



WELCOME

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM on September 8, 2021 by Mayor Larry Solomon.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Solomon led all attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Solomon asked for approval of the August 2, 2021 meeting minutes. Commissioner Mefford noted one correction to add that he was absent at the August 2, 2021 meeting. Commissioner Dulaney made a motion with the noted change. Commissioner Ramage seconded the motion.

Motion Approved 5-0.

VISITORS/GUESTS WISHING TO SPEAK

Brent Cooper, President & CEO, NKY Chamber of Commerce spoke about aligning NKY on some advocacy issues with the focus to lead, connect, and advocate. NKY is an unofficial metro comprised of 400,000 people and a special mix of urban and rural communities.

The 2021 Strategic Imperatives set by the NKY Chamber are: 1) Attract world class talent; 2) Build an inclusive community; 3) Unite the region to advocate for improved economy. Some workforce issues that have been identified include the need for workforce learning, adult learning, and attracting tourists to the region and giving them a reason to stay.

NKY has a story to tell and the Chamber is working on a media promotion. For example, the City of Union is a great place to be and has tripled in population as a result of the low cost of living and high quality of life. Boone County is one of the fastest growing counties in NKY at a rate of 14 ½%. The entirety of NKY is an economic engine and the Chamber is bringing the region together to work on advocacy.

Mr. Cooper also talked about the importance of transportation and the Brent Spence Bridge supporting the workforce in NKY. Data was shared showing projected numbers of growth, students, and diversity. In addition, a need for skilled labor and increased support for small businesses. He stated that the City of Union did a great job supporting local businesses during COVID by offering small business grants.

Upcoming NKY Chamber of Commerce events were announced. And some discussion followed to include the strengthening of the City's relationship, communication, and involvement with the Chamber.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Solomon stated that Boone County Superintendent, Matt Turner, invited him to visit Ryle High School on September 17, 2021 as "Principal for a Day". Mayor Solomon will speak to the student Government class about the City of Union and his role as Mayor.

FY 2020-21 FINANCIAL REPORT

Commissioner Ramage requested a strategy session to be scheduled in order to discuss and establish city goals and a projected timeline. A Special Commission Meeting was set for September 15, 2021 at 6:30PM at the City Building.

Commissioner Ramage updated the Commission on August's financial report which included "the bills to be paid" and "profit and loss" ledger. City Engineer Burke mentioned a bill from TMS which should show on next month's bills. Commissioner Ramage stated that section 800 on the financial report will be redone and republished. The report is on track for this year. No further discussion.

Commissioner Mefford made a motion and Commissioner Ramage seconded the motion.

Motion approved 5-0.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Commissioner Dulaney reported that the City is still waiting for feedback from the Boone County Planning Commission Urban Forestry concerning the beautification project. And in regard to the gateway sign, a survey needs to be completed before moving forward.

The new business packet is being updated with 2020 Census numbers. And the EDC is moving forward with the formation of a Business Retention Subcommittee which will align efforts for a joint campaign to include the offering of a small business grant opportunity supported by remaining CARES ACT funding.

Three new members of the Economic Development Committee (EDC), Jaime Lyons, Angie Scroggins, and Doug Dawson, were welcomed and sworn in during the meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Communications Director/Assistant CAO Amy Safran reported that the October 23, 2021 Trick-or-Treat event was cancelled. The decision was supported by Gray/Mann schools which were scheduled to host.

In addition, the full-time City Clerk job description was included in the Commission packet for review and approval was requested to move forward with the posting and hiring of the position of City Clerk.

Commissioner Ramage made a motion and Commissioner Mefford seconded the motion.

Motion approved 5-0.

Lastly, Communications Director/Assistant CAO Safran reported that the committee received a quote from A&A Safety for the purchase of 20 patriotic pole banners to coordinate with the current Operation Honor banners. All banners will be hung/displayed from May through November. The patriotic banners will take the place of any short term seasonal or holiday banners. The total cost for 20 banners is \$1,600 plus additional cost to cover hardware from a different company. Approval was requested for \$2,500 total.

Commissioner Dulaney made a motion and Commissioner Garner seconded the motion.

Motion approved 5-0.

Commissioner Ramage inquired about updates concerning the Ryle Homecoming Parade. The Communications Committee is still waiting for details from the student council. Some discussion followed.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

City Administrator David Plummer reported that the work at 9513 Old Union Road is done. And the check from Boone County Florence Water, covering half the cost, has yet to be received. The City will continue to follow up.

Administrator Plummer provided an update on the sidewalk grant for Sweet Harmony. Though the value of the grant is low, it is a federal grant meaning that the process is slow. If opting to use a state supply contractor, the process may be accelerated. The City has until 2025 to complete it. Once done, then the City can petition for the next phase of funding to be released.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

Commissioner Garner stated that contractor, TMS, has completed resurfacing work with the exception of two sections and a portion on US Rt. 42. And contractor, Riegler, is almost done, but repairs are still needed. The total cost amounted to around \$302,000. Discussion followed about the possibility of allocating ARPA funds to cover the \$15,000 cost for the storm water project.

