

## **REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL: JANUARY 09, 2018**

The City Council of Union Point met in regular session on Tuesday, January 09, 2018, at 6:00 P.M., in the Four-Room School Building, at 211 Veazey Street, with Mayor Rhodes presiding. The members present were Sally Boswell, Wayne Brown, Dawn Clifton, Mary Mundy, and Jimmy Scott. John Rhodes was absent.

Mayor Rhodes called the meeting to order and opened the meeting with a prayer. Then everyone stood for the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Mayor Rhodes noted that there were enough members present for a quorum.

Council reviewed the minutes of the December 12, 2017 regular council meeting. Mayor Rhodes asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2017 regular council meeting. Ms. Mundy made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2017 regular council meeting. Seconded by Ms. Clifton. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Rhodes asked for a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of adding a discussion of Mayor Pro Tem to the agenda. Ms. Boswell made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of adding a discussion of Mayor Pro Tem to the agenda. Seconded by Mr. Brown. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Rhodes asked for a motion to approve Mr. Scott as the Mayor Pro Tem. Ms. Boswell made a motion to approve Mr. Scott as the Mayor Pro Tem. Seconded by Mr. Brown. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Reitman discussed the progress update on the Rural Development Loan and Bond Issue. Mr. Reitman advised that since the City of Union Point has a new Mayor and Council that a motion to approve the bond and authorize the loan and bond issue to move forward should be made. Mayor Rhodes asked for a motion to approve the bond and authorize the loan and bond issue to move forward. Ms. Boswell made a motion to approve the bond and authorize the loan and bond issue to move forward. Seconded by Mr. Scott. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Rhodes asked to skip the reports of the standing and special committees since none have been assigned.

Mr. Reitman discussed the progress of the Consolidation of Natural Gas Systems Resolution and Intergovernmental Agreement. Mr. Reitman updated the Mayor and Council of the options per Attorney Peter Floyd's memo. Mayor Rhodes asked for a motion to table the discussion of the Consolidation of Natural Gas Systems Resolution and Intergovernmental Agreement until next month. Mr. Brown made a motion to table the Consolidation of Natural Gas Systems Resolution and Intergovernmental Agreement until next month. Seconded by Ms. Clifton. The motion passed unanimously.

Police Chief Robert Cash discussed the status of the animal control in the City of Union Point. The Mayor and Council came to a consensus of needing more information on the ordinances, financials, and public opinion before making any decisions.

Mr. Reitman and Chief Cash discussed the Magistrate Intergovernmental agreement. Mr. Reitman recommended that the Mayor and Council keep the discussion about the agreement tabled until after the litigation with the Greene County has been settled. Mayor Rhodes asked for a motion to table the Magistrate Intergovernmental agreement discussion until next month. Ms. Clifton made a motion to table the Magistrate Intergovernmental agreement discussion until next month. Seconded by Ms. Mundy. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Finch and Chief Edwards made the Mayor and Council aware of the need for the Fire Fighters increased pay rate. The current pay rate is \$10 for drills, \$15 for calls, and \$15 for work details. Mayor Rhodes asked for a motion to adjust the budget and increase each pay category by \$5. Mr. Brown made a motion to adjust the budget and increase each pay category by \$5. Seconded by Ms. Clifton. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Finch made the Mayor and Council aware of Mike Malone-EAX's contract for the next year. Mayor Rhodes asked for a motion to not move forward with the contract. Ms. Clifton made a motion to not move forward with the contract. Seconded by Ms. Mundy. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Finch updated the Mayor and Council about the Georgia Municipal Association Lease Purchase Program Resolution for the police vehicles.

Ms. Finch discussed the need to fill the Deputy Finance Officer Position. The Mayor and Council came to a consensus of needing to re-advertise the position for two weeks. Mayor Rhodes asked for a motion to re-advertise the position for two weeks. Ms. Clifton made a motion to re-advertise the position for two weeks. Seconded by Mr. Brown. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Finch discussed the city's need to join the Georgia Pipeline Emergency Response Initiative (GPRI) which provides training from the Georgia Association of Fire Chiefs (GAFC) and the Georgia Public Safety Training Center (GPSTC) Fire Academy and is managed and funded by the Georgia Pipeline Operators and Emergency Responders Coalition (GPOERC). Mayor Rhodes asked for a motion to join GPRI and pay the annual dues. Mr. Brown made a motion to join GPRI and pay the annual dues. Seconded by Ms. Boswell. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Finch made the Mayor and Council aware that the Clerk of Court Yolanda Callaway needs an updated contract. Ms. Callaway requested that her contract include her current \$400 monthly fee and that the fee be paid on or near the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month. Mayor Rhodes asked for a motion to provide Ms. Callaway with an updated contract including her requests. Ms. Boswell made a motion to provide Ms. Callaway with an

updated contract including her requests. Seconded by Mr. Brown. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Rhodes asked if there were any public comments. Jan Brazier asked for clarification on the election machines and if they could be rented out.

Executive session was not needed.

Mayor Rhodes asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Boswell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Brown. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Rhodes closed the meeting in prayer.

Mayor \_\_\_\_\_ City Clerk \_\_\_\_\_