

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Solomon called the Regular Commission Meeting to order at 6:00 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 John Mefford, Commissioner Jeremy Ramage, Commissioner Brian Garner, Commissioner Doug Bine and Mayor Larry Solomon.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Solomon asked for approval of December 5, 2022, Regular Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Mefford asked if the date of January 1, 2023, needed to be changed to reflect the new date of July 1, 2023 when the Occupational Taxes will be withheld. Attorney Greg Voss explained that the minutes need to reflect what was said at that time of the meeting.

Commissioner Mefford pointed out that Commissioner Ramage was named in error under the Communications Report and Commissioner Ramage was named twice under Municipal Order 2027-27. It was noted that the corrections would be made prior to the signing of the minutes. Commissioner Garner motioned and Commissioner Bine seconded that motion.

Motion approved. 5-0.

Mayor Solomon asked for approval of December 17, 2022, Special meeting minutes. Commissioner Mefford motioned and Commissioner Ramage seconded that motion.

Motion approved 5-0.

VISITORS/GUESTS WISHING TO SPEAK

Union resident Ted Sandlin addressed the Mayor and Commissioners to ask about a few things pertaining to the new occupational tax and business license. Mr. Sandlin began by questioning how the city would be notifying all of the payroll companies. Mayor Solomon explained to Mr. Sandlin that the city has postponed the occupational tax withholding until July. The extra time will allow the city to notify payroll companies of the occupational tax. Mayor Solomon also explained that the city is now working with Boone County's Occupational Tax Department. Mayor Solomon expressed that he feels with the expertise of Boone County this will be a big help with training and moving forward with the implementation of the occupational tax and business license fee for the city of Union.

Mr. Sandlin also had a question regarding how to code the new tax in Quickbooks for his employees. Interim City Administrator Amy Safran mentioned that city staff had a meeting with the administrator of Boone County Occupational Tax Department, and it was explained to us that businesses can code the Union Occupational tax however they chose.

Lastly, Mr. Sandlin expressed that he did not understand that he had to pay a business license to

the City of Union when he is already paying a business license to Boone County. Mayor Solomon explained to Mr. Sandlin that because his business is in the City of Union, he is subject to the business license tax, this fee is to help cover the administrative expenses for the City of Union.

David Martin Boone County Circuit Clerk addressed the Mayor and Commissioners to give an update on the Real ID. The new enforcement date by Homeland Security has been extended to May of 2025. Mr. Martin also congratulated the Mayor and Commissioners on being re-elected.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER REPORT

SB 50

Mayor Solomon mentioned SB 50, this is a proposal that is a replacement of KRS 67.060. The Mayor pointed out a couple key points of this proposal with the first being the removal of non-partisanship will be changed to partisanship all the way down to Mayor's and Commissioners at the city level. You will have to declare your party as either a Democrat or Republican and run in a primary race and then run in a general election. The Mayor has asked the Commissioners to read the proposal and there will be further discussion at the Caucus Meeting on January 18.

Whispering Trail

Mayor Solomon mentioned that Sanitation District No. 1 (SD1) approved the Whispering Trail project. The residents from Whispering Trail attended a meeting along with Sean Blake Senior Manager from SD1, Mayor Solomon, Interim City Administrator Amy Safran and Attorney Greg Voss. The next step is to move forward in a timely manner to get the project completed. SD1 has suggested Santec be the supplier for the project.

Brilliance Avenue Extension

Mayor Solomon provided information he received from Viox & Viox regarding the extension of Brilliance Avenue. Mayor Solomon handed out to all the Commissioners a map of the extension of Brilliance Avenue that will be provided to Boone County Planning Commission showing the connection from Bristow Drive to the round-a-bout so they could do their processing. The funding for the extension of Brilliance Avenue will be paid out of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. Commissioner Ramage asked the question of where Grammas Development was in the process of investing capital because no dirt was moved this year. The Mayor explained that his understanding was that the construction of the road and the Grammas Development were supposed to begin at the same time. Commissioner Garner asked about the projected cost to build the extension of Brilliance Avenue, he mentioned the last figures he had were from 2020/2021 and wanted to know if anything has changed. Mayor Solomon explained a new bid would need to be provided after the project has been submitted and approved by Boone County Planning Commission.

Union Pointe Academy

Mayor Solomon mentioned that the city has received the plan for Union Pointe Academy School. Union Pointe Academy is a Private Christian School which would eventually serve students Kindergarten through Twelfth grade. The school is planned to be built on property located next to Westbrook Subdivision which is within the City of Union.

Kroger

Mayor Solomon announced that he and Commissioner Bine will be meeting with Kroger on Wednesday January 18, to discuss the closing of the Micro Fulfillment Center on U.S. 42. The purpose of the meeting is to find out what Kroger's future plans for the building will be.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Commissioner Ramage provided an update to the Commission on December's financial report which included "the bills to be paid" and the balance sheet. Commissioner Ramage stated he did not see anything out of the ordinary. Interest rates are up from 1.25 % to 4.0% resulting in \$26,000 being collected for the year. Commissioner Ramage then requested approval of the monthly bills. Commissioner Garner made a motion and Commissioner Mefford seconded the motion.

Motion approved 5-0.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Commissioner Mefford reported that Breakfast from Santa took place on December 10 and was a huge success. We collected approximately thirty toys that were donated from attendees, and they will be donated to families in need by Paul Morgan. Commissioner Mefford stated that all of the sponsors did a great job! The next event will be the Easter Egg Hunt on April 1, at Union Presbyterian Church. Commissioner Mefford will be contacting Ryle High School to see if the same two students are available this year to participate in wearing the bunny costumes.