Commissioner Garner then reported that a new speed study was started on Mt. Laurel Way. Residents have communicated that the efforts to reduce traffic speed on Burleigh Lane have been ineffective so far. A follow up speed study will be requested.

In regard to the LEDs on Mt. Zion Road, there is a conflict between the State and the contractor concerning the work to be done. Once things are worked out, the lights will be turned over to the City of Union. City Engineer Barry Burke is researching service options to have on stand-by once the City takes ownership. The 48 Cobra headlights are in the process of being replaced with LEDs.

Finally, the committee is working on "Welcome to the City of Union" signs similar to the City of Florence. The signs will be installed at city limit points so people are aware that they have entered the City of Union.

City Engineer Barry Burke communicated the city has new maps for water sheds. He then proposed some ideas for assessing and addressing future sidewalk repairs. The Public Works Committee will work to develop possible solutions to present to the Commission.

Next, Commissioner Dulaney suggested that the City consider switching the lights in Fowler's Creek to LED once the public light replacements are completed. Currently, the City pays \$2,500 a year in electric expenses for these lights and the switch to LEDs would reduce this cost.

LEGISLATION/ATTORNEY'S REPORT

MUNICIPAL ORDER 2021-19 - A MUNICIPAL ORDER APPOINTING ANGIE SCROGGINS TO SERVE ON THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ON BEHALF OF THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF UNION, KENTUCKY Appointment to be effective from September 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024.

Commissioner Dulaney made a motion and Commissioner Garner seconded the motion.

Motion approved 5-0.

MUNICIPAL ORDER 2021-20 - A MUNICIPAL ORDER APPOINTING DOUG DAWSON TO SERVE ON THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ON BEHALF OF THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF UNION, KENTUCKY Appointment to be effective from September 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023.

Commissioner Dulaney made a motion and Commissioner Garner seconded the motion.

Motion approved 5-0.

MUNICIPAL ORDER 2021-21 - A MUNICIPAL ORDER APPOINTING JAIME LYONS TO SERVE ON THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ON BEHALF OF THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF UNION, KENTUCKY Appointment to be effective from September 1, 2021 through June 30, 2025.

Commissioner Dulaney made a motion and Commissioner Ramage seconded the motion.

Motion approved 5-0.

Mayor Solomon congratulated all three members and they swore an oath of office.

ORDINANCE 2021-16 – AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AND FIXING THE TAX RATES OF THE CITY OF UNION, KENTUCKY, FOR THE 2021 CALENDAR YEAR; LEVYING SAID TAX UPON REAL AND TANGIBLE PROPERTY; FIXING THE DATE OF PAYMENT, DISCOUNT PAYMENT, DELINQUENCY AND INTEREST CHARGES; FIXING THE PURPOSE THEREFORE; AND SETTING FORTH THE PROCEDURE FOR COLLECTION OF TAXES (2nd Reading)

Commissioner Ramage made a motion and Commissioner Garner seconded the motion.

Motion approved 5-0.

ORDINANCE 2021-17 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF UNION, KENTUCKY RECOMMENDING APPROVAL TO ADOPT A TEXT AMENDMENTS TO THE BOONE COUNTY ZONING REGULATIONS SUCH AMENDMENT TO BE MADE TO SECTION 3149 "PARKING AND STORAGE OF CERTAIN VEHICLES" OF THE BOONE COUNTY ZONING REGULATIONS TO (1) ADD THE PROVISIONS REGARDING PARKING AND STORAGE OF CERTAIN VEHICLES WHICH CURRENTLY APPLY TO UNINCORPORATED BOONE COUNTY AND THE CITIES OF FLORENCE AND WALTON AND (2) REPEAL THE PROVISIONS REGARDING PARKING AND STORAGE OF CERTAIN VEHICLES WHICH CURRENTLY APPLY TO THE CITY OF UNION, AND PROVIDING THE RECOMMENDATION BE FORWARDED TO THE CITY OF UNION, KENTUCKY. (1st Reading)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Solomon called executive session to be held in accordance with KRS 61.810, Section G. Commissioner Dulaney made a motion and Commissioner Ramage seconded the motion. **Motion approved 5-0 at 7:55PM**

Mayor Solomon announced that no decisions were made nor actions taken during the executive session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

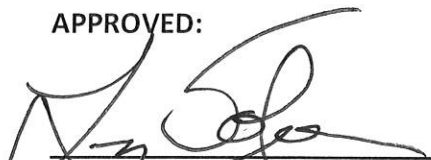
Mayor Solomon announced that the next regular City Commission Meeting will take place on Monday, October 4, 2021 at 6:30PM at the City Building.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Ramage and seconded by Commissioner Dulaney at 8:12PM.

Motion approved 5-0

APPROVED:


Larry Solomon, Mayor

ATTEST:


Christy Everman, City Clerk