

MINUTES
UNION COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2023 AT 5:30 P.M.
GRAND JURY ROOM AT UNION COUNTY COURTHOUSE
LIVE STREAMED TO WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/GEARUPUNIONSC.COM

Present: Chairman Phillip Russell, II, Councilman Danny Bright, Council Vice Chair David Sinclair, Councilwoman Annie Smith, Councilwoman Carolyn Rutherford, Councilman John Flood, Clerk to Council Kindra W. Horne and County Attorney Sammy Diamaduros.

Notice of the meeting and a copy of the agenda giving the date, time and place of the meeting was posted on the bulletin board in the hall of the Union County Courthouse and a copy was mailed or emailed to the members of the Union County Council, the County Attorney, Jeff Fellers with Clemson Extension, Mr. Mickey Gist, Mr. Robert Small, Mr. James Kollock, Mrs. Casie Jolly, Daniel Prince at WBCU Radio Station, Graham Williams at the County News, the News Room at the Spartanburg Herald Journal, Shell Suber at MHISC, and Michael Lee with MHISC as well as to elected officials and heads of various county departments and offices. A notice of the meeting and a copy of the agenda were also posted on the County's website.

Chairman Phillip Russell, II called the meeting to order. Councilman John Flood gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance lead by Councilman Phillip Russell.

The Clerk to Council gave the Roll Call with the following results:

Danny Bright, District 1 – Present
Ralph Tucker, District 2 – Vacant
David Sinclair, District 3 – Present
Annie Smith, District 4 - Present
Carolyn Rutherford, District 5 – Present
John Flood, District 6 – Present

Annie Smith: Made a motion to approve the minutes as written of the regular monthly meeting of the Union County Council held on April 11, 2023.

Carolyn Rutherford: Seconded the motion. Chairman Phillip Russell, II asked for questions, comments, deletions and there were none. Chairman Russell called for a vote with the result being all in favor of the motion. Chairman Russell called for opposing votes and there were none. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Phillip Russell, II presented a service award to Walter Rider, an employee with the Public Works Department for 5 years of dedicated service to Union County.

Chairman Russell brought to Council's attention an invoice that he had provided them copies of for Carlisle and Associates for their work performed on two sets of plans, one for a Timken Park Addition one for South Hills Sports Complex. The County needed these plans to show proposed improvements to both parks. One would be shown to the Timken Corporation, as they would require this in order to donate to the project if/when it occurs and the plan for South Hills was necessary in order to apply for a PARD grant for that project. This invoice just covers the services they have rendered to this point which

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is a design. When the projects progress there will be additional fees to cover actual engineering drawings. The funds to cover the design fee will come from our hospitality account since it is tourism related, it will not be paid from general operations. Chairman Russell called for a motion to accept and pay the invoice in the amount of \$23,750.00 from hospitality funds. A motion was made by councilman John Flood and second was made by vice chairman David Sinclair. Chairman Russell called for discussion, there was none. He called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Russell called for comments from elected officials, there were no comments.

Chairman Russell noted that council had a presentation of the proposed budget the week prior to the meeting and there was still work to do and there was a finance committee meeting scheduled for May 23, 2023 and a Public Hearing scheduled for June 20, 2023. Council needed to hold second reading of the Budget Ordinance prior to those scheduled meetings. Chairman Russell called for a motion to accept the second reading of the budget as it had been presented to council and the public. Vice chair David Sinclair made a motion, followed by a second from councilman John Flood. Chairman Russell called for discussion or comments, there was none. He called for a vote and second reading passed unanimously with all members voting in favor of the motion.

Chairman Russell made advised council that he had provided his supervisor's report to them in writing, but there were a couple of items that had transpired since he had sent that out. One being a meeting with SCC and large industry representation as well as legislatures, the hospital, school board, and utility companies. A steering committee was created to reduce the size down to 8 with a goal of in less than 90 days to present back the priorities to reinvigorate the union population in attendance at SCC. Dolton Williams will represent Union County and we look forward to hearing back from the committee.

Chairman Russell also noted he had omitted the Delinquent Tax update from his report, since the office received the rollover from the Treasurer, they have successfully collected over 800 tax payments.

Chairman Russell called for committee reports and announcements. There were none. He reminded everyone of the Finance Committee meeting to be held on May 23, 2023 at 5:30.

Chairman Russell requested a motion to adjourn, a motion was made by councilmember Annie Smith and a second was made by councilmember Carolyn Rutherford. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned.

Phillip Russell, II, Chairman
Union County Council

Kindra W. Horne, Clerk to Council