

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Solomon called the Regular Commission Meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Solomon led all attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Commissioner Eric Dulaney, Commissioner Jeremy Ramage, Commissioner John Mefford, and Mayor Larry Solomon were present. Commissioner Brian Garner was absent. A quorum of Commissioners was present.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor Solomon asked for approval of July 6, 2022 Regular Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Ramage motioned and Commissioner Dulaney seconded that motion. **Motion approved 4-0.**

Mayor Solomon asked for approval of July 18, 2022 Caucus-Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Mefford motioned and Commissioner Dulaney seconded that motion. **Motion approved 4-0.**

#### **MAYOR/COMMISSIONER REPORT**

##### Water Meter Shortage

Mayor Solomon mentioned a situation of a family who is building a new home in Union, and unfortunately was delayed getting a closing date due to the shortage of parts needed to set the water meter. The family reached out to Mayor Solomon after being told by Boone County Water District that the necessary meter parts were not going to be available for several weeks. Mayor Solomon was pleased to report that just two days after reaching out to both Boone County Water District and Boone County Judge Executive Gary Moore, a parts solution was found and the family will now be able to now close on their new home.

##### Promenade Industrial Revenue Bonds

Mayor Solomon explained that Promenade Industrial Revenue Bond (IRB) was finalized this past week. It took several months for the attorneys to work out all the details, because of the complex nature of this revenue bond. It was negotiated that the developer used close to \$5M of their monies before IRB monies kick in; this shows commitment by the developer and insures the city that this development will be successful.

#### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Commissioner Jeremy Ramage presented the city financial bills to be paid for the month of July. Commissioner Ramage also mentioned that the interest rates on the interest bearing checking account continue to increase.

Commissioner Mefford asked about the First Quarter 2022 contribution payment for Boone County Planning Commission (BCPC), regarding if the amount has changed since last year. Mayor Solomon explained that BCPC follows a funding formula he helped establish in 2017; any BCPC budget increases beyond the 2017 base year

was proportioned based on each entity population growth. Commissioner Dulaney motioned and Commissioner Mefford seconded the motion. **Motion approved 4-0.**

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Commissioner Dulaney explained that the feedback received from the Economic Development Committee, Commissioners and the Mayor for the Gateway sign will be taken back to Viox & Viox. The goal is for Viox & Viox to be able to condense the ideas given to them and develop a concept everyone will like and be able to agree upon.

## **COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Commissioner Mefford discussed and gave details on several upcoming events.

- Photo Contest August 1 through October 31
- Senior Picnic September 14, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM (tickets on sale at Union City Building)
- Zachary Salmon Soldier Run September 25, 9:00 AM
- Bourbon in the Bluegrass October 22, 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM
- Breakfast with Santa December 10, 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM

Residents can find more information on these events by going to the city website [www.cityofunionky.org](http://www.cityofunionky.org). Commissioner Mefford also mentioned the Neighbors of Union publication, the City has several ads throughout the publication August addition.

## **ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

### Union Rice Cemetery

Communications Director/Assistant CAO Amy Safran discussed landscaping and Monument quotes for Rice Cemetery. The recommendation is for GroundSystems to perform the needed work at Rice Cemetery, the cost will be \$7,372.75. The current budget amount for the cemetery is \$10,000.00. Mayor Solomon asked for a motion to approve the amount of \$7,500.00 for GroundSystems to complete the landscape work at Union Rice Cemetery. Commissioner Dulaney motioned and Commissioner Mefford seconded the motion. **Motion approved 4-0.**

Commissioner Mefford asked the question concerning the lack of quotes received for Union Rice Cemetery fencing, and wanted to know if it would be possible to reach back out to contractors in an attempt to seek new quotes before moving forward with the project. Safran agreed that seeking more quotes was something that could be done.

Commissioner Ramage asked the question of what other projects were planned at the cemetery. Safran explained that the entire back perimeter fencing will need to be replaced. Additionally, a berm will have to be built to resolve water runoff from the cemetery to neighboring homes; the city is working with GroundSystems to resolve this water issue. Safran went on to say that each of these respective issues will be completed in phases.

Lastly on this topic, Communications Director/Assistant CAO Amy Safran mentioned that after several months of staff working with Boone County Planning Commission, she now has an accurate GIS mapping of Rice Cemetery. This mapping is extremely important to have an accurate record and depiction of those interred at Rice Cemetery.

#### Boy Scout Troop Number 702

Boy Scout Troop Number 702 requested Commission approval to use of a piece of property owned by the City of Union located at the corner of US 42 and Old Union Rd. Mayor Solomon asked for a motion to approve the request from Boy Scout Troop Number 702. Commissioner Ramage motioned and Commissioner Mefford seconded the motion. **Motion approved 4-0.**

#### **PUBLIC WORKS**

Communications Director/Assistant CAO Amy Safran gave updates on the Public Works Reports Summary. She referenced that the items listed on the summary report were either ongoing or process pending. The only other issue was the previously discussed water issue at Union Rice.

#### **LEGISLATION**

**MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 2022-18 AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CONDEMNATION OF REAL PROPERTY FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT AND PERMANENT STORMWATER EASEMENTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF BRILLIANCE AVENUE LOCATED IN THE CITY OF UNION, KENTUCKY.**

Commissioner Mefford motioned and Commissioner Ramage seconded. **Motion approved 4-0.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-15 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF UNION, KENTUCKY APPROVING, WITH CONDITIONS, A REQUEST OF ARLINGHAUS I, LLC PER BOB SCHRODER (APPLICANT) FOR CAROL RAY AND PAUL MEDIN (OWNERS) FOR A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT FROM RURAL SUBURBAN ESTATES (RSE) DISTRICT TO SUBURBAN RESIDENTIAL ONE (SR-1) DISTRICT FOR AN APPROXIMATE .35 ACRE AREA LOCATED ALONG THE NORTH SIDE OF HATHAWAY ROAD BETWEEN OLD UNION ROAD AND SPRUCE LANE, UNION, KENTUCKY AND A REQUEST OF ARLINGHAUS I, LLC PER BOB SCHRODER (APPLICANT AND OWNER) FOR A CHANGE IN AN APPROVED CONCEPT DEVELOPMENT PLAN IN AN AGRICULTURAL ESTATE/UNION TOWN OVERLAY(A-2UTO) DISTRICT FOR AN APPROXIMATE 14 ACRE AREA LOCATED AT THE TERMINUS OF WESTFIELD LANE, UNION, KENTUCKY.**

Commissioner Dulaney motioned and Commissioner Ramage seconded. **Motion approved 4-0.**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

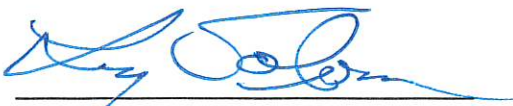
Mayor Solomon announced that the City Commission will hold the next Caucus Meeting on Monday August 15, 2022 at 6:30 PM. He also stated that the next Regular Commission Meeting will be held on Wednesday September 7, 2022 at 6:30 PM. Both meetings will be held at the Union City Building, 1843 Bristow Drive, Union, KY 41091.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Solomon asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Ramage motioned and that motion was seconded by Commissioner Dulaney. **Motion approved 4-0.** Meeting adjourned at 7:08 PM.

**Approved:**

**Attest:**

  
Hon. Larry Solomon, Mayor  
Tammy Wilhoite, City Clerk