



## **WELCOME**

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM on October 4, 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 both the September 8, 2021 and September 15, 2021 meeting minutes. Commissioner Mefford made a motion and Commissioner Ramage seconded the motion.

**Motion approved 5-0.**

## **VISITORS/GUESTS WISHING TO SPEAK**

There were no guests wishing to speak at the meeting.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Solomon announced that David Martin, Boone County Circuit Court Clerk, is interested in being a guest speaker at the November Commission Meeting to provide an update on licensing. In addition, he stated that Boone County Planning Commission will vote on the Union Promenade project on October 6, 2021.

## **FY 2020-21 FINANCIAL REPORT**

Commissioner Ramage updated the Commission on September's financial report which included "the bills to be paid" and the balance sheet. He continued to say that everything is on track. The City 2021 tax bills were issued: 2,482 real property tax bills, 103 tangible tax bills, 21 sewer assessments, and 4 street light assessments. 499 tax bills with homestead or disability exemptions were corrected and resent. And currently, there are only 2 delinquent property taxes. There were no questions from the Commission.

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

**Motion approved 5-0.**

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT**

Commissioner Dulaney reviewed the New Business Packet created for new and existing Union business owners. The packet includes city contact information, value statements, demographics, and local resources such as a tax credit available to small businesses. The Economic Development Committee will be moving forward with outreach to city businesses (new and existing) and distribution of the packet. Commissioner

Ramage suggested that the packet also be shared with Boone County as they are often the first point of contact for new businesses.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Commissioner Mefford reported that the Zachary Salmon Soldier Run on September 26, 2021 went well, had a nice turnout, and beautiful weather. The Soldiers and their families enjoyed and appreciated the luncheon which followed the race. Union Adopts-a-Unit Committee Chair, Kim Voss, did a great job organizing the event. Additionally, the Ryle High School Homecoming Parade on October 1, 2021 was well attended and the City Commission all participated in the parade and gave out candy.

Communications Director/Assistant CAO Amy Safran announced that the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Spring Bungee Fitness is scheduled for October 16, 2021 at 1:00PM. In addition, Halloween trick-or-treating will take place for Union residents on October 31, 2021 from 6:00-8:00PM.

On November 11, 2021, Mayor Solomon has been invited to attend and say a few words at a Veteran's Day event hosted by StoryPoint Union in partnership with the Daughters of the American Revolution. Breakfast with Santa is still planned at the Union Fire Station on December 11, 2021 from 8:30-11:30AM. T-Mobile has confirmed sponsorship and will be providing coffee, donuts, 2 volunteers, and paper products. Commissioner Mefford added that donations will be encouraged at the event in support of the Boone County Animal Shelter.

Several entries have been submitted for the City of Union Photo Contest. There has been a recent increase in interest including a new student photo club at Ryle. Entries are accepted until October 31, 2021.

Lastly, the City of Union has a new facebook page using the handle, CityofUnionKentucky.

#### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

City Administrator David Plummer reported that the City continues to work on the street repair report. In addition, he stated that resident calls have been received concerning a home on Whispering Trail. The City Code Enforcement Officer has been contacted. The home owner currently has contractors working to address sewer problems. The port-a-let and other issues of concern are temporary during this work period.

Administrator Plummer also announced that the Federal Government continues to review the final rules for use of ARPA funding. The deadline for spending has been pushed back from October 31, 2021 to March 31, 2022.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Commissioner Garner stated that the street repair and resurfacing is almost finished totaling around \$312,000. Two speed studies are targeted: awaiting one on Mt. Laurel Way and a follow up speed study on Burleigh Lane to be scheduled. Grounds systems have been contacted and bids for street sweeping services have been requested for the entire City of Union. State Senator John Schickel, who initiated the request for street sweeping services, continues follow up efforts to reduce the speed limit on US 42 from 55mph to 45mph.

Commissioner Garner communicated that research on the "welcome" city signs is underway and requests for designs and quotes will continue. One estimate has been received to date. Furthermore, the Public Works Committee is working on a plan to address sidewalk repairs moving forward.

City Engineer Barry Burke provided a monthly report to the Commission. No questions followed.

#### **LEGISLATION/ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

**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. (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)

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

**Motion approved 5-0.**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Solomon announced that the next regular City Commission Meeting will take place on Monday, November 1, 2021 at 6:30 PM at the Union City Building, 1843 Bristow Dr., Union, KY 41091.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Solomon called executive session to be held in accordance with KRS 61.810, Section G. Commissioner Mefford made a motion and Commissioner Ramage seconded the motion.

**Motion approved 5-0 at 7:02PM.**

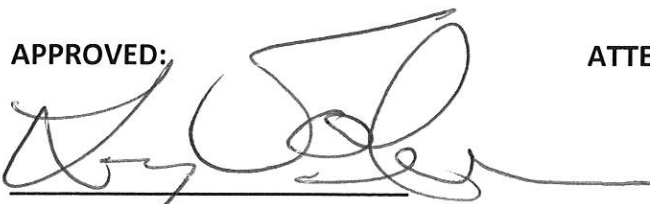
Mayor Solomon announced that no decisions were made nor actions taken during the executive session.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Ramage and seconded by Commissioner Garner at 7:26PM.

**Motion approved 5-0.**

**APPROVED:**

  
Larry Solomon, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
Christy Everman, City Clerk