

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MEETING OF COUNCIL

November 14, 2022

Mayor O'Callaghan called the City of Union council meeting to order on Tuesday, November 14, 2022 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 and Mr. Niemann.

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.

1. Mayor O'Callaghan asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections to the minutes of the October 11, 2022 council meeting. There were no corrections.

Mr. Bruns moved that the minutes be accepted as prepared. Mrs. Oberer seconded the motion. All concurred and the minutes were accepted as prepared.

Mayor O'Callaghan said Mr. Prunier was on vacation and would not be attending the meeting and moved that his absence be excused. Mr. Bruns seconded the motion. All concurred and his absence was excused.

Mayor O'Callaghan said that Mrs. Kyle is still recovering from her fall and would not be attending the meeting and moved for her absence be excused. Mr. Bruns seconded the motion. All concurred and her absence was excused.

2. Citizen's and Visitor's Comments.

Mayor O'Callaghan acknowledged Julie and Jeff Trick who were present. Julie Trick had comments and concerns about the semi trucks and the two-lane rural roads being able to accommodate the heavy trucks and the damage they were causing to the roads. Mrs. Trick submitted a records request to the City and thanked the City.

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Mayor O'Callaghan acknowledged Sharon Vaughn who requested to address the Council. Mrs. Vaughn lives at 1945 Old Springfield Road and signed a contract with the City of Union for an easement on her property.

Mrs. Vaughn wanted to know the progress of the documents she signed and when the funds would be distributed.

Mr. Moore replied that Ms. Vaughn signed the Judgement Order and the Payout Order on Thursday and he will be filing it with the Courts. In the Order it sets a limited time period to have the closing. The money will be distributed from the Court according to the Payout Order Ms. Vaughn signed.

3. Mayor O'Callaghan welcomed John McManus, Montgomery County Treasurer and Missy Mae Walters, director of communications from the Montgomery County Treasurer's office.

Treasurer McManus spoke to the council about the packet he supplied to them in regard to new options the Montgomery County Treasures office now offers to taxpayers. Some of the options are paying property taxes in possible 12 installments instead of twice a year, auto withdrawal and online payments. They also are offering delinquent payment plans if the property qualifies.

Treasurer McManus thanked the City of Union Council for their time. He stated that he enjoyed being there and if they have any questions they can call him and he would be glad to answer their questions.

Council thanked Treasurer McManus and Ms. Walters for coming.

4. ONE READING – RESOLUTION 22-21 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LAW OFFICE OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES FOR INDIGENT PERSONS CHARGED WITH JAILABLE OFFENSES UNDER THE CITY'S LOCAL ORDINANCES.

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Mr. Applegate said this is our annual house keeping contract that we enter into with the Montgomery County Public Defenders office. We do this every year and this contract would be for the year 2023. The staff recommends that this be approved.

Mr. Bruns moved that they have the one and only reading and adopt Resolution 22-21. Mrs. Oberer seconded the motion. All concurred and Resolution 22-21 was adopted on the first reading.

5. ONE READING – RESOLUTION 22-22 – A RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO APPROPRIATE REAL ESTATE.

Mr. Applegate said that this is in regard to an easement the City needs for Douglas Way road and it will be filed with Montgomery County Courts.

Mr. Moore added that this is part of the initial process. We have to pass this Resolution to start the process procedurally to obtain the easement.

Mr. Bruns moved that they have the one and only reading and adopt Resolution 22-22. Mrs. Oberer seconded the motion. All concurred and Resolution 22-22 was adopted on the first reading.

6. Open Agenda

Mayor O'Callaghan said the he hoped everyone had a chance to vote last week and that the voting polls were very busy.

Mayor O'Callaghan announced the City of Union will have their Christmas tree lighting on November 27, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. It will be at the City's firehouse and there will be cookies, hot chocolate and an appearance from Santa. The old evergreen tree was removed and a new evergreen tree will be planted for the tree lighting.

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Mr. Bruns asked if there was a reason to have a second Council meeting in November. Mr. Applegate said there is nothing at this time. Mr. Bruns then moved that the second council meeting in November be cancelled. Mrs. Oberer seconded the motion. All concurred and the second meeting in November was cancelled.

Mr. Bruns said the next meeting will be Monday, December 12, 2022.

Mr. Applegate commented that the leaf pickup is going well. He also said that the new Christmas tree was planted.

Mr. Applegate and Council commented on how much they enjoyed the Amazon tour and they are excited to see it when it is operating.

Mr. Applegate said that the road Ms. Vaughn was speaking of is now paved but not open yet and will be putting signs up soon.

Mr. Moore explained that there are legal procedures the City must follow to appropriate real estate and complete the process.

7. Adjourn

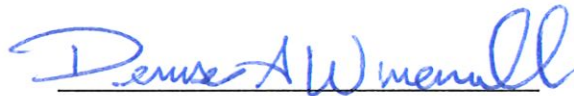
Mr. Bruns moved that the council meeting be adjourned. Mrs. Oberer seconded the motion. All concurred and the council meeting was adjourned.

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Respectfully submitted,



Denise A. Winemiller,
Clerk of Council



John Bruns, Vice Mayor