

**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2007
6:30 P.M.**

{Summary minutes of City Council meeting. Audio tapes of the meeting are on file and are included by reference as part of this meeting. An agenda of this meeting has been either mailed or made available to persons, organizations and local news media as per their request. The agenda gives the date, time and place of the meeting as well as the order of business. This disclosure is in compliance with the South Carolina Code of Laws of 1976, Section 30-4-80 (e).}

The regular meeting of city council was held on April 17, 2007 at 6:30 P.M. in the City Municipal building with the following present:

COUNCIL: Mayor Bruce Morgan; Councilmembers Tommie Hill, Sr., Harold Thompson, Ricky Todd Harris, Keith Henderson, Orangelow Ruff and Fran Bailey.

CITY ATTORNEY: Billy Whitney

DEPARTMENTAL STAFF: Gloria Rogers – Municipal Clerk/Personnel Director; Jeff Lawson, CBO MCP-Building Official; Sam White, - Chief, Walker Gallman – Finance Director; Perry Harmon – Public Service Director and Joe Nichols – Utility Director. Mike Petrie – Maintenance Shop Director was absent.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Ralph Baker, Charles L. Barber, Lynn Eaves and Oscar Gist, Sr.

NEWS MEDIA: Kevin Shehan – WBCU Radio and Charles Warner – Union Times.

OTHERS: Freddie Gault, Greg Pickens and Anthony Lipsey.

1. Mayor Morgan called the meeting to order. Following the pledge of allegiance to the flag, the invocation was given by Councilmember Thompson. The roll was called by Municipal Clerk Gloria Rogers.

2. **Minutes**

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| A. March 20, 2007 | Regular Council Meeting |
| B. April 9, 2007 | Budget Session |
| C. April 11, 2007 | Budget Session |

MOTION by Councilmember Thompson to accept minutes as presented.

SECOND by Councilmember Hill.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. **Communications**

- A. Monthly Reports

The monthly reports of all departments were included in the council packages and are on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

MOTION by Councilmember Ruff to accept monthly reports.

SECOND by Councilmember Bailey.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. MINUTES (PROVIDED AS INFORMATION TO CITY COUNCIL)

1. March 27, 2007 - Planning Commission Workshop

MOTION by Councilmember Bailey to accept minutes as presented.
SECOND by Councilmember Harris.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. **Business**

- A. ORDINANCE – 2ND READING – ANNEXATION ORDINANCE OF 427 NORTH DUNCAN BY-PASS

The owner of the property located at 427 North Duncan Bypass is requesting annexation of his property into the Corporate Limits of the City of Union with an A-2 Highway Commercial Classification. The property is adjacent to properties which are zoned A-2 Highway Commercial and it does comply with the regulations requirements for this zone. A copy of the Annexation Ordinance, Petition for Annexation, Survey Plat and Plat Description were presented to City Council. City Council passed 1st reading of the ordinance at their March 20, 2007 meeting.

MOTION by Councilmember Thompson to pass 2nd reading of the rezoning ordinance.

SECOND by Councilmember Harris.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- B. ORDINANCE – 1ST READING – AMENDMENT OF ZONING ORDINANCE SECTIONS 114 SIGNS AND 129 DEFINITIONS – REGULATIONS AND DEFINITIONS FOR TEMPORARY AND MOBILE SIGNS

City Staff is requesting the Section 114-Signs and Section 129-Definitions of the City Zoning Ordinance be amended by revising regulations and definitions for temporary and mobile signs. The purpose of these revisions is to establish reasonable and uniform regulations for placement of these signs inside the City of Union.

Mr. Ralph Baker, Chairman of the Planning Commission, gave the following recommendation:

“We the Planning Commission for the City of Union do recommend to City Council the following amendments to the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Union. Amend Section 114 Sign Regulations for Temporary and Mobile Signs per proposal presented by City Staff. Amend Section 129 Definitions for Temporary and Mobile Signs per proposal presented by City Staff.”

MOTION by Councilmember Bailey to pass 1st reading of the ordinance.
SECOND by Councilmember Thompson.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- C. RE-APPOINTMENT – HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD

Mr. Anthony Lipsey’s term as Commissioner on our Housing Authority Board expired April 6, 2007. He is requesting re-appointment. Should Council re-appoint, a motion to that effect is needed.

MOTION by Councilmember Hill to re-appoint Anthony Lipsey to Housing Authority Board.

SECOND by Councilmember Thompson.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

D. DISCUSSION – CHANGE HORSESHOE CIRCLE TO ONE-WAY STREET

City Council discussed changing Horseshoe Circle to a one-way street during the Budget Worksession. There are problems with tenants parking on both side of the streets making it difficult for school buses to come through the street, Mr. Dennis Russell, Director of the Housing Authority, Mr. Jerry Brannon of the Highway Department and Dr. Thomas White of the School District Office have been contacted and are all in favor of the change.

MOTION by Councilmember Henderson to change Horseshoe Circle to a one-way street with the lower drive being the entrance.

SECOND by Councilmember Hill.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

E. AWARD BID – SCADA SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS AT TOSCH CREEK WASTEWATER PLANT

The City of Union Utility Department had requested in the current approved budget a SCADA System installation @ the Tosch Creek Wastewater Plant to monitor plant and lift stations. The quote consists of the following: Installation of Software and Hardware to monitor three (3) facilities. The recommendation is to award bid to Progressive Engineering Consultants, Inc. in the amount of \$77,571.00

MOTION by Councilmember Bailey to award bid to Progressive Engineering Consultants, Inc. in the amount of \$77,571.00.

SECOND by Councilmember Thompson.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION by Councilmember Thompson to add an item to the agenda concerning equalized billing.

SECOND by Councilmember Ruff.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F. DISCUSSION/MOTION - EQUALIZED BILLING

The equalized billing policy was presented to City Council for amendment. The amendment would allow more customers to participate in the payment plan. The original plan would not allow customers to participate if they have any late payments during the 12-month period. This statement will be deleted from the policy. The recommendation is to amend equalized billing policy.

MOTION by Councilmember Thompson to amend equalized billing policy.

SECOND by Councilmember Hill.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. **ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL:**

Sam White, Director of the Public Safety Department, presented Council with personnel considerations items for the Public Safety Department.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

A. Please address the Mayor and Council from the lectern and state your name and address for the record.

None

7. **ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION by Councilmember Bailey to adjourn.

SECOND by Councilmember Thompson.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Council meeting adjourned at 7:11 P.M.

Gloria J. Rogers, Municipal Clerk

Minutes approved _____ 2007