

CITY OF UNION
Special Business Meeting
March 15, 2021

Regular Business

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM on March 15, 2021 by Mayor Larry Solomon via Zoom Teleconference.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Roll Call

A quorum was present and a roll call was taken: Commissioner Jeremy Ramage, Commissioner Eric Dulaney, Commissioner Brian Garner and Mayor Larry Solomon. Commissioner John Mefford was absent.

Also present:

City Attorney-Greg Voss, Esq.; City Administrator-David Plummer; City Communications and Operations Director-Melissa Hinkle, City Clerk/Treasurer Christy Everman and City Engineer Barry Burke. Also present was BCPC representative for Union-Steve Harper.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Solomon asked for approval of the March 1st Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Garner moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Dulaney seconded that motion. **Motion approved 4-0**

Visitors/Guests Wishing to Speak

No citizens came forward to speak. Mr. Harper updated that the Boone County Planning Commission will be voting on a new Ballyshannon neighborhood development in committee on March 24 and it will go to the full BCPC on April 7.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Solomon announced the resignation of Communications and Operations Director Melissa Hinkle. She has accepted a position in the area and will be leaving on April 2. Her position will be advertised as an Assistant City Administrator and Communications specialist, and then an additional position will be filled following that process.

Economic Development

No update from the Economic Development Committee. They will hold their monthly meeting on Wednesday at 6 p.m. via Zoom.

Public Works Report

Commissioner Garner noted that several potholes that cropped up over the winter have been filled as an extra work item, and that work is proceeding for the 2021 Street Repairs Program.

Communications/Office Operations Report

Director Hinkle advised that the 2021 Easter Egg Drive through event has sold out, with 406 bags of Easter Eggs claimed by citizens. A few bags remain in reserve, for individuals who may drive by the event, and to fill any missing or unaccounted orders that may arise, or extra children who attend but were not initially registered.

Hinkle also updated that Commissioner Mefford is working on Union Celebrates America. She has confirmed the fireworks presentation with Vito's Fireworks, and that a new site is under negotiation, but was not at liberty to disclose where at this time, pending approvals.

City Administrator Report

Administrator Plummer advised that he received seven applications to the Small Business Grants Program round three, totaling \$66,000 in requests. The deadline to file the information with the Department of Local Government is March 31, so he requested approval from the commission up to \$66,000 for expenditures to the SBG program. Commissioner Dulaney made a motion to approve up to \$66,000 of reimbursable expenditures to the Small Business Grant program. Commissioner Ramage seconded. **Motion approved, 4-0.**

Administrator Plummer also advised that the next round of Coronavirus relief, the American Rescue Plan Act has passed Congress and it is projected that Union will receive \$1.6 million in funding, with that most likely to come in two phases. He will update more as information becomes available, and both he and Attorney Voss are reviewing the legislation and working with the Department of Local Government to determine best uses for this additional relief.

City Attorney Report

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

Resolutions.

none

Municipal Orders

none

Ordinances

ORDINANCE 2021-07 -AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING CERTAIN UNINCORPORATED TERRITORY ADJACENT TO THE PRESENT BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF UNION, KENTUCKY. *First Reading*

A Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Garner and seconded by Commissioner Ramage to allow Mayor Larry K. Solomon to sign the annexation agreement with the Estate to allow a zoning change from RSE to SR1 with Cluster. **Motion approved 4-0.**

ORDINANCE 2021-08-AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING CERTAIN UNINCORPORATED TERRITORY ADJACENT THE PRESENT BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF UNION, KENTUCKY. *First Reading*

A Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Dulaney and seconded by Commissioner Ramage to allow Mayor Larry K. Solomon to sign the annexation agreement with the Kahmann Annex to allow a zoning change from RSE to SR1 with Cluster. **Motion approved 4-0.**

Announcements

No announcements. The next regular meeting will be Monday, April 5, 2021.

Executive Session

none

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Garner and seconded by Commissioner Ramage. **Motion approved 4-0.** Meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Larry Solomon, Mayor

Christy Everman, City Clerk