

**CITY OF UNION, KENTUCKY
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
MINUTES
Monday, February 4th, 2013**

LOCATION: Warren S. Moore Union City Building, 1843 Mt. Zion Road, Union, KY 41091

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Pro-Tem Bryan Miller called the Regular Business Meeting of the Union City Commission to order at 7:00 p.m. Monday, February 4, 2013.

ROLL CALL: The following members were present:

Mayor Pro-Tem Bryan Miller
Commissioner Deanna Kline
Commissioner Ken Heil
Commissioner Donna Fryman
City Clerk Kathy Porter
Attorney Greg D. Voss, Esq.

Mayor Don Kirby, City Engineer Barry Burke and City Events Coordinator Karen Franxman were not in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

All City Commissioners were provided a copy prior to tonight's meeting. Commissioner Heil made a motion to accept the minutes and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Fryman. All voted in favor of motion. **Motion carried.**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Pro-Tem Bryan Miller led the audience in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

City Clerk/Treasurer Kathy Porter: Commissioner Kline moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as of January 31, 2013, and Commissioner Heil seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Guests Wishing to Speak:

Ms. Katie Raverty-Evans with Bestway Disposal Company addressed the commission to introduce the company. Bestway Disposal Company has been in business for over thirty (30) years and has now expanded into the Northern Kentucky and Cincinnati markets. The company is currently servicing the Cities of Crestview Hills and Cold Springs in Kentucky and Aurora, Indiana. Ms. Raverty has done some research and found that the current contract for garbage collection is due to expire this year. She likes to go to meetings, in advance to educate herself on the needs of the cities and their residents in hopes to save them money. She plans to attend more meetings in the future.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bryan Miller stated that currently the city is serviced by Rumpke. City Clerk Kathy Porter stated that the bid will be out at the end of this fiscal year.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bryan Mille stated the commission had another person on the agenda that had asked to address the commission. Mr. Steve Conrad with the Boone County Historical Society stated that due to the weather he would not be able to attend.

CITY EVENTS COORDINATOR:

City Events Coordinator Karen Franxman was not in attendance, Mayor Pro-Tem Miller briefly summarized her report for the items which follow.

The city has received some sponsorship for the Easter Egg Hunt and the Union Celebrates America Events. We have received Sponsorships from Union Pediatric Dentistry, Littlest Angels, and Allstate Insurance Bob Kelly.

**GUESTS WISHING TO SPEAK:
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The Adopt-A-Unit collected fifty (50) paper grocery bags of items from their wish list and \$220.00 in cash donations on January 19th at the Union Kroger.

On January 22nd they packed and shipped 97 boxes to the soldiers. Each soldier received a pair of Smart wool socks in this shipment.

During the month of February, the Union Cares Program is working with Florence Elementary School. Their special request is Hygiene Products. They are looking for kid soap, shampoo, tooth brushes and mouth wash. The Basic Hygiene items and had sanitizers.

The next item mentioned was the Union Community Theater who will be holding auditions on February 13, 2013. They are looking for youth from the age of 12 to 18.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Mayor Pro-Tem Bryan Miller stated that the city's snow removal crew has been sent out several times and for the month of December the city spent a total of \$44,227.50 for snow removal. To date for the year 2013 they have spent a total of \$6,200. This does not include the three times they were sent out in February. To this point he estimates the city will already have spent have of their budgeted amount for snow removal.

Commissioner Fryman stated that her from her experience working with the state highway department, the state would have used between five (5) and six (6) tons of salt on the city streets which total twenty-two miles and the city's contractors are using between twenty-eight (28) and thirty (30) tons. She feels that the city should check the salt amount used.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bryan Miller stated that the contractor was billing the city by the hour and not by the ton of salt used. This includes the equipment used. Commissioner Fryman asked if we knew how many vehicles the contractor used. Mayor Pro-Tem Bryan Miller stated that he did not know.

Commissioner Heil asked if the contractor was using the salt that was owned by the city or if they were using their own. Mayor Pro-Tem Miller stated that they had started out using the salt that they purchased from the city. Commissioner Heil stated that if it was salt that was owned by the city then we could have some idea of how much was actually used.

Commissioner Fryman stated that she would need to review the invoices again.

City Clerk Kathy Porter stated that the contractor has three (3) trucks that service our areas.

Mayor Pro-Tem Miller stated that he would check into the invoices.

Attorney Voss stated that the city used to use the County for their salt removal and they decided they could no longer service the city and the city was forced to bid the snow removal out and this contractor was the low bidder.

Attorney Voss stated that City Clerk Kathy Porter could give the contact information to Commissioner Fryman.

PLANNING AND ZONING:

Mr. Jim Longano sent a copy of his report which included one item that affected the City of Union. There wasn't anything on his report that affected the city of Union.

CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT: Mr. Burke was not in attendance. His report will be discussed in the March meeting.

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Report from the Economic Development Committee:

Commissioner Deanna Kline stated that their next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 12, 2013.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

- ❑ **RESOLUTION NO. 2013-007** – A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING REFORMS TO THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (CERS) TO MAKE THE PLAN SUSTAINABLE, SOUND, AND SECURE FOR CURRENT AND FUTURE EMPLOYEES. Commissioner Kline made the motion to accept and Commissioner Heil seconded the motion. **Motion Carried.**
- ❑ **First Reading Ordinance No. 2013-001** - AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL, INC., INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE, 2012 EDITION, AND SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS AND FUTURE EDITIONS THERETO, SUBJECT TO THE CHANGES, DELETIONS, AND AMENDMENTS CONTAINED HEREIN, TO BE CODIFIED AS CHAPTER 155 OF THE CITY OF UNION, KENTUCKY CODE OF ORDINANCES. This Ordinance was tabled. The city at this time does not have a maintenance code. Attorney Voss stated the city needs to join the International Code Council.
- ❑ Mayor Pro-Tem Bryan Miller mentioned an email from a resident asking who is responsible for removing snow from the sidewalks. Ordinance 91.33 states that it is the responsibility of the homeowner to clean the sidewalks.
- ❑ Mayor Pro-Tem Bryan Miller asked if the insurance adjuster had come to inspect the Community Building Roof. City Clerk Kathy Porter stated that the weather has delayed him.
- ❑ Mayor Pro-Tem Bryan Miller asked if the city has heard from Boone County on the McCarthy property on Russwill Lane. Attorney Voss stated that we did hear from them and at this time the only violation they can be sited for is the weeds. Once the city has adopts a maintenance code established they will be able to site for other violations.
- ❑ Commissioner Fryman attended the OKI board meeting in January. She stated that the OKI will not vote on the tolls for the Brent Spence Bridge. She had heard it was going to be approximately \$4.00. There will not be toll booths, your license plate will be scanned and an invoice will be sent to you.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Pro-Tem Miller called for a motion to enter into **Executive Session** pursuant to K.R.S. 61.810 (b) to discuss pending litigation at 7:40 p.m. Motion made by Commissioner Heil and seconded by Commissioner Fryman. **Motion carried.**

***Executive Session

No motion was made to reconvene in regular session.

Commissioner Heil made the motion to execute the payment of the settlement with the plaintiff as per the attorney. Commissioner Fryman seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Attorney Voss received a third party complaint concerning a slip and fall on the city's sidewalk. Attorney Voss will work with the plaintiff on this.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bryan Miller reconvened the business meeting.

ADJOURN:

With no further business coming before the Commission, Commissioner Kline moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m. Commissioner Heil seconded the motion. **Motion Carried.**

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Signed this 4th day of March 2013

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Don Kirby, Mayor

Kathy Porter, City Clerk/Treasurer