

# **RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

## **MEETING OF COUNCIL**

**December 14, 2020**

Mayor O'Callaghan called the City of Union council meeting to order on Monday, December 14, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

Attendance was taken and the following council members were present: Mayor O'Callaghan, Mr. Bruns, Mrs. Oberer, Mrs. Thomas-Roth, Mrs. Kyle, and Mrs. Perkins.

Other city staff members attending the meeting were John Applegate, City Manager, Denise Winemiller, Clerk of Council, and Joe Moore, Law Director.

Mayor O'Callaghan called for a moment of silence.

Mayor O'Callaghan moved to excuse Mr. Blackwell from attending the meeting due to his having to work. Mrs. Oberer seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed and Mr. Blackwell's absence was excused.

1. Mayor O'Callaghan asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections for the minutes of the November 23, 2020 council meeting. There were no corrections so Mr. Bruns moved that the minutes be accepted as prepared. Mrs. Thomas-Roth seconded the motion. All the council members voted in favor of the motion so the minutes were accepted as prepared.

WHEN INSTALLING A FENCE, UNION ASKS THAT A PERMIT BE OBTAINED, POST HOLES BE INSPECTED, AND THAT THE FINISHED SIDE OF THE FENCE FACE OUTWARD. YOU SHOULD COMPLETE AND RETURN THE ENCLOSED APPLICATION AND MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO REVERSE THE PICKETS INSTALLED.

SEE PICTURE.

2. Citizen's and Visitor's Comments

There were no comments from the citizens and visitors in the audience.

3. ONE READING – ORDINANCE 1718 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR 2020 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Applegate said that this was an amendment of the appropriation ordinance for 2020. There have been adjustments in the line items. Mr. Applegate said that it was a yearly housekeeping ordinance and that the staff recommended approval.

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Mr. Bruns moved that Ordinance 1718 be declared an emergency for the reasons set forth in the ordinance. Mrs. Oberer seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed.

Mr. Bruns then moved to have the one and only reading and adopt emergency Ordinance 1718. Mrs. Oberer seconded the motion. All concurred and emergency Ordinance 1718 was adopted.

### **4. ONE READING – ORDINANCE 1719 - ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mr. Applegate said this was the new appropriations for 2021. He said it had been an unusual year for the city and they had met with the budget committee and that they may want to comment on this. He said that staff recommends the approval of this ordinance.

Mrs. Perkins said that with the Covid-19 and the economy, she had been apprehensive about the budget but thought that the city had done an excellent job and that the city was in a good position. Mr. Bruns said he had expected worse and was pleasantly surprised due to what had been going on. Mayor O'Callaghan said the city had done a good job, and always have, especially with the economy right now.

Mr. Bruns moved that Ordinance 1719 be declared an emergency for the reasons set forth in the ordinance. Mrs. Oberer seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed.

Mr. Bruns then moved to have the one and only reading and adopt emergency ordinance 1719. Mrs. Oberer seconded the motion. All concurred and emergency Ordinance 1719 was adopted.

### **5. ONE READING – ORDINANCE 1720 - AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A REGULAR PAY TABLE, ASSIGNING PAY GRADES, STEPS/SALARIES AND MAXIMUM NUMBER OF FULL-TIME, REGULAR PART-TIME, PART-TIME (SEASONAL) AND AUXILIARY POSITIONS WITHIN THE CITY OF UNION FOR 2021 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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Mr. Applegate said that this ordinance established the pay grades and positions for the next year and that the staff recommended that this be adopted.

Mr. Bruns moved that Ordinance 1720 be declared an emergency for the reasons set forth in the ordinance. Mrs. Oberer seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed.

Mr. Bruns then moved to have the one and only reading and adopt emergency Ordinance 1720. Mrs. Oberer seconded the motion. All concurred and emergency Ordinance 1720 was adopted.

### **6. Open Agenda**

Mayor O'Callaghan wished everyone a happy holiday and said the lights in Union look great. He said on the evening of Tuesday, December 15, at 7:00 he and the Park Board would be driving around, looking at the holiday house decorating. He said they would choose as many as they could, and said there were homes that were very deserving.

The Mayor read a very complimentary letter from Mary Corbin, of TLC Residential who is building homes in Union Springs. She was very pleased to be a part of Union and had an excellent experience with everyone.

Mr. Oberer said she loved the lights in Union and wished everyone a good holiday.

Mrs. Perkins said she had driven on Montgomery Street and thought the Union Christmas tree was extraordinary beautiful. She said it had really grown. She wished everyone a merry Christmas.

Mr. Bruns moved to adopt the 2021 meeting dates for council. Mayor O'Callaghan seconded the motion. All concurred and the council meeting dates for next year were adopted.

Mr. Bruns moved to cancel the next council meeting on December 28, 2020. Mrs. Oberer seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed.

Mrs. Thomas-Roth wished everyone a merry Christmas.

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Mr. Applegate said they were still working hard at the plant and on the church. He said it had been a very trying year.

Mr. Applegate said the staff, fire, police department, everyone had done a tremendous job and wanted to recognize them for their work. He said he hoped that things were looking up for next year. He wished everyone a merry Christmas and a great new year.

Mr. Moore said he agreed with the comments in the letter that Mrs. Corbin had sent. He said that Union was very easy to work with, and that they always do things right and that people know that they do everything right. He said it was a pleasure to work with the City of Union.

Mrs. Winemiller wished everyone a happy new year and a great 2021.

7. Mr. Bruns moved that the council meeting be adjourned. Mrs. Oberer seconded the motion. All concurred and the council meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Denise A. Winemiller,  
Clerk of Council

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John Bruns, Vice Mayor