

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MEETING OF COUNCIL

April 22, 2019

Mayor O'Callaghan called the City of Union council meeting to order on Monday, April 22, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

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

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 said that Mr. Blackwell had called in and was ill and unable to attend the meeting. He moved that his absence be excused. Mr. Bruns seconded the motion. All concurred and his absence was excused.

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 April 8, 2019 council meeting.

There were no comments or corrections so Mr. Bruns moved that the minutes be accepted as prepared. Mrs. Oberer seconded the motion. All council members voted in favor of the motion. The minutes of the April 8, 2019 council meeting were accepted as prepared.

2. Citizen's and Visitor's Comments

Mayor O'Callaghan asked if there were any citizens or visitors that wished to address the council and there were none.

3. ONE READING – RESOLUTION 19-04 – A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A PROPOSED 1 % INCOME TAX INCREASE FOR THE CITY OF UNION.

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Mr. Applegate gave a presentation regarding the need for an additional 1% income tax for the City of Union.

Mr. Applegate said they would be having a public meeting and residents could attend and decide if they wanted this or not. Mr. Bruns thought that if people come to the presentation they would have some of their questions answered in a positive manner.

Mr. Applegate said that the entire presentation would be added to the City of Union web site and at the public meeting, Michelle Jordan from CCA would be attending to meet with individuals and answer any questions on how the income tax may affect them. There will also be a newsletter that will be going out to the residents that also includes parts of the presentation. Mr. Applegate said he and Mrs. Winemiller have scheduled time to be at city hall to answer questions.

The taxpayer assistance notice provided to the council will also be posted on the website and printed and left on the counter for people to pick up that has the times that Michelle Jordan will be at Union city hall to answer any questions. Mr. Applegate said he wanted to make sure that citizens received the correct information.

Mrs. Perkins said she received her notice in the mail that day. Mr. Applegate asked if she liked it and she said yes. Mr. Applegate said that he imagined that the council would be getting some telephone calls and he wanted them to be able to refer them to the city or Ms. Jordan to answer all their questions.

Mr. Applegate said he would like to thank Mr. Bruns, Mrs. Perkins, and Mayor O'Callaghan for all their time and help in putting the presentation together. He said they had some fairly long meetings and he appreciated them helping the city get to this point.

Mr. Bruns moved to have the one and only reading and adopt Resolution 19-04. Mrs. Oberer seconded the motion.

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Mrs. Perkins said she wholeheartedly supported raising funds for the streets but is not in agreement that doubling the income tax is the way to do it so she was abstaining. Mr. Bruns said that it would count as a “yes” vote. The other council members voted in favor of the motion and Resolution 19-04 was adopted.

4. Open Agenda

Mayor O’Callaghan said that he was unable to attend the community egg hunt on Saturday. He thanked all of the people for attending and the police, fire department, and Mr. Blackwell for all their help.

The Mayor said he wanted to acknowledge how beautiful the pear trees were on Main Street. He said they look gorgeous.

He wanted to remind everyone about the public information meeting and asked them to vote on May 7.

Mayor said he knew Mr. Applegate had thanked the budget committee but he said it would not have been possible without all the work that Mr. Applegate, Mrs. Winemiller, and the staff had done.

Mrs. Perkins said she would like to second that. She was very impressed with the amount of work and research that they had done adding that it is a good campaign.

Mrs. Oberer said that she had her meter changed today. She said the Union employee was very pleasant. She added that it was very painless and quick and that no one should have any complaints. He was very nice. Mr. Applegate said Mr. Gessner frequently generates compliments from people on how helpful he is. Mrs. Oberer said he was great – that she hardly even knew that he was there. Mr. Applegate says he does an excellent job. Mrs. Oberer said he answers all your questions and please let him know I said that.

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Mr. Bruns said regarding thanking Mr. Applegate and Mrs. Winemiller, he can't even imagine all the time and effort in putting the income tax presentation together in the last two weeks. He said we thank you for that and hope it bears fruit.

Mr. O'Callaghan said their next regularly scheduled meeting will be on May 13 and he said he hoped they would have good news from the May 7 election.

Mr. Applegate said the public meeting on May 1 is not an official meeting of city council. He commented that they anticipate having a place for everyone on the council to sit if they want to show up but it is not an official council meeting, or a special meeting of council, just an informational meeting. No decisions will be made, they will just answer questions.

5. Mr. Bruns moved that the April 22, 2019 council meeting be adjourned. Mrs. Oberer seconded the motion. All concurred and the council meeting was adjourned.

The next City of Union Council meeting will be held on May 13, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise A. Winemiller,
Clerk of Council

John Bruns, Vice Mayor