

**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**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor Solomon asked for approval of October 3, 2022, Public Hearing meeting minutes. Commissioner Mefford motioned and Commissioner Dulaney seconded that motion. **Motion approved 4-0.**

Mayor Solomon asked for approval of October 17, 2022, Regular Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Dulaney motioned and Commissioner Mefford seconded that motion. **Motion approved 4-0.**

**VISITORS/GUESTS WISHING TO SPEAK**

Daxton Bine, a seventh grade student at Gray Middle School addressed the Mayor and Commissioners to ask for permission to use the city parking lot on December 3, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Daxton plans to hold a charity event for the purpose of bringing attention to and help food hunger and insecurity in our area. The focus is to collect non-perishable food items and monetary donations to benefit those less fortunate in our area. Hopeful Lutheran Church Food Pantry will be used to distribute the food items. The Mayor and Commissioners were in full agreement and felt that this was an excellent idea.

Mayor Solomon asked for a motion to allow Daxton Bine the use of the city parking lot for his charity event. Commissioner Mefford made a motion and Commissioner Dulaney seconded that motion. **Motion approved 4-0.**

## **MAYOR/COMMISSIONER REPORT**

Mayor Solomon gave an update of the ongoing issue of the port-o-lets and dumpster at the Kroger Fuel Station and Micro Fulfillment Center on U.S. 42. Mayor Solomon indicated that he had corresponded with Lisa Ammons, Kroger Divisional Manager. She informed him that they are currently working to replace the current fuel Kiosk at that location. The new Kiosk will have restrooms inside...eliminating the need for port-o-lets at that location. According to Ms. Ammons this should be taking place in the near future.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

City Treasurer Christy Everman presented the city financial bills to be paid for the month of October. Everman stated that approximately 1.3 million dollars of the 2022 property taxes have been collected, about 87% of total taxes bills. Everman also stated that the current interest rate is about 2.75% resulted in about \$20,000 in annual interest collected across all funds. Commissioner Dulaney made a motion and Commissioner Mefford seconded the motion. **Motion approved 4-0.**

## **COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Commissioner Mefford stated that the Bourbon in the Bluegrass event was a big success! He thanked everyone who participated in the event's planning and the clean-up. City Administrator David Plummer also thanked Communication Director/Assistant CAO Amy Safran for all of her hard work on the planning of the event. October 7, 2023 will be the date for next year's event.

The 2022 Photo Contest ended on October 31. Winners will be announced on the city's website on November 14.

The next event coming up will be Breakfast with Santa on December 10, from 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM at the Union Fire House.

Communications Director/Assistant CAO Safran mentioned the staff Christmas party that will take place at Story Point on December 19. Per Mayor Solomon, there will be no December Caucus Meeting; the Christmas Party will replace that event.

Also, mentioned was Union Fire District Chief Morgan with will be retiring and a celebration will be held on December 2, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Aaron Gruelle has been named to replace retiring Chief Morgan.

## **ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

### Industrial Revenue Bonds

City Administrator David Plummer gave updates on the Industrial Revenue Bond structure for the Promenade Project and informed that with his departure from the City that Communications Director/Assistant CAO Amy Safran is up to date with needed information and now a signer on the bonds.

### Brilliance Avenue

Administrator Plummer explained that Brilliance Avenue is now moving forward. The necessary permits have been submitted by the homeowner. The timeline will be spring or summer before the work begins on the road.

### Delinquent Tax

Communications Director/Assistant CAO Safran informed the Mayor and Commissioners of residents Linda and Albert Schab who have a delinquent tax bill from 2021 in the amount of \$830.50. These individuals were asking for all penalties and fees to be removed from the bill due to the fact they claim they never received a tax bill in 2021. Three bills were sent from the City of Union and a letter was sent from Attorney Greg Voss's office when the lien was filed. After discussion, the Mayor and Commissioners made the decision to not wave the extra penalties and fees. Mayor Solomon made a motion that the fees not be waived and the Schabs's be required to pay the delinquent 2021 tax bill as requested. Commissioner Mefford Seconded that motion. **Motion approved 4-0**

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

### Whispering Trail

City Administrator David Plummer gave an update on the drainage issue at 1838 Whispering Trail. On October 3, at a regular Commission Meeting Sean Blake with Sanitation District No. 1 (SD1) gave a presentation to review all seven options from the study conducted by Stantec. It was concluded and decided from the October 3 meeting to move forward with option number six (6). After Mr. Blake discussed with his team at SD1 they have determined that the city should change course with a different option. CAO Plummer explained why alternative five (5) would be a better option for moving forward with the drainage issue. His point was that it would be better to construct a new storm sewer extending a new 30 inch pipe under Indian Hill Drive to the junction between 1838 and 1842 Whispering Trail, and to abandon the existing 30 inch diameter (transitioning to 22 inch tall x 48 inch wide) storm sewer.

The cost of alternative five (5) is \$303,000 and the city will be applying for a cost share program with SD1. Mayor Solomon asked City Engineer for his expert opinion. Engineer Buke also expressed that he recommended alternative five (5) as the best option to move forward to fix the drainage issue on Whispering Trail and has the greatest likelihood of being approved for the SD1 cost sharing program.

