

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE UNION COUNTY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2014 AT 5:30 P.M.
GRAND JURY ROOM AT UNION COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Present: Chairman Tommy Sinclair, Vice-Chairman Tommy Ford, Councilwoman Joan Little, Councilman Frank Hart, Councilman Ben Ivey, Councilman Randall Hanvey, Councilwoman Kacie Petrie, County Attorney Sammy Diamaduros and Acting Clerk to Council Kindra Horne
Absent: None

Notice of the meeting and a copy of the agenda giving the date, time and place of the meeting was posted on the bulletin board in the hall of the Union County Courthouse and a copy was mailed to the members of the Union County Council, the County Attorney, the Union Daily Times, Spartanburg Herald Journal, the Union County Development Board, Mrs. Anne Brock with Clemson Extension, Mr. Mickey Gist, Mr. Robert Small and emailed to Mike Stevens at WBCU Radio Station and to Graham Williams at the County News. A notice of the meeting was also posted on the County's website.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair called the meeting to order. Councilman Ben Ivey gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Acting Clerk to Council gave the Roll Call with the following results:

Joan Little, District 1 - Present
Frank Hart, District 2 - Present
Tommy Ford, District 3 - Present
Ben Ivey, District 4 - Present
Randall Hanvey, District 5 - Present
Kacie Petrie, District 6 – Present

Chairman Tommy Sinclair presented service award certificates and gift certificates for Shayna Kirby for 5 years, for Robert Hill for 5 years, for Kelly Betenbaugh for 5 years, for Arthur Sprouse for 5 years, for William F. Gault for 5 years, for David Vinson for 10 years, for Wayne Burgess for 10 years, for Cleve Brannon for 10 years, for Melisa Vaughan for 15 years, for Donna Owings for 15 years, for Shannon Deaton for 20 years, and for Brad Valentine for 15 years of dedicated service to Union County.

Tommy Ford: Made a motion to dispense with reading of the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Union County Council held on October 14, 2014, the joint meeting of County Council and the City Council held on November 6, 2014, and to adopt the minutes as written.

Randall Hanvey: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Melinda Wages addressed Council to request building improvements at the Buffalo Community Center. She asked that the County replace the upstairs windows. The copper tubing was stolen from the heating and cooling unit on the second floor. They want to clean out the upstairs and paint it so it could be rented. They need better lighting around the building and there is an outdoor stage they would like fixed. They want the County to look into getting grant funds and help them acquire them. She asked if they could use the County's tax identification number to accept donations. They would like a better entrance to the building, a handicap ramp and handicap restrooms. She stated that fundraisers are an option. She provided Council with an expense report. Councilman Randall Hanvey asked if the rent is

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all that was coming in money wise and she stated it was. He asked if the fundraisers would help offset the cost of the improvements and Melinda Wages stated yes.

Mr. Buddy Smith and Mrs. Ola Jean Kelly with the Union Historical Society presented a token to Council. Mr. Smith thanked Council for their support and Mrs. Ola Jean Kelly handed out commemorative medallions as a thank you token for the ongoing support of the Cross Keys House and the Museum. They are having a party on Saturday to celebrate the Cross Keys House being 200 years old and Boogaloo would be performing skits about its history.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair referred to a letter from Dr. John Flood stating he had found a breathing air compressor that cost \$15,000.00 plus \$1,000.00 for shipping. It would be installed in the Monarch Fire station and would be available to all the fire departments. They will be putting a service truck in service in the next month that would be able to house a mobile cascade system. The compressor and cascade system would have the ability to fully refill the newer 4500 pound longer life cylinders used in a SCBA. Mr. Scott Austin with Bonham Fire Department said they already have the same system that is available as well. Councilman Tommy Ford stated Buffalo Fire Department has one on their truck that could handle all the fire departments. The City of Union also has one. This was taken as information.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair called for any elected officials or department heads who wished to address Council but there were none.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair presented for second reading an ordinance to amend and revise Ordinance Number 248, the Union County Building Codes Ordinance, (as previously amended), in certain limited regards and particulars only, so as to add ordaining language, revise Section IV of Article 1 by deleting certain language, revise Section VI of Article I by adopting International and National Codes, revise Section X of Article I by changing the appeals procedures, amend Article II by revising the entire Article; and other matters related thereto. Councilman Frank Hart stated the ordinance needed further review and suggested they may want to carry third reading over to January.

Randall Hanvey: Made a motion to accept second reading of the ordinance to amend and revise Ordinance Number 248, the Union County Building Codes Ordinance as presented.

Ben Ivey: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair introduced a resolution proclaiming Union County as a Purple Heart County.

Tommy Ford: Made a motion to dispense with referring the resolution to a committee and to adopt the resolution as stated.

Ben Ivey: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair referred to a letter from Scenic View, Inc. making application for the County to accept a road into the County's Road System. It is a small cul-de-sac road located on the north side of Highway 105 (Mount Tabor Church Road). He referred the matter to the Road Committee.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated he had received a letter requesting appointment to the Kelly-Kelton Fire Board as they are down to three members. They did not go through the standard process of holding an advisory election.

Frank Hart: Made a motion to advertise for the vacancies on the Kelly-Kelton Fire Board and the vacancy on the Carlisle Fire Board to consider for appointments.

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Randall Hanvey: Seconded the motion.

Councilwoman Kacie Petrie stated this would go against a resolution adopted by Council and Councilman Randall Hanvey stated these were extenuating circumstances. The motion passed with five (5) Councilmembers voting in favor of the motion and one (1) Councilmember (Kacie Petrie) opposing.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair called for any committee reports.

Councilman Frank Hart stated he, Councilman Tommy Ford, Councilman Randall Hanvey, and Animal Control Officer Heather Sealy had met and had come up with some changes to the Animal Control Ordinance they hoped to have ready for first reading at the December meeting.

Councilman Frank Hart stated the committee consisting of himself, Councilman Ben Ivey and Councilwoman Kacie Petrie who were asked to look at the relocation of administrative offices from the Courthouse had met at the old Chrysler Building. He stated he and Councilman Ben Ivey had gone through the Courthouse with Clerk of Court Freddie Gault and he thought Councilwoman Kacie Petrie planned to do so as well. They should have the next steps outlined by the December meeting. He said it would not be a short term process nor would it be a cheap process.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated Monarch Fire Department requested the County donate to them the HVAC unit removed from the old Bonham Fire Department. They would install it in their Station 2 to be constructed in the area added to their district.

Kacie Petrie: Made a motion to donate the HVAC unit to the Monarch Fire Department as requested.

Ben Ivey: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated there were items that needed to be discussed in executive session that were personnel and contractual in nature.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel and contractual matters.

Kacie Petrie: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The Union County Council went into executive session to discuss personnel and contractual matters.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated they had come out of executive session and no votes were taken.

Kacie Petrie: Made a motion to allocate \$25,000.00 to the Historical Society to close out the current project on the Cross Keys House because of overruns and having to meet DHEC regulations with the stipulation it be paid based on a final invoice from the contractor or plumber with the funds to come from Hospitality Tax funds.

Joan Little: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Kacie Petrie: Made a motion based on the recommendation of South Carolina House of Representative Mike Anthony to give our Veterans Director Cindy Fore a ten percent salary increase.

Tommy Ford: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Councilman Randall Hanvey thanked Chairman Tommy Sinclair and Councilman Frank Hart for coming to Sims School to speak to his class.

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Randall Hanvey: Made a motion to adjourn the meeting

Tommy Ford: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Thomas L. Sinclair, Chairman
Union County Council

Linda G. Jolly, Clerk to Council