

Minutes for Called Meeting
City of Union Point
September 6, 2019

Attendees: Mayor Lanier Rhodes, Mayor Pro-Tem Jim Scott, Council Members Wayne Brown, Sally Boswell, Mary Mundy, John Rhodes and Dawn Clifton (Council Member Clifton via phone)
Others: Attorney Joe Reitman and Clerk Becky Cronic

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rhodes at 4:06 p.m. Following the pledge to the flag, it was noted that a quorum was present for the meeting.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss threatened litigation and Law Enforcement in Union Point.

A motion was made by Council Member Boswell to exit Regular Session and enter Executive Session. Motion seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Scott. Motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Council Member Brown to exit Executive Session and enter Regular Session. Motion seconded by Council Member Rhodes. Motion unanimously passed.

A five-minute recess was taken before regular session began.

Upon re-entering Regular Session, Attorney Reitman gave a legal assessment on the Union Point Police Department and options for the future. He shared two scenarios for consideration: Union Point Police Department remain as is, or for financial reasons, allow the Greene County Sheriff Department to cover Union Point in the future. The second option would require entering an intergovernmental agreement to allow the County to provide law-enforcement. Cost consideration will be a factor in the decision as to how many officers would be on shift with the potential change. Discussion as to whether-or-not to hire a separate individual for animal control and code enforcement was also taken into consideration.

Attorney Reitman advised that the City should consider talking with the Sheriff as to temporary coverage in case of any emergency situations. Attorney Reitman shared a similar law enforcement agreement for the City that was developed and proposed, but not shared with the County by the previous council in 2016. The Council discussed this opportunity to contract with the County and the cost savings that would be considerable for the City.

A motion was made by Council Member Mundy to authorize the Mayor, the Clerk and two council members to approach the Sheriff to begin the process of entering an intergovernmental agreement with the Sheriff's Department requesting up to 8 deputies to protect the City at a higher level of coverage than other municipalities. Motion seconded by Council Member Clifton. Opportunity for discussion. Council Member Boswell asked that the SDS agreement with the County be revisited when entering this new agreement. Motion unanimously passed.

Mayor Rhodes stated that he would speak with Chief Cash to let him know the direction that the City has chosen to go with Law Enforcement.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Council Member Brown. Motion seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Scott. Motion unanimously carried.

The meeting closed with a prayer at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Clerk

Mayor Rhodes