

**CITY OF UNION
Business Meeting
April 1, 2019**

Regular Business

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM on April 1, 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: Mayor Larry Solomon, Commissioner Bryan Miller, Commissioner John Mefford, Commissioner Eric Dulaney and Commissioner Jeremy Ramage.

Also present:

City Attorney-Greg Voss, Esq.

City Administrator-David Plummer

City Communications and Operations Director/Interim City Clerk-Melissa Stark Hinkle

Special Presentation

Commissioner Mefford read a proclamation recognizing the Ryle High School Lady Raider Basketball team for their recent 6A State Sweet Sixteen Championship. The Commission then voted to name April 2, 2019 as Ryle Lady Raider Basketball Day in the City of Union. State Senator John Schickel also read a proclamation on behalf of the Kentucky State Senate in recognition of the Lady Raiders Championship season. After a brief photo session, each player was presented copies of each proclamation.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Solomon asked for approval of the March 4 meeting minutes and the March 25 special meeting minutes. Commissioner Miller moved to approve both the March 4 and March 25 meeting minutes. Commissioner Dulaney seconded that motion. **Motion approved 5-0.**

Financial Reports

Commissioner Miller gave an overview of the monthly budget. Miller noted that the city has collected more than 30,000 in extra tax collection this year, eliminating many delinquent tax accounts, including several that dated back many years. He commended the city staff in their diligence in removing these delinquencies and bringing the taxes up to date. More than 98 percent of taxes have been collected for this year, and delinquent notices have been sent to those who are still in arrears on payments. He also commented that the city had earned \$3,147.63 in interest for this month and has generated more than \$24,000 this fiscal year in interest income.

The Commission reviewed the Budget/Spend Comparison report from through March 31, 2019; and also reviewed bills for payment through March 31. Commissioner Dulaney moved to approve the City's monthly financial statement in total. Commissioner Mefford seconded. **Motion approved 5-0.**

Citizen Comments

No members of the public came forward with comments.

Mayor Comments

Mayor Solomon announced businesses are beginning to open up at the Kroger out lots. Sugarfire BBQ has opened, along with the Glamour Nails Spa III. He commended Director Hinkle on her work with both businesses in obtaining the proper ABC licenses prior to their opening nights.

Public Works Report

Commissioner Dulaney updated that work is now beginning again in earnest on Mt. Zion, with the arrival of spring weather and better working conditions. KYTC District 6 is hoping to put traffic on "new pavement" in the area near June 1. He also noted that work has begun on a lane addition project between Mt. Zion and 18-Burlington Pike, which will add an additional lane of traffic on 71-75 in both directions to allow for better traffic flow between Union and Florence.

Dulaney also noted that work has been completed on the CIP, and that the Public Works Committee is working on bid documents for presentation at the May Meeting for approval.

City Administrator Report

Administrator Plummer reported a fencing issue variance being presented by StoryPoint. StoryPoint is working with the Boone County Planning Commission and homeowners to present a variance to the original fencing near the rear of the development that will install the same type of fence as has been installed behind Kroger. The two fences will then tie together to create a seamless look. StoryPoint presented a letter that will be mailed to affected residents for the city to review and will be mailing that out in the next week or two. Mayor Solomon suggested that City personnel be available to assist residents with questions and that the city would be able to provide services to residents to meet with Story Point officials if agreements can not be reached in the matter.

Communications/Office Operations Report

Director Hinkle reminded the commission that the Easter Egg Hunt will be on April 20th, with the annual City Fish Fry to be held on Friday, April 19th. This event is at Union Presbyterian Church and is a joint effort between Boy Scout Troops 805 and 702 of Union.

She also reminded the group that Union Celebrates America will be held on June 28th, and will be in a new location. The previous location is no longer available, as the owner no longer wishes to host the event. She is pursuing three alternatives, and feels confident she will be able to announce the new venue at the May meeting.

City Attorney Report

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

Resolutions.

none

Municipal Orders

none

Ordinances

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-01- AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A PORTION OF THE MODEL PROCUREMENT CODE SET FORTH IN KRS 45A.345 TO KRS 45A.460. Commissioner Miller offered a motion to table this item to the May meeting. Commissioner Mefford seconded. **Motion passed, 5-0.**

Announcements

The renovations to the City Building will begin tomorrow, April 2, and the city offices will be closed for two days to the public to allow staff time to relocate to the trailer for office services. The May, June and July meetings will be held at the Union Fire Protection District. Attorney Voss noted that these meetings will be considered special meetings as they are being held at a different location than specified in the ordinance setting meeting dates, times and locations. They will be noted as such in advertisements and minutes due to this ordinance.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 6, 2019 at 6:30 PM at the Union Fire Protection District. This will be a special meeting.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Mefford and seconded by Commissioner Ramage. **Motion carried 5-0.** Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Larry Solomon, Mayor

Melissa Hinkle, Interim City Clerk