Commissioner Mefford noted dates for upcoming events.

- June 30, Union Celebrates America
- September 24, Zach Salman Soldier 5K Run/Walk
- October 7, Bourbon in the Bluegrass
- December 9, Breakfast with Santa

Commissioner Mefford also mentioned that the Mayor and City Commissioners will be featured in the next edition of the Neighbors of Union Magazine which should come out in late February.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Occupational Tax

Interim City Administrator Amy Safran mentioned that city staff met with Kim Krugel Boone County Occupational Tax Administrator to discuss the rollout of the tax. Interim CAO Safran explained that city staff has been having weekly zoom meetings with GovOS to continue training. Interim CAO Safran also mentioned that the second letter to businesses went out late December 2022, which gives details of the Occupational Tax holiday.

PUBLIC WORKS

Commissioner Garner discussed that he and City Engineer Barry Burke met with one of the owners of Littlest Angels pertaining to their current drainage problem. From that meeting everyone seemed to be in agreement that a resolution needed to be made. Littlest Angels owners believe that the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet District Six remain responsible for fixing the problem; they will continue to work directly with them on that front. Presuming no resolution, the city provided a joint funding solution. The contractor informed us that the type of work to be performed typically takes place in the spring, he is going to have an estimate prepared in a couple of weeks.

Commissioner Garner reported that the city received a call from a homeowner who lives on Melody Drive on January 3. The homeowner informed that the street was flooded due to a clogged storm drain. Commissioner Garner drove by to see the extent of the flooding prior to city staff contacting Sanitation District No. 1 (SD1). SD1 did reach out that same day to inform them that the storm drain was unclogged.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Commissioner Bine reported that he met with Realtor T.J. Schutte to discuss Union Pointe Center, at this time the development is 90% leased. Commissioner Bine also mentioned he met with developer Ralph Meierjohan, the Promenade is moving forward with development. Commissioner Bine also mentioned that the Economic Development Meetings will be on an as needed basis moving forward.

LEGISLATION

MUNICIPAL ORDER 2023-01 A MUNICIPAL ORDER APPOINTING BRIAN GARNER TO HAVE SUPERINTENDENCE OVER THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT FOR THE CITY OF UNION, KENTUCKY

Commissioner Ramage made a motion and Commissioner Bine seconded that motion.

Motion Approved 5-0

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 2023-02 A MUNICIPAL ORDER APPOINTING JOHN MEFFORD TO HAVE SUPERINTENDENCE OVER THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE ON BEHALF OF THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF UNION, KENTUCKY

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

Motion Approved 5-0

MUNICIPAL ORDER 2023-03 A MUNICIPAL ORDER APPOINTING DOUG BINE TO HAVE SUPERINTENDENCE OVER THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE FOR THE CITY OF UNION, KENTUCKY

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

Motion Approved 5-0

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 2023-04 A MUNICIPAL ORDER APPOINTING JOHN MEFFORD MAYOR PRO TEM FOR THE CITY OF UNION, KENTUCKY

Commissioner Garner made a motion and Commissioner Bine seconded that motion.

Motion Approved 5-0

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 2023-05 MUNICIPAL ORDER APPOINTING JEREMY RAMAGE TO HAVE SUPERINTENDENCE OVER THE FISCAL PLANNING AND THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT FOR THE CITY OF UNION, KENTUCKY

Commissioner Garner made a motion and Commissioner Bine seconded that motion.

Motion Approved 5-0

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-23 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 (2nd Reading)

Commissioner Bine made a motion and Commissioner Garner seconded that motion.

Motion Approved 5-0

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-01 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2015-03 CODIFIED AS CHAPTER 36, SPECIFICALLY SECTION 36.30 AND 36.31 OF THE CITY OF UNION, KENTUCKY CODE OF ORDINANCES (1st Reading). Ordinance 2023-01 was not read, tabled for further review.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-02 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF UNION, KENTUCKY AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2022-09 FOR IMPOSING REGULATIONS AND FEES ON THOSE ENGAGED IN FRANCHISES, TRADES, OCCUPATIONS, PROFESSIONS AND OTHER BUSINESSES IN THE CITY. (1st Reading)

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-03 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF UNION, KENTUCKY APPROVING AND ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO ZONING REGULATIONS, BOTH TEXT AND ZONING MAP, TO UPDATE THOSE ZONING REGULATIONS FOR TIMELY AND APPROPRIATE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2019 BOONE COUNTY BOONE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN THAT IS ENTITLED "OUR BOONE COUNTY PLAN 2040" (1st Reading)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Solomon announced that the next Caucus Meeting will be on Wednesday January 18, 2023, at 6:00 PM to be held at the Union City Building, 1843 Bristow Drive, Union, KY 41091. Mayor Solomon also stated that the next regular City Commission meeting will be held via Zoom on Monday February 6, 2023, at 6:00 PM.

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 Ramage seconded the motion at 7:10PM. **Motion approved 5-0.**

Commissioner Bine motioned to exit executive session and Commissioner Mefford seconded the motion at 8:39PM. **Motion approved 5-0.**

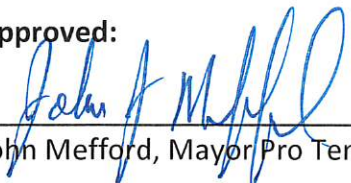
Mayor Solomon announced that no decisions were made during the executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Solomon asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Ramage made a motion and Commissioner Garner seconded that motion.

Motion approved 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Approved:


John Mefford, Mayor Pro Tem

Attest:


Tammy Wilhoite, City Clerk