



**REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 3, 2025 – 6:30 PM
1843 BRISTOW DRIVE
UNION, KY 41091**

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

Mayor Larry Solomon was the only Commissioner seated. On January 31, 2025, Circuit Court Judge Richard Brueggemann voided the results of the November 5, 2025, election.

AMEND AGENDA

Mayor Solomon explained the agenda is revised from the original agenda that was posted.

MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Solomon stated as of Friday January 31, 2025, the election that took place on November 5, 2024, was set aside. He read a statement from Circuit Court Judge Richard Brueggemann stating, therefore ordered and adjudged that the election for all races for city commissioner and for the City of the Union void and set aside on the ground that it cannot be determined with certainty that the results were representative of the will of the majority it is further ordered and adjudged effective on the date of the order which was Friday afternoon and as a necessary setting aside of the election defendants responded purported the office of the city commissioner and the result of that election be hereby ousted.

The vacancies shall be filled by the Mayor of the City of Union pursuant to KRS 83A.040 -5 giving thirty days to fill those seats.

Mayor Solomon explained three of the Commission seats were going to be filled at the current meeting including the seat of Jeremy Ramage who resigned in December 2024. The remaining seat will be filled at the February Caucus meeting.

Board of Adjustment Member Resignation

Mayor Solomon mentioned George Eldridge would be resigning his position as Board of Adjustment member for the City of Union.

Commissioner Appointments

Mayor Solomon appointed John Mefford to fill the first vacancy on the Commission.

Attorney Greg Voss read Municipal Order 2025-08 appointing John Mefford to serve as a Commissioner for the City of Union.

Mayor Solomon issued the Oath of Office to Commissioner John Mefford.

Commissioner John Mefford made a recommendation to appoint Doug Bine to serve on Commission for the City of Union.

Attorney Voss read Municipal Order 2025-09 appointing Doug Bine to serve as a Commissioner for the City of Union.

Mayor Solomon issued the Oath of Office to Commissioner Doug Bine.

Commissioner Bine nominated George Eldridge to fill the vacant seat of Jeremy Ramage.

Attorney Voss read Municipal Order 2025-10 appointing George Eldridge to serve as a Commissioner for the City of Union.

Mayor Solomon issued the Oath of Office to Commissioner George Eldridge.

Mayor Solomon explained the final vacancy will be filled through an interview process that will be conducted by the three newly appointed commissioners. Candidates should complete a questionnaire and submit it to Communications Coordinator Jaime Lyons, and City Administrator Amy Safran. The interviews should be conducted prior to the February Caucus meeting and a new Commissioner will be appointed at that meeting.

Mayor Solomon read a list of Committee Superintendents over departments.

- Head of Administration – Mayor Solomon
- Mayor Pro Tem – Commissioner Mefford
- Finance Superintendent – Commissioner Mefford
- Communications Superintendent – Commissioner Eldridge
- Economic Development Committee – Mayor Solomon/To be determined.
- Public Works Superintendent – Commissioner Bine

FINANCIAL REPORT

City Administrator Amy Safran provided an update to the Commission on the month of January financial report which included “the bills to be paid” and the balance sheet. She explained pilot payments that are a part of the Union Promenade pilot bills. The city collects the payments and then distributes them to various jurisdictions. The city collected just over \$11,000 this year in pilot payments.

CAO Safran discussed a recent question regarding waste collection and billing. The city confirmed with Rumpke they were being billed for over four hundred apartment units in error. The bill will be adjusted resulting in a credit on the March bill in the amount of \$36,000.

CAO mentioned the snow and ice removal invoice was just under \$190,000 which is over budget for the 24/25 fiscal year. Any further need for snow and ice removal will be taken from another line item in the budget.

Mayor Solomon asked for a motion to pay the bills for the month of January 2025.

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

Motion approved 4-0

LEGISLATION/ATTORNEY’S REPORT

Resolutions

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-02 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF UNION, KENTUCKY, OPPOSITNG ANY BILLS BROUGHT FORTH DURING THE 2025 KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION BY ANY MEMBER OF THE KENTUCKY LEGISLATURE, IN FULL OR IN PART, THAT PROVIDES FOR THE MANDATED CENTRALIZED COLLECTION OF LOCAL OCCUPATIONAL FEES/TAXES BY THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY OR OTHER THIRD PARTIES.

