



CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM on September 19, 2022 by Mayor 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: Mayor Larry Solomon, Commissioner Brian Garner, Commissioner John Mefford, Commissioner Jeremy Ramage, and Commissioner Eric Dulaney.

GUEST WISHING TO SPEAK

Andy Knight, Principle Planner from MKSK was in attendance along with Tori Luckenbach, Urban Planner to discuss the Union Town Center concept and design. Mr. Knight explained that MKSK was at the meeting to help facilitate the discussion of the Union Town Center concepts. Mr. Knight opened the discussion up to the Commissioners and the Economic Development Committee for any ideas they would have for the future development of the Union Town Center.

The majority of the Commissioners and the Economic Development Committee members were in agreement that they would like to see green space in the area of the Union Town Center versus retail or commercial space. There were several suggestions for the area such as: parks, trails, gathering space, entertainment area, amphitheater, and a splash park. Both Commissioner Garner and Ramage felt that four acres was not enough of an area to be designated to the green space area for development. MKSK has been invited back to the Caucus Meeting on October 17. Members of the Economic Development Committee will also be attending the next Caucus Meeting to participate along with the Commissioners. Their attendance will replace this month's EDC Meeting.

CAUCUS DISCUSSION

Payroll Software

City Administrator David Plummer discussed GovOS which is a Government software being proposed for the city to use in the collection of Occupational Licensing and Payroll tax, which the city will begin collecting January 1, 2023. Administrator Plummer explained that the selection of GovOS was made due to the fact that Boone County was already using GovOS for their Occupational License and Payroll tax collections. GovOS is a one stop shop and paperless business center for municipalities to serve all the needs of their community business owners. The cost savings over a five year period would be an estimated \$418,000.00 if the city decides to process the payments on our own. Boone County has agreed to assist the city with the initial push with getting letters out to businesses within our jurisdiction.

Rice Cemetery

City Administrator Plummer discussed the proposals for Union Rice Cemetery drainage issues. Three separate proposals were received from GroundSystems, Precision Excavation and Kunz Construction. Precision Excavation quote will also include the coring work for this project. City Engineer Barry Burke gave his expertise to the nature of the drainage issue. Mayor Solomon asked for a motion to approve the amount of \$17,500.00 for Precision Excavation to complete the drainage work at Union Rice Cemetery.

Commissioner Dulaney made a motion and Mayor Solomon seconded that motion. **Motion** approved 5-0

Communications Director/Assistant CAO Amy Safran discussed the replacement of approximately 305 feet of fencing at Union Rice Cemetery. Two separate quotes were received one from R & M Fence which was \$8,350.00 including the replacement of the fence and removal of the existing fence. The quote from Mills Fence was \$6,850.00 and only included the purchase of the new fence, they did not get back regarding the cost of the removal of the existing fence. The city applied for a Community Action Impact Grant through Duke Energy and was awarded \$3,000.00 of restricted funds to put towards the cost of the fence. Commissioner Mefford motioned to move forward with the removal and replacement of the fence in the amount of \$8,350.00 Commissioner Mefford made a motion and Commissioner Dulaney seconded that motion. **Motion approved 5-0.**

Littlest Angels drainage

City Administrator David Plummer explained the drainage issue at Littlest Angels Day Care on Mt. Zion Road. This problem all began a few years back after the State acquired right-of-way property from home owners and private businesses. This issue started about three years ago when Mt. Zion Rd was nearing the completion phase. The State did come and regrade the property and all that it was caused the water to flow to a different direction. The water flows over the sidewalk causing a hazard for people who wish to walk in this area, it is slippery in the warmer months and ice forms in the winter. Not only did the State leave the business with a drainage issue but there is also a slope at this property that makes it difficult to maintain the lawn on the hillside. Administrator Plummer has met with a couple of contractors and City Engineer Barry Burke to discuss options for correcting this issue. The cost estimates to correct the drainage issue will be between \$12,000.00 to \$14,000.00 dollars. The suggestion was made by Commissioner Mefford and Mayor Solomon for Littlest Angels to share the cost of repairs. Administrator Plummer will meet with Littlest Angels owner to discuss the options for the work to be completed and the cost.

LEGISLATION

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 2022-20 A MUNICIPAL ORDER ACCEPTING THE CONTRACT OF GOVOS FOR THE OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE AND TAX FILING SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF UNION, KENTUCKY AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT

Commissioner Mefford made a motion and Commissioner Ramage seconded that motion. Mayor Solomon voted aye, Commissioner Mefford voted aye, Commissioner Garner voted aye, Commissioner Ramage voted aye and Commissioner Dulaney voted nay. **Motion approved 4-1**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Solomon called an executive session to be held in accordance with KRS 61.810(1) (f), Commissioner Mefford made a motion and Commissioner Garner seconded the motion.

Motion approved 5-0 at 8:20 PM

Commissioner Dulaney made a motion to exit executive session and Commissioner Garner seconded the motion. **Motion approved 5-0 at 9:00 PM**No action was taken.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Regular City Commission Meeting: Monday October 3, 2022 at 6:30 PM.
- Next Caucus/Commission Meeting: Monday October 17, 2022 at 6:30 PM.
- Commission Meeting Place: 1843 Bristow Drive, Union, KY 41091

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Dulaney made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Dulaney seconded that motion.

Motion approved 5-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:01 PM.

Approved:

Hon. Larry Solómon, Mayor

Attest:

Tammy Wilhoite, City Clerk