacturing Company. Mr. Chitwood shared that Code Enforcement continues to monitor the Witcher Street property (old Pre-School). The owner was in Municipal Court in October and has been ordered to clean up the property. If he does not meet compliance by the date ordered, daily fees will begin to apply. Other properties are currently being monitored and reports will be provided if they do not comply in the weeks ahead.

New Business: A Public Hearing to review the 2022 General, Water, and Natural Gas budget was held prior to the Council meeting on November 9th. No one had any questions on the proposed budget for 2022. **A motion** was made to approve and adopt the proposed 2022 budget and resolution for the budget by Council Member Scott. Seconded by

Council Member Clifton. Opportunity for discussion. Clerk Cronin noted that once the consolidation for the Gas Authority was finalized the budget for the Natural Gas would need to be amended. Motion passed unanimously.

Department Reports: David Stephens requested that the council allow the purchase of a rectifier for the gas department. The cost of this equipment is \$7,085 and is recommended to assist with monitoring natural gas. All three gas entities (Tri-County, Greensboro, and Union Point) have been advised to purchase this equipment. **A motion to approve** the purchase of a rectifier for the Natural Gas Department was made by Council Member Boswell. Seconded by Council Member Scott. Opportunity for discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments: Jill Rhodes shared that she would like to see the city include Hawthorne Heights (deteriorating home on Carlton Ave.) as one of the properties for Code Enforcement to include on the list of properties to address.

Other: Council Member Mundy noted that she will be assisting the Downtown Development Authority with a tree lighting event and that the date would be forthcoming. There will be no parade this year.

Mayor Rhodes called for a motion to enter Executive Session. **A motion was made** by Council Member Rhodes to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Seconded by Council Member Clifton. Motion unanimously passed.

A motion was made by Council Member Boswell to exit Executive Session and re-enter Regular Session. Motion seconded by Council Member Clifton. Motion unanimously passed.

A motion was made by Council Member Scott to authorize the City Clerk to allocate \$2,000 per full time employees who are currently employed, and who were employed in 2020 from the ARPA funds as Premium Pay effective as a one-time taxable payment (as recommended) in November through payroll. Motion seconded by Council Member Mundy. Opportunity for discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Mayor Rhodes closed the meeting with a prayer.

Mayor

City Clerk

Date