

**CITY OF UNION
Business Meeting
December 2, 2019**

Regular Business

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM on December 2, 2019 by Mayor Larry Solomon.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Solomon led all attendees in the pledge to the flag.

Roll Call

A quorum was present: Commissioner Bryan Miller, Commissioner Eric Dulaney, and Mayor Larry Solomon. Commissioner John Mefford and Commissioner Jeremy Ramage were absent.

Also present:

City Attorney-Greg Voss, Esq.; City Administrator-David Plummer; City Communications and Operations Director-Melissa Hinkle, and City Engineer-Barry Burke.

Citizen Comments

No members of the public came forward with comments.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Solomon asked for approval of the November 4 meeting minutes. Commissioner Miller pointed out a typo in the Minutes, referencing a change to the October minutes which was not needed. Commissioner Dulaney moved to approve the November 4 Meeting Minutes with the stated revision. Commissioner Miller seconded that motion. **Motion approved 3-0.**

Financial Reports

Commissioner Miller presented the bills and noted that the city made \$2,232.71 in interest last month and has made \$11,303.17 in interest this fiscal year. This number is down slightly, due to the decrease in the federal rate.

Commissioner Dulaney moved to approve the November expenditures and bills. Commissioner Miller seconded that motion. **Motion approved 3-0.**

Mayor Comments

Mayor Solomon noted that he had contacted Lisa Ammons with Kroger pertaining to the building adjacent to the Kroger Pickup building (a.k.a. the old Kroger store). Kroger had to relevel the floors before anyone could use that building; this project will cost Kroger in excess of \$500,000. The cost of these repairs is one reason that approval has been so slow. He also asked Kroger the status of repaving the entire parking lot in front and around the Kroger Pickup building. They said they will do it once all repair work is completed. He said he reminded them of their promise to repave the entire parking lot so it did not fall through the cracks and be

forgotten about. Mayor Solomon said that he would keep the Commission informed of any further communications on this subject from Kroger.

Economic Development

In Commissioner Ramage's absence, Administrator Plummer updated the Commission on Economic Development. Administrator Plummer said the new BenchMark Physical Therapy is now open, and the city held a ribbon cutting ceremony which was attended by Commissioner Dulaney and Mayor Solomon. Director Hinkle noted that there will be a beauty salon is going into the Kroger out-lot store space next to Chipolte, according to permit documents on the building glass door. Plummer further noted the group was not meeting in December due to the holidays, but would meet in January to work on goal setting and priorities for the new year.

Public Works Report

Commissioner Dulaney had shared with commission members a copy of a proclamation from the City of Covington declaring Small Business Saturday in the city for the Saturday after Thanksgiving. He suggested that the City of Union also issue such a proclamation yearly in an effort to support our small local businesses during the holiday shopping season.

Weather and power transfer issues with Duke Energy continue to delay construction on Mt. Zion. While KYTC was hopeful to have the road open from Gunpowder to US 42 before the end of 2019, that is now unlikely. Old Union Road is expected to reopen soon to through traffic, which should be an aid to those businesses in historic Union.

Dulaney updated on the guardrail on Wetherington Boulevard had again been damaged by a car accident. The Public Works Committee is suggesting that reflective chevron direction-type signage be installed in the area to alert drivers to the curve that appears to contribute to the accidents in this area. Administrator Plummer is also arranging with Boone County Public Works to have a traffic study conducted in this area to see if excessive speed is a factor in accidents in this area. Additional measures were also discussed, including a flashing traffic speed sign that would alert drivers driving over the speed limit in that area, and possible correction of curb or slope in the road. Both these options are quite costly, so more cost-effective options are recommended first to see what actions will best resolve the issue.

City Engineer Burke noted that he has completed the required SD1Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program (SWPPP) report, which is required to be submitted yearly by the city by December 15. Commissioner Miller moved to accept Burke's report and forward the approved report to SD1. Commissioner Dulaney seconded.

Motion Approved, 3-0.

Engineer Burke noted that some work has been done on the bridge repair projects at Clarkston and Gunpowder, but neither project has been completed, due to scheduling conflicts and weather delays. He will continue to follow up with GSI International to ensure these projects are completed in a timely manner and where the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet will inspect the work as safe and complete.

Discussion of the SD1 Cost Sharing Program and the City recommendation for a procedure to participate in the new program was tabled to allow for more commission members to be present. Per Commissioner Miller's request, Mayor Solomon moved to table, and Commissioner Dulaney seconded. No vote was required.

Commissioner Miller inquired about when the fence would be replaced at Union Rice Cemetery, as work has been completed in that area. Engineer Burke and Director Hinkle explained that the City has a Memorandum of Understanding with KYTC regarding the area of right of way near the cemetery entrance, and a temporary construction easement within the cemetery itself. Until the work is fully completed and the temporary easements are released by KYTC, the city cannot replace or repair the entrance area. Once the easements are released, the City can then repair and replace the cemetery fencing and decorative landscaping.

City Administrator Report

Administrator Plummer presented a contract with the Kentucky League of Cities for a commissioner Visioneering Session. The date and the location are to be determined. He requested approval to proceed with executing the contract. Commissioner Miller moved to execute the contract and authorize Mayor Solomon to sign on behalf of the city. Commissioner Dulaney seconded. **Motion approved, 3-0.**

Communications/Office Operations Report

Director Hinkle reminded the Commissioners of the Breakfast with Santa was the morning of December 7, and noted that the first annual City of Union/Story Point Tree Lighting Ceremony has been moved from Thursday, December 12 to Wednesday, December 11 at 6:30 PM..

City Attorney Report

Legislation: Ordinances/Municipal Orders/ Resolutions (prepared by Attorney Greg D. Voss)

Resolutions.

none

Municipal Orders

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 2019-19—A MUNICIPAL ORDER APPOINTING STEVE HARPER TO SERVE ON THE BOONE COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION ON BEHALF OF THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF UNION, KENTUCKY. Commissioner Dulaney moved to approve. Commissioner Miller seconded. **Motion approved, 3-0.**

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 2019-20—A MUNICIPAL ORDER APPOINTING DENNIS GORDON TO SERVE ON THE UNION/WALTON JOINT CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD ON BEHALF OF THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF UNION, KENTUCKY. Administrator Plummer requested this item be tabled until the next meeting.

Ordinances

none

Announcements

The next meeting of the commission will be Monday, January 6, 2020 at 6:30 pm at the City Building.

City offices will be closed on December 24, 25 and January 1 during the holiday season.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Dulaney and seconded by Commissioner Miller. **Motion carried 3-0.** Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Larry Solomon, Mayor

Christy Everman, City Clerk