

REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL: June 14, 2016

The City Council of Union Point met in regular session on Tuesday, June 14, 2016, at 6:00 P.M., in the Four-Room School Building, at 211 Veazey Street, with Mayor Heidbrider presiding. The members present were Linda Barrington, Bill Callaway, Sylvester Johnson, Nancy Lowry, and Janie Watts.

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

Council reviewed the minutes of the May 10, 2016 regular council meeting. Mr. Callaway stated there was one correction needed in the minutes. Mayor Heidbrider asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Watts made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Seconded by Mr. Johnson. The motion passed unanimously.

Council reviewed the executive session minutes for the May 10, 2016 regular council meeting. Mayor Heidbrider asked for a motion to approve the executive session minutes. Ms. Barrington made a motion to approve the executive session minutes. Seconded by Ms. Watts. The motion passed unanimously.

Paul Klein, with EMI, gave an update on the progress of construction at the Waste Water Treatment Facility.

Mayor Heidbrider asked for a motion to enter into executive session to discuss pending litigation. Mr. Johnson made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss pending litigation. Seconded by Ms. Watts. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Heidbrider asked for a motion to come out of executive session. Ms. Watts made a motion to come out of executive session. Seconded by Mr. Johnson. The motion passed unanimously.

City Attorney Joe Reitman reviewed and had the informal first reading of the fine amounts that need to be set for the newly passed city ordinances. He asked for a motion and vote to approve the first reading of the new city ordinance fine amounts. Ms. Lowry made a motion to approve the first reading of the new city ordinance fine amounts. Seconded by Ms. Watts. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Reitman will provide a resolution and have the second reading at the next council meeting to officially set the fine amounts to be used by the police, jail, and court systems.

Interim Chief Cash discussed the benefits of and requested that the City of Union Point Police Department be allowed to process the necessary background checks and criminal histories for the Housing Authority. Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve that the City of Union Point Police Department process the necessary background checks and criminal histories for the Housing Authority. Seconded by Ms. Watts. Mr. Callaway recused himself from the vote. Linda Barrington, Sylvester Johnson, Nancy Lowry, and Janie Watts voted in favor of the motion. The motion was approved.

Clerk/Treasurer Wayne Jackson discussed the Health Insurance coverage issues. He believes it would be in the best interest of the city, after meeting with the insurance agent, to add GAP coverage for an estimated \$38.52 per employee. This coverage would reduce the employees out of pocket costs until the insurance renewal date. Once the renewal date arrives it can be discussed to offer something similar to the current base plan and also offer an enriched plan that will be partially paid by the employees. Mr. Jackson recommended that Council approve the Colonial GAP coverage and approve the City paying for the coverage until the renewal date of the health coverage. Mr. Callaway made a motion to approve Mr. Jackson's recommendation. Seconded by Ms. Watts. The motion passed unanimously.

Clerk/Treasurer Wayne Jackson discussed the need to reappoint Carol Bramlett to the Library Board. Mr. Callaway made a motion to approve the reappointment of Carol Bramlett to the Library Board. Seconded by Ms. Lowry. The motion passed unanimously.

Clerk/Treasurer Wayne Jackson gave the City Clerk's Report. He updated the Mayor and Council on ongoing projects. He provided the Mayor and Council the County prepared Library and Recreation budgets recently sent to him. He also stated that there have been some issues with getting people to cut their grass in a timely manner after they are sent a notification letter to cut the grass. City Attorney Joe Reitman suggested sending out a court summons if they did not follow the letters instructions within a reasonable time frame.

Susan Higdon gave the Main Street Report. She discussed the upcoming Theatre fundraisers. One is a painting event on July 29th and the other is a music event on July 30th. She said that she has been sending letters to grocery store chains such as Harveys and Food Lion trying to get their business in Union Point. She said that the outdoor movie event the past weekend went well. She mentioned that the local Dollar General is getting a renovation and expansion. She also asked for the Mayor, Council, and citizens to support the newly opened Beyond Elegance Boutique on Sibley Avenue.

The Council went through their Committee Reports. The Public Safety Committee let the Council and public know that the new police car had arrived and will be outfitted with equipment and lettering within three weeks. The Utilities Committee didn't have a report but Mr. Johnson inquired about the reconnect fee charged to customers who paid on the day of cut off. Mayor Heidbrider let the council and public know that the bus routes will be changing how they will be getting the students to UPSA which could impact the UPSA enrollment. She also let them know that Interim Superintendent Houston will be formally continuing on until June 30, 2018 with a signed two year contract.

There was no old business.

Mayor Heidbrider stated that she would be skipping the public comments portion of the meeting.

Mayor Heidbrider adjourned the meeting and asked Mr. Callaway to close in prayer.

Mayor _____

City Clerk _____