



**REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 6, 2023 – 6:00 PM
1843 BRISTOW DRIVE
UNION, KY 41091**

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 Jeremy Ramage, Commissioner Brian Garner, Commissioner Doug Bine, and Mayor Larry Solomon. Commissioner Mefford was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Solomon asked for approval of August 7, 2023, Commission Meeting minutes. Commissioner Ramage made a motion and Commissioner Bine seconded that motion. **Motion approved 4-0**

Mayor Solomon asked for approval of August 21, 2023, Caucus Meeting minutes. Commissioner Garner made a motion and Commissioner Ramage seconded that motion. **Motion approved 4-0**

VISITORS/GUESTS WISHING TO SPEAK

Mayor Solomon asked if there was anyone wishing to speak. No one had any issues to be addressed.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Commissioner Ramage provided an update to the Commission on the month of August financial report which included “the bills to be paid” and the balance sheet. Interest rates continue to climb, and the current rate is 5%.

Mayor Solomon asked for a motion to approve the financial report, including paying the bills for the month of August. Mayor Solomon made a motion and Commissioner Bine seconded that motion. **Motion approved 4-0**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Commissioner Bine mentioned there was interest in a new development locating to the city but no commitment has been made.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Communications Coordinator Jaime Lyons mentioned Bourbon in the Bluegrass will be October 7, 2023. Several photos have already been submitted for the photo contest that is currently open until October 31, 2023. Planning is already taking place for Breakfast with Santa which will take place on December 9, 2023.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

City Administrator Amy Safran explained ordinance 2022-09 regarding business license and occupational tax does not include a penalty for a business that does not register for their business license. After reviewing the ordinance with City Attorney Voss, the recommendation is being made to include in the ordinance a penalty of \$500 for businesses who do not register or renew in the first quarter. All the commissioners agreed to update the current ordinance to include a late fee of \$500 if a business has not registered by the end of the first quarter.

City Administrator Safran mentioned the 2023-2024 tax bills are scheduled to be mailed by the end of September. A communications flyer will be included with the tax bills giving information of city events and a survey for residents to provide information on what they would like to see developed in the Union Town Center.

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works Director (PWD) Paul Kremer explained that Fowlers Creek Lane will be closed for three to four weeks starting September 7. The purpose of the closure is to add a right turn lane on US Highway 42 heading south and adding a third lane on a portion of Fowlers Lane coming from the Promenade development. PWD Kremer mentioned he has contacted Union Fire District, Villas at Fowler Creek Home Owner Association, and Boone County Schools to inform them of the closure.

The Request for Proposal has been accepted by Neyra Paving to repave the road in the Union Rice Cemetery. The repaving is expected to begin late September or early October.

There is legislation on the agenda for the catch basin repairs on Whispering Trail and Russwill Lane.

Clean up work has begun in the cemetery along the fence line in preparation of installing a new fence. The clean up includes removal of old trees and brush along the fence line.

In regards to Code Enforcement most of the homes have come into compliance. PWD Kremer will work with Commissioner Garner on how to move forward with the one home that is still

not in compliance.

LEGISLATION/ATTORNEY'S REPORT

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 2023-33 A MUNICIPAL ORDER ACCEPTING THE CONTRACT OF TMS CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF 12 STORM WATER CATCH BASINS ON WHISPERING TRAIL AND 5 STORM WATER CATCH BASINS ON RUSSWILL LANE WITHIN THE CITY OF UNION, KENTUCKY AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2023- 10 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 31 OF THE CITY OF UNION CODE OF ORDINANCES (Second Reading)

Commissioner Ramage made a motion and Commissioner Bine seconded that motion. **Motion approved 4-0**

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-11 AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AND FIXING THE TAX RATES OF THE CITY OF UNION, KENTUCKY, FOR THE 2023 CALENDAR YEAR; LEVYING SAID TAX UPON REAL AND TANGIBLE PROPERTY; FIXING THE DATE OF PAYMENT, DISCOUNT PAYMENT, DELINQUENCY, AND INTEREST CHARGES; FIXING THE PURPOSE THEREFORE; AND SETTING FORTH THE PROCEDURE FOR COLLECTION OF TAXES (First Reading)

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-12 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF UNION, KENTUCKY, REPEALING ORDINANCE 2010-003 CODIFIED AS CHAPTER 111 AND CREATING CHAPTER 111A OF THE UNION CODE OF ORDINANCES ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS FOR UNINVITED SOLICITATIONS OF CONTRIBUTIONS, SALES OF GOODS AND SERVICES, AND PLEDGES, SUBSCRIPTIONS, ORDERS AND OFFERS FOR THEM, AND ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF (First Reading)

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-13 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF UNION, KENTUCKY, REPEALING ORDINANCE 2001-001 CODIFIED AS CHAPTER 95 AND CREATING CHAPTER 95A OF THE UNION CODE OF ORDINANCES ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF CITY SEXTON-CEMETERY MANAGER, AND ESTABLISHING RULES CONCERNING UNION RICE CEMETERY (First Reading)

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER REPORT

Mayor Solomon discussed the current contract of the City Engineer. The recommendation is being made by the Public Works Committee to terminate the contract by giving a thirty-day notice. After discussion Mayor Solomon asked for a motion authorizing to terminate the contract of the current City Engineer.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

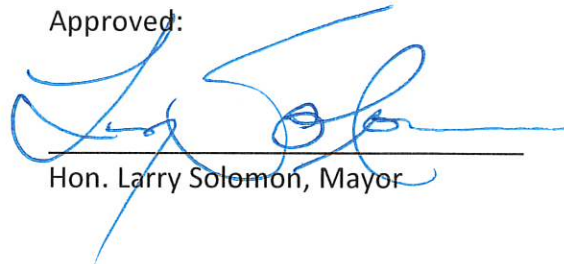
Mayor Solomon announced that the next Caucus Meeting will be on Monday September 18, 2023, at 6:00 PM. Mayor Solomon also stated that the next regular City Commission meeting will be held on Monday October 2, 2023, 6:00 PM at the city building 1843 Bristow Drive Union, KY.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Solomon asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Ramage made a motion and Commissioner Bine seconded that motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:15PM.

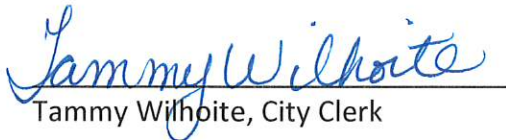
Motion approved 4-0

Approved:



Hon. Larry Solomon, Mayor

Attest:



Tammy Wilhoite, City Clerk