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MEETING OF COUNCIL

November 13, 2023

Mayor O'Callaghan called the City of Union council meeting to order on Monday, November 13, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.

Attendance was taken and the following council members were present: Mayor O'Callaghan, Mr. Bruns, Mrs. Oberer, Mr. Bennett, Mrs. Thomas-Roth, Mr. Prunier 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 for the minutes of the October 10, 2023, council meeting. There were no corrections.

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

2. Citizen's and Visitor's Comments

There were no Comments.

3. ONE READING – RESOLUTION 23-09 – 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.

Mr. Applegate explained this is one of our annual contracts the Mayor and Council need to approve. Resolution 23-09 authorizing and directing me to sign the contract with the Law Office of Montgomery County for Public Defender services. It was reviewed by the City Law Director and it is basically the same as last year. The staff recommends the Mayor and Council approve it.

Mr. Bruns moved to have the one and only reading and pass Resolution 23-09. Mrs. Oberer seconded the motion. All concurred and Resolution 23-09 was passed.

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4. Open Agenda

Mayor O'Callaghan congratulated Council members John Bruns, Lynne Thomas-Roth and Robert Bennett who were re-elected, and stated he looked forward to working with them for another 4 years.

Mayor O'Callaghan announced the Christmas Tree Lighting will be Sunday, November 26th at 6:00 pm. Santa will be there, and we will have cookies from the Covered Wagon and hot chocolate. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Mr. Niemann congratulated Mayor O'Callaghan on his re-election.

Mr. Bruns asked Mayor and Council to think about giving recognitions for homes that decorate for Halloween like we do for the annual Christmas lighting. More and more people are decorating for Halloween. We have a year to think about it.

Mayor O'Callaghan said they did have a Spirit of Union Award for Halloween one year.

Mr. Bruns said let's give it some thought.

Mr. Bruns asked if there was any legislation that would require a second meeting in November. Mr. Applegate said there was nothing at this time. Mr. Bruns moved to cancel the second meeting in November unless there is legislation requiring a second meeting. The next meeting will be on December 11, 2023. Mrs. Oberer seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed.

Mr. Bruns wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Applegate said the roundabout is open and fully functional. We have had a lot of nice comments. It's interesting to see the trucks and traffic flowing. If you get a chance to drive over there at night, it really is beautiful. Peters Pike between Lightner Blvd and Old Springfield Road is now open to traffic. The trees that line Main Street are ready to be illuminated for the holidays. Also, the last of our street maintenance program for this year will be taking place treating the roads that were paved in 2022. With the weather changing this week Wednesday would be the day. They are hoping to get that completed.

I need a motion from Council authorizing us to sell used equipment. What we have is three police cars that are all Dodge Chargers, 2010, 2011, 2016. Various bikes have been picked up and are in storage at the police department. A portable cot from one of the old Medics that is no longer used. We have three older dump trucks, a 1993, 1998 and 1980. We have several old trailers, a

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non-working portable welder, old mower, flow trim dumpster box we no longer use, four excavating bob cat buckets and twenty-three scuba masks the fire department no longer needs.

Mr. Bruns moved to authorize the City to sell the mentioned equipment. Mrs. Oberer second the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed.

Mr. Applegate said the playground equipment we bought for the Martindale Road park that was damaged and busted and needed replacement finally came in and we are in the process of getting the park back in shape.

5. Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,

Denise A. Winemiller,

Clerk of Council

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