The Mayor asked for a motion to move forward with alternative five (5). Commissioner Dulaney made a motion, and Commissioner Mefford seconded that motion. Mayor Solomon called for a voice vote: Mayor Solomon voted aye, Commissioner Mefford voted aye, Commissioner Garner voted aye, Commissioner Dulaney voted aye. **Motion approved 4-0.**

### Arbor Springs Parking

Commissioner Brian Garner discussed the recent issues with parking on Arbor Springs Boulevard at it's curve in the road. Vehicles continue to park on the curve making it dangerous for cars going around the curve on Arbor Springs Drive. There were two options discussed at the last Public Works Committee meeting...1) put no parking on both sides of the road on the curve; 2) put a three way stop sign at the intersection of Lincoln Court and Arbor Springs Boulevard in hopes of slowing traffic so that the visibility issue will be resolved. Mayor Solomon asked whether or not residents were asked which option they preferred. They had not been asked. Prior to taking any action, Mayor Solomon asked that affected residents be asked which option they preferred. No action on this issue will take place until hearing back from affected residents.

### Richmond Road

Commissioner Garner mentioned that a stop sign right across from Pembroke on Richmond Road will be removed. The stop sign was discussed with Daniel Rice, Engineering Services Supervisor with Boone County and we have come to the agreement that since the stop sign is next to a speed hump it is redundant and should be removed.

City Engineer Barry Burke gave updates on projects that include street projects, LED street lights on Mt Zion Road that have recently been turned over to the city, and the annexation of 81.293 acres of property on Hathaway Road.

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT**

Commissioner Dulaney informed that there would be a Municipal Order being read later in the meeting regarding MKSK and their ability to develop concepts for the Union Town Center. Once passed this will give MKSK to opportunity to provide examples of what the Union Town Center will look like.

### **LEGISLATION**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-20 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF UNION, KENTUCKY AMENDING CHAPTER 72A REGARDING THE REGULATION OF PARKING ON THE CITY'S PUBLIC STREETS WITHIN THE CITY OF UNION, KENTUCKY ( 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading).**

Commissioner Mefford made a motion and Commissioner Garner seconded that motion.  
**Motion approved 4-0.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-21 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2014-20 AND 2022-11 CODIFIED AS CHAPTER 40, SPECIFICALLY SECTION 40.40 OF THE CITY OF UNION, KENTUCKY CODE OF ORDINANCES (1<sup>st</sup> Reading).**

**MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 2022-22 A MUNICIPAL ORDER OFFICIALLY APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE BOONE COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN.**

Commissioner Garner made a motion and Commissioner Dulaney seconded that motion.  
**Motion approved 4-0.**

**MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 2022- 23 A MUNICIPAL ORDER TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM SIMPLY CREATIVE LAWN AND LANDSCAPE, LLC TO PROVIDE MOWING, TRIMMING, LANDSCAPING AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE FOR THE CITY OF UNION, KENTUCKY AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT.**

Commissioner Dulaney made a motion and Commissioner Mefford seconded that motion. Mayor Solomon voted aye, Commissioner Mefford voted aye, Commissioner Garner voted aye, Commissioner Dulaney voted aye. **Motion approved 4-0.**

**MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 2022-24 A MUNICIPAL ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR FOR THE CITY OF UNION, KENTUCKY TO ACCEPT THE BID AND EXECUTE THE CONTRACT BETWEEN GROUNDSYSTEMS,INC., INC. AND THE CITY OF UNION, KENTUCKY FOR 2023-2024 SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL.**

Commissioner Garner made a motion and Commissioner Dulaney seconded that motion. **Motion approved 4-0.**

**MUNICIPAL ORDER NO.2022-25 A MUNICIPAL ORDER ACCEPTING THE BID OF MKSK FOR THE PREPARATION OF A MASTER PLAN FOR THE CITY'S 22 ACRE PARCEL LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF US 42 AND BRILLIANCE AVENUE IN THE CITY OF UNION, KENTUCKY AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MKSK.**

Mayor Solomon made a motion and Commissioner Garner seconded that motion. **Motion approved 4-0.**

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR PLUMMER.**

With regret, Mayor Solomon announced that this will be the last meeting for City Administrator David Plummer. Plummer will be going to the City of Alexandria to fill the role of City Administrator there. Mayor Solomon said it was a pleasure to watch David grow and blossom into the outstanding City Administrator he now is. Commissioner Mefford said that it was a pleasure working with David and was very proud of him. Commissioner Garner said that David was instrumental in teaching him the ways of city government and he is eternally grateful for his knowledge and expertise. Those were all the Commissioner acknowledgements stated. The City of Union wishes David Plummer the very best on his new endeavors.

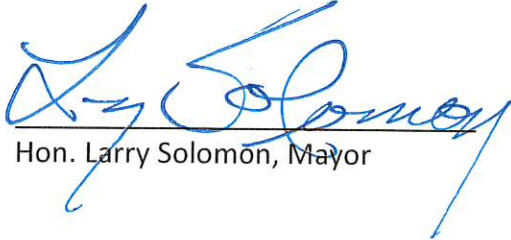
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Solomon announced that the City Commission will hold the next Caucus Meeting on Monday November 21, at 6:30 PM. He also stated that the next Regular Commission Meeting will be held on Monday December 5, 2022, at 6:30 PM. Both meetings will be held at the Union City Building, 1843 Bristow Drive, Union, KY 41091.

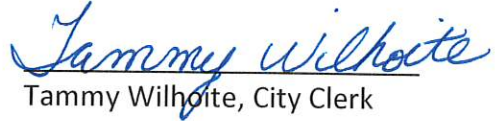
## ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Solomon asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Garner made a motion and Commissioner Dulaney seconded that motion. **Motion approved 4-0.** Meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM.

Approved:

  
Hon. Larry Solomon, Mayor

Attest:

  
Tammy Wilhoite, City Clerk