MINUTES
UNION COUNTY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2025, AT 5:30 P.M
103 W MAIN STREET UNION, SC

Present: Chairman Phillip Russell, II, Councilman Danny Bright, Councilman John Glenn, Vice chair David Sinclair, Councilwoman Annie Smith, Councilwoman Carolyn Rutherford, Councilman John Flood, County Attorney Jennifer Williams, and Clerk to Council Kindra Horne.

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 Union County Government Building, and on the door of the meeting location, a copy was mailed or emailed to the members of the Union County Council, the County Attorney, Daniel Prince at WBCU Radio Station, Anna Brown at the County News, and posted on the county's social media sites. A notice of the meeting and a copy of the agenda were also posted on the County's website.

The Clerk performed the roll call with the following results:

District 1 Danny Bright was present.
District 2 John Glenn was absent. (Arrived at 5:32PM)
District 3 David Sinclair was present.
District 4 Annie Amith was present.
District 5 Carolyn Rutherford was present.
District 6 John Flood was present.

Chairman Russell stated that the purpose of the meeting was to hold a workshop for the establishment of a Priority Needs list for receiving Grant funding. He stated that they had received a presentation from Eleanor Mixon with Catawba Regional Council on Governments regarding CDBG opportunities for the County in April. Chairman Russell introduced Angela Kirkpatrick with Catawba Regional. She stated that she wanted to remind everyone that the items on the Community Needs Assessment list were not all going to be fulfilled but they act as a wish list for the County. For the purposes of receiving Block Grant funding, it is important to have a Community Needs list prioritized. Angela briefly reviewed with Council the various types of grants that could be available to the County and provided members of Council with a draft list that Eleanor had compiled based on comments at prior meetings. Chairman Russell requested clarification that the top three items on the list need to be what the County will be seeking CDBG funding for in the next year, applications would be put in for other grant funding for the remaining items on the list. Ms. Kirkpatrick stated that was correct. Councilman Flood made a motion to accept the Priority Needs list as written and Councilperson Smith seconded. There were no questions and all members voted unanimously. Ms. Kirkpatrick stated that she would be glad to answer any questions regarding the grant opportunities she presented to Council. Chairman Russell added that the County was awarded funding to implement a plan for the water districts in the County. However, because the water companies do not operate under the County, they could not implement the plan and the funding was not accepted. Chairman Russell stated that there is a need for fire hydrants within the rural areas in the County and he will continue to work towards receiving grant money for that project. Councilman Bright asked Ms. Kirkpatrick about a grant opportunity

for a need regarding a bridge in Lockhart. She stated that she was familiar with the need and that it is on the Town of Lockhart's Community Needs list. She stated that they are looking for another funding source to further that project.

Angela moved on to give an update on the Buffalo Mill Pond project and stated that it would be going out for bidding on June 12th, 2025.

Chairman Russell asked Council to consider funding not to exceed $260,000 for the Goshen Hill Fire Station from Capital fund. Councilman Bright made a motion and Vicechair Sinclair seconded. There were no questions and the vote carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was to receive a Committee Report from the Finance & Administration Committee. Councilman Flood made a recommendation from the Finance Committee that the following changes be made to the proposed FY 2025-2026 Budget prior to second reading of the Budget Ordinance. The Committee would like to allocate funding to outside agencies in the following amounts:

Clemson Extension:	$9,000
Union County 4H:	$12,000
Sista's on the Move:	$1,000
Union County Historical Society:	$10,000 (from the Hospitality Tax fund)
Union County NAACP:	$1,500
Union County Council on Aging:	$30,000
Veteran's Park Memorial:	$2,500 (from Tourism funds)
UC Fire & Rescue:	$40,000
UC Soil & Water:	$3,500
UC Community Scholarship Program:	$50,000

On the recommendation of Councilman Glenn, the Committee would also like to recommend allocating funding in the amount of $20,000 to be added to Supervisor Russell's requested capital budget to be used for the construction of 2 gateway signs in the Carlisle Community.

Councilman Flood made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Finance & Administration Committee for changes prior to second reading of the FY 2025-2026 Budget. There were no questions. Chairman Russell called for a vote which carried unanimously.

Councilperson Smith made a motion to adjourn and Councilperson Rutherford seconded. Chairman Russell called for a vote which carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:01PM.

Phillip G. Russell, II, Chair, Union County Council

Kindra W. Horne, Clerk to Council