

REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL: December 13, 2016

The City Council of Union Point met in regular session on Tuesday, December 13, 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 Pro-Tem Janie Watts called the meeting to order and opened the meeting with a prayer. Then everyone stood for the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Ms. Watts announced that Mayor Heidbrider and the attorneys were in a meeting at the City Hall preparing for court and would be there shortly.

Mayor Pro-Tem Watts noted that there was enough members present for a quorum.

Council reviewed the minutes of the November 08, 2016 regular council meeting; the executive session minutes of the November 08, 2016; regular council meeting; the minutes of the called November 21, 2016 council meeting; and the executive session minutes of the called November 21, 2016 regular council meeting. Mayor Pro-Tem Watts asked for a motion to approve all four sets of minutes. Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve all four sets of minutes. Seconded by Ms. Lowry. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Pro-Tem Watts asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Callaway made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Mr. Johnson. The motion passed unanimously.

Legal matters was moved to later in the meeting because the Mayor and attorneys had not arrived yet.

Mayor Pro-Tem Watts asked if there were any public comments. There were none.

The standing committees gave their reports. The pension committee reported that Wanda McCannon's retirement paperwork had been submitted. City Clerk/Treasurer Wayne Jackson reported that David Stephens just hired an employee to make his utility department fully staffed and that there has been an ad put in the paper to fill Wanda's position. He also wanted to discuss the recreation and library budget with the council. He needs to amend the budget to adjust for the all balances due to the recreation department and the library. Mayor Pro-Tem Watts asked for a motion to approve amending the budget to adjust for these two items. Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve amendments to the budget. Seconded by Mr. Callaway. The motion passed unanimously.

City Clerk/Treasurer Wayne Jackson stated that the only unfinished business to be discussed was the malt beverage and wine license application for Vinodkumar Patel, a potential new owner of the Short Stop convenience store. Mr. Patel did not turn in all of the required paperwork to be processed for a Malt Beverage and Wine License

Application to be voted on. Mayor Pro-Tem Watts asked for a motion to table the Malt Beverage and Wine License Application for Mr. Patel. Ms. Lowry made a motion to table the Malt Beverage and Wine License Application for Mr. Patel. Seconded by Mr. Johnson. The motion passed unanimously.

Malt beverage and wine license renewals was moved to later in the meeting because the Mayor and attorneys had not arrived yet.

City Clerk/Treasurer Wayne Jackson stated that handling the community center rentals has become a burden on the city employees. He suggested that the City turn over the responsibility of renting the Community Center back to the Union Point Community Center, Inc. board. Mayor Pro-Tem Watts asked for a motion to turn over the responsibility of renting the Community Center back to the Community Center Board. Mr. Callaway made a motion to turn over the responsibility of renting the Community Center back to the Community Center Board. Seconded by Ms. Lowry. The motion passed unanimously.

City Clerk/Treasurer Wayne Jackson stated that Council needs to approve any holiday time given to the employees for Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve since Christmas and New Year's will both be on the weekend. He stated the he and the Mayor discussed it and suggested Friday December 23, Monday December 26, Friday December 30, and Monday January 2. Mayor Pro-Tem Watts asked for a motion to approve the four suggested days off for the holidays. Ms. Barrington made a motion to approve the four suggested days off for the holidays. Seconded by Mr. Johnson. The motion passed unanimously.

City Clerk/Treasurer Wayne Jackson discussed with the council the need for possibly changing banks. The council agreed that Mr. Jackson should meet with a few bank representatives to possible change banks.

At this time Mayor Heidbrider and Attorney Joe Reitman arrived at the meeting.

City Clerk/Treasurer Wayne Jackson discussed annual incentive pay that would be given on December 22, 2016 and annual raises that would go into effect January 1, 2017.

Mayor Heidbrider asked for a motion to approve a two percent (2%) raise for city employees. Ms. Watts made a motion to approve the two percent (2%) raises. Seconded by Mr. Johnson. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Heidbrider asked for a motion to approve an annual incentive payment of \$100 to the employees that have worked for less than a year and \$200 to the employees that have worked for more than a year. Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the suggested incentives. Seconded by Ms. Lowry. The motion passed unanimously.

City Clerk/Treasurer Wayne Jackson stated that it was time for the annual malt beverage and wine license renewals for the three current stores that sell malt beverage and wine. After discussion with the council and Attorney Joe Reitman, Mayor Heidbrider asked for a motion to approve the malt beverage and wine license renewals for the for Union Point Deli and Grocery, Short Stop and BP Food Mart. Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the malt beverage and wine license renewals. Seconded by Ms. Watts. Ms. Barrington, Mr. Johnson, Ms. Lowry and Ms. Watts voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Callaway abstained. The motion passed.

Attorney Joe Reitman discussed the Ordinance on the Standing Committees and Rules for Conducting Business. After discussion Mayor Heidbrider asked for a motion to approve and adopt the second reading of the Standing Committees and Rules for Conducting Business Ordinance. Mr. Callaway made a motion to approve and adopt the second reading of the Standing Committees and Rules for Conducting Business Ordinance. Seconded by Ms. Watts. The motion passed unanimously.

An executive session was not needed.

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

Mayor _____ City Clerk _____