

# **RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

## **MEETING OF COUNCIL**

**June 14, 2021**

Mayor O'Callaghan called the City of Union council meeting to order on Monday, June 14, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

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

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

Mayor O'Callaghan called for a moment of silence.

Mayor O'Callaghan said that Mr. Blackwell was still recovering so he moved that Mr. Blackwell be excused. Mr. Bruns seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed. Mr. Blackwell's absence was excused.

Mayor O'Callaghan said that Mrs. Kyle had called and was not feeling well so he moved her absence be excused. Mr. Bruns seconded the motion. All concurred and Mrs. Kyle's absence was excused.

1. Mayor O'Callaghan asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections for the minutes of the May 10, 2021 council meeting. There were no corrections so Mr. Bruns moved that the minutes be accepted as presented. Mrs. Thomas-Roth seconded the motion. All of the council members voted in favor of the motion so the minutes were accepted as prepared.

### 2. Citizen's and Visitor's Comments

A Union resident, Dustin Brumley-Keeling, wanted to address the council concerning traffic on his road and people stopping on the street.

He said that a person that used to live in his neighborhood comes by most mornings and parks his vehicle and sits in the car. He said other people stop their cars and get out and talk to him. It is near a school bus stop and he said he has talked to the police about it and there is nothing they can do. He said that cars either stop and talk to the person, or drive out around him and he feels it is a safety concern.

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Mrs. Thomas-Roth said she had seen the same thing in Englewood, and that people were double parked to talk to the person. She agreed it could be a safety concern.

Mr. Applegate said that was a tough one. He said he would talk to the law director about this matter. Mr. Brumley-Keeling said he had photographs of the situation and Mr. Applegate asked that he provide all that he had and he would look into that. Mr. Applegate said what the driver was doing was legal and he couldn't make any promises but he would look into it.

Mr. Bruns said the person could legally park on the street but the others should not be stopping.

### **3. Open Agenda**

Mayor O'Callaghan said that the city was still looking for nominations for the Spirit of Union award.

He asked if everyone had their flags up for Flag Day.

The Mayor asked Mr. Applegate how the street resurfacing plan was going. Mr. Applegate said he was working with the paving contractor and they were finalizing the streets for this next round.

Mrs. Perkins asked if there was any trouble getting asphalt supplies. Mr. Applegate said they had been able to lock in the same price with the contractor that they had last year for the quantity needed.

Mrs. Perkins said that election year was coming up and her term ended in December of this year. She said she would not be running for reelection. She said she had served 14 years on the council and the experience had been wonderful.

Mayor O'Callaghan thanked Mrs. Perkins for serving as a council member.

Mrs. Thomas-Roth said that the former church that would be the new police department/community building was no longer looking like a church and that it was looking very good and really nice.

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She asked what the status was on the basketball court. Mr. Applegate said they were waiting to get additional power to the area to put up the security cameras.

Mrs. Thomas-Roth commented that she had gone to the Memorial Day ceremony that Mr. Bruns had mentioned. She said it was wonderful and very moving.

Mr. Bruns thanked Mrs. Thomas-Roth and Mayor O'Callaghan for coming. He said it was a very moving ceremony and if people had never been to one, he recommended that they attend one sometime.

Mr. Bruns said since it was Flag Day, he wanted to remind everyone that they needed to properly dispose of flags by taking them to the American Legion. All the flags are burned in a ceremony which Mr. Bruns said is very interesting. He said to properly have worn out flags taken care of, take them to an American Legion.

Mr. Bruns asked if there was any reason to have a second meeting in June. Mr. Applegate said not that he knew of so Mr. Bruns moved that the second meeting in June be canceled and the next council meeting would be on Monday, July 12.

Mr. Applegate said the plant renovation was moving along and everything was going really well. They were getting ready to switch to start using the new updated area so they could start updating the other side.

Mr. Applegate said he hoped to start the street paving in July.

They had water and sewer lines installed on north Dog Leg and would be moving to south Dog Leg. He said everything was going well.

Mr. Applegate thanked Mr. Huelsman for sitting in for Mr. Moore.

Mrs. Winemiller said for the record, she had provided the council with fund sheets from February to May and if anyone had any questions, they could give her a call.

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4. Mr. Bruns moved that the council meeting be adjourned. Mrs. Thomas-Roth seconded the motion. All concurred and the council meeting was adjourned. The next council meeting will be on July 12, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

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Denise A. Winemiller,  
Clerk of Council

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John Bruns, Vice Mayor