

Larry Solomon

Union Commission Approves Community Building Sale

The City Commission of the City of Union held a straw vote on a first reading to approve the sale of property 10087 Old Union Road at the December 5, 2017, meeting.

The Commission voted 4-0, with one member absent, to provisionally approve the sale. The Ordinance authorizing the sale was presented for first reading at the meeting and will be given a second reading before a binding vote at a special meeting scheduled for December 13.

The City received a bid of \$276,000 from DelMonde Inc., a local heating and air conditioning company for the sale of the property. The company currently rents space in the building for storage from the City of Union. The Commission also approved a payment from the general fund of the City for the amount of the loan still held on the building.

The Building was purchased by the city at a cost of \$375,000 in 2008.

"The citizens of Union desire a community center, but this building is not good for that purpose. It would require so many upgrades and major expense to improve and would still not be an ideal community center for our growing city," said Mayor Larry K. Solomon. "When we looked at the options, improve an aging building with not an ideal floor plan or constructing a new, modern and more flexible use building for our citizens, there simply wasn't a comparison. By selling this building, we will be able to move forward toward a new era and build a building that is more in line with what the community needs and desires from a community center."

In additional business, the commission held first readings on an ordinance to allow extended alcohol sales on New Year's Eve when that holiday falls on a Sunday. The revision would allow sales of alcohol until 2:30 a.m. on Monday, January 1, for the holiday period. This revision would bring the City of Union in line with planned changes to similar ordinances in both Boone County and the City of Florence.

More information regarding the City of Union can be found on the city's website www.cityofunionky.org or by contacting Communications and Operations Director Melissa Hinkle at melissah@cityofunionky.org or 859-384-1511.