

**CITY OF UNION**

**Public Hearing**

**MINUTES**

**June 6, 2016**

**Call to Order**

The Public Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM on June 6, 2016 by Mayor Larry Solomon.

**Purpose**

To discuss the proposed use of Municipal Road Aid and Local Government Economic Assistance Funds, projected to be \$224,000 in total for fiscal year 2016/17.

No one was present to speak in opposition to the transfer of funds.

**Adjournment**

Commissioner Mefford moved to adjourn. Commissioner Ramage seconded. **Motion carried 4-0.** Public Hearing adjourned at 7:01 PM.

Signed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016.

**APPROVED:**

**ATTEST:**

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Larry Solomon, Mayor

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Kathy Porter, City Clerk/Treasurer

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**Regular Business Meeting**

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The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM on June 6, 2016 by Mayor Larry Solomon.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**Roll Call**

A quorum was present:

Mayor Larry Solomon

Commissioner Ken Heil

Commissioner John Mefford

Commissioner Bryan Miller

Commissioner Jeremy Ramage

**Also present:**

Attorney- David Steele in absence of City Attorney Greg D. Voss

City Clerk- Kathy Porter

City Engineer- Barry Burke, PE PLS

**Approval of May 2, 2016 Regular Business Meeting.**

Commissioners had reviewed copies of the minutes from the May 2, 2016, Regular Business Meeting prior to the meeting. Commissioner Miller moved to approve the minutes as presented and Commissioner Heil seconded. **Motion carried 4-0.**

**Approval of May 24, 2016 Special Business Meeting.**

Commissioner Mefford moved to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting of May 24, 2016. Commissioner Ramage seconded. **Motion passed 4-0.**

**Financial Balance Sheet Summary Report (as of May 26, 2016)**

Commissioner Miller moved to accept the Financial Balance Sheet Summary Report as presented. Commissioner Heil seconded. **The motion carried 4-0.**

**Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Cash Balance (April 27, 2016 to May 26, 2016)**

None presented.

**Annual Budget/Spend Comparison Report (July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015, through May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016)**

Commissioner Mefford moved to approve the report. Commissioner Miller seconded. **Motion carried 4-0.**

**Bills for Payment (As of May 2, 2016)**

With no questions raised on the bills to be paid, Commissioner Ramage moved to approve the bills presented for payment. Commissioner Mefford seconded. **Motion carried 4-0.**

**Visitors and Guests**

1. Mr. Breidenstein rose to speak about a zoning issue impacting Florence in order to alert the Commission about the situation. Mayor Solomon thanked him for informing the City Commission about this issue.
2. Judge Gary Moore was a guest at the meeting and spoke about issues in the county at large. Highlights of his visit included: Boone County has the best bond rating of all counties in the state of Kentucky; there is a large amount of new economic development occurring throughout the county; and planning on the county budget is moving forward and taxes should remain flat for all county taxpayers. He introduced a new member of his staff who was in attendance with him, Chris Courtney. Mr. Courtney was just selected as the Small Business Support and Community Relations Coordinator.

## **Mayor's Report**

1. The Mayor provided an update on the search for a new City Administrator. After reviewing 24 applicants and Mayor Solomon, Attorney Voss, and Clerk Porter interviewing seven of the most qualified, the top four were sent to the City Commissioners to interview. It was a tough decision between the top two candidates, Patricia Wingo and Matthew Dowling. However, Matthew Dowling was recommended to be hired for the position. Commissioner Mefford moved to accept his recommendation and Commissioner Miller seconded. **Motion passed 4-0.**
2. The groundbreaking for the new Kroger Marketplace will take place on June 8, 2016. The ceremony will include presentations or speeches by Union Kroger Store Manager Jerry Lux, Mayor Solomon and State Senator John Schickel.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Planning and Zoning**

Matt Apke reported that the new budget for the Planning and Zoning Commission was passed and that the cities of Union and Walton did not increase their respective levels of funding for the commission. The commission may move to charge "add on" fees for work that goes above and beyond the normal level of work they provide.

### **Economic Development Committee**

The next meeting will be held on June 15<sup>th</sup> and will be a joint meeting with members of the Communications Committee.

### **Annual Budget/Five Year Fiscal Planning**

Commissioner Miller reported that the Budget Committee has prepared a budget for the new fiscal year. The first reading will take place during the legislation portion of the meeting.

### **Communications Committee**

Mayor Solomon reported that Noreen Morgan had suggested the city post a sign of the city logo with the web address to direct more residents to our website. The committee will work with Clerk Porter to make that happen.

### **Community Building**

Rental revenues continue to come in.

### **Public Works/Engineering**

Engineer Burke reported that 3 bids were received for the 2016 Road Repair Project and that he recommended both Phase A and B of the project be awarded to Paul Michels and Sons, Inc. for the bid amount of \$25,040. Commissioner Heil moved to award the 2016 Road Repair Project to Paul Michels and Sons, Inc. Commissioner Mefford seconded. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Commissioner Heil presented two options for painting or upgrading the fencing along Route 42 and Rice Pike at the Lassing Green subdivision. After review of the bids and discussion, Commissioner Mefford moved to

have the entire length of fence changed to vinyl fencing and to put the job out for bid. Commissioner Ramage seconded. **Motion carried 3-1.** Commissioner Heil was in dissent.

Ohio Kentucky Indiana Board

Commissioner Miller shared information from a presentation on “self-drive cars” that was given by Ohio State University. The next meeting will take place this Thursday, June 9, 2016.

**City Attorney Report**

No report.

**City Administrator Report**

No report.

**City Clerk Report**

Clerk Porter reported that she has purchased candy and other items for the Union Celebrates America parade.

**Legislation: (prepared by Attorney Greg D. Voss)**

**Ordinances**

- **First Reading of ORDINANCE NO. 2016 – 04** - AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2016 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2017 BY ESTIMATING REVENUES AND RESOURCES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF CITY GOVERNMENT FOR THE CITY OF UNION, KENTUCKY.
- **First Reading of ORDINANCE NO. 2016 – 05** - AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING MATT DOWLING AS THE CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR THE CITY OF UNION, KENTUCKY, AND SETTING COMPENSATION.

**Resolutions**

- **RESOLUTION NO. 2016 – 02** - A RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE LIGHTING OF THE MT. ZION ROAD, KY 536 PROJECT. Commissioner Miller moved to accept. Commissioner Mefford seconded. **Resolution passed 4-0.**

**Announcements**

The next regular business meeting will be held on **Thursday, July 7, 2016.** (Note: new meeting date due to **4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday.**)

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Mefford. Seconded by Commissioner Heil. **Motion Carried 4-0.** Meeting adjourned at 9:28 P.M.

Signed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016.

**APPROVED:**

**ATTEST:**

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**Larry Solomon, Mayor**

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