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

Motion approved 4-0

Municipal Orders

MUNICIPAL ORDER 2025-08 A MUNICIPAL ORDER OF THE CITY OF UNION, KENTUCKY, APPOINTING JOHN MEFFORD AS COMMISSSIONER FOR THE CITY OF UNION, KENTUCKY
Mayor Solomon being the only member on the Commission appointed John Mefford.

MUNICIPAL ORDER 2025-09 A MUNICIPAL ORDER OF THE CITY OF UNION, KENTUCKY, APPOINTING DOUG BINE AS COMMISSIONER FOR THE CITY OF UNION, KENTUCKY

Mayor Solomon made a motion and Commissioner Mefford seconded

Motion approved 2-0

MUNICIPAL ORDER 2025-10 A MUNICIPAL ORDER OF THE CITY OF UNION, KENTUCKY, APPOINTING GEORGE ELDRIDGE AS COMMISSIONER FOR THE CITY OF UNION, KENTUCKY

Commissioner Bine made a motion Mayor Solomon seconded that motion.

Motion approved 3-0

MUNICIPAL ORDER 2025-11 A MUNICIPAL ORDER APPOINTING JOHN MEFFORD MAYOR PRO TEM FOR THE CITY OF UNION, KENTUCKY

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

MUNICIPAL ORDER 2025-12 MUNICIPAL ORDER APPOINTING JOHN MEFFORD TO HAVE SUPERINTENDENCE OVER THE FISCAL PLANNING AND THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT FOR THE CITY OF UNION, KENTUCKY

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

MUNICIPAL ORDER 2025-13 A MUNICIPAL ORDER APPOINTING GEORGE ELDRIDGE TO HAVE SUPERINTENDENCE OVER THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE ON BEHALF OF THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF UNION, KENTUCKY

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

MUNICIPAL ORDER 2025-14 A MUNICIPAL ORDER APPOINTING LARRY SOLOMON TO HAVE SUPERINTENDENCE OVER THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE FOR THE CITY OF UNION, KENTUCKY

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

MUNICIPAL ORDER 2025-15 A MUNICIPAL ORDER APPOINTING DOUG BINE TO HAVE SUPERINTENDENCE OVER THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT FOR THE CITY OF UNION, KENTUCKY

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

VISITORS WISHING TO SPEAK

Union resident Jill Charles expressed how she felt about the election held November 5, 2025. She appreciated Doug Bine contesting the election. She shared her findings of open records from the Boone County Clerk’s office. One of her open records requests was to find out if the poll workers were professionally trained. There were no records to prove training of the poll workers.

State Representative Marianne Proctor congratulated the newly seated Commissioners and told them she looked forward to working with them in the future. She mentioned her legislative priorities this session includes anti-squatters HB142 which defines a squatter, protects

homeowner property rights, and makes it a felony if someone breaks into your home. She also mentioned she will be filing her bill on reforming certificate of need this week; people still want choices on healthcare.

Former Commissioner Brian Garner said he was disappointed but not surprised in the appointments made for the new Commissioners. He mentioned Eric Dulaney was the second highest vote receiver and he did not comprehend how Mr. Dulaney was not appointed. He stated not only was he let down but also the residents who voted for himself and Mr. Dulaney.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

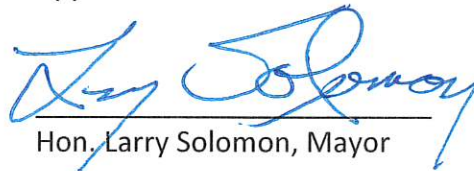
Mayor Solomon announced the Caucus Meeting will be on Wednesday February 19, 2025. The next Regular Commission Meeting will be held on Monday March 3, 2025. Both meetings will be at the city building 1843 Bristow Drive Union, Kentucky.

ADJOURNMENT

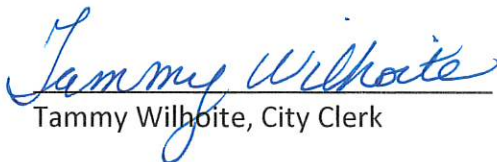
Mayor Solomon asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Mefford made a motion and Commissioner Bine seconded that motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:11 PM.

Motion approved 4-0.

Approved:


Hon. Larry Solomon, Mayor

Attest:


Tammy Wilhoite, City Clerk