

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## MEETING OF COUNCIL

December 11, 2017

Mayor O'Callaghan called the City of Union council meeting to order on Monday, December 11, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

Attendance was taken and the following council members were present: Mayor O'Callaghan, Mrs. Oberer, Mrs. Huggins, Mr. Blackwell, 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 said that Mr. Bruns was not able to attend the council meeting due to a family emergency. Mayor O'Callaghan moved that Mr. Bruns' absence be excused. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and his absence was excused.

1. Mayor O'Callaghan asked if there were any additions, corrections, or deletions for the minutes of the November 13, 2017 council meeting.

There were no corrections so Mayor O'Callaghan moved that the minutes be accepted as prepared. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and the minutes of the November 13, 2017 council meeting were accepted as prepared.

2. Citizen's and Visitor's Comments

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

3. Swearing in of Council Members for new terms.

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There were three council members that had been elected to serve again. Mr. Moore, the Law Director had the members repeat the oath to be sworn in for their new terms.

The following council members and their new terms are listed below.

David Blackwell	Term 1/18 – 12/21
Robin Perkins	Term 1/18 – 12/21
Helen Oberer	Term 1/18 – 12/21

The council members were all sworn in and Mr. Applegate and others congratulated them for being elected for another term.

4. ONE READING - ORDINANCE 1668 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR 2017 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Applegate said this is an annual ordinance that is required to amend the current appropriations in effect to balance the funds. He added that this is required by law.

Mayor O'Callaghan moved that Ordinance 1668 be declared an emergency for the reasons set forth in the Ordinance. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed.

Mayor O'Callaghan then moved to have the one and only reading and adopt emergency Ordinance 1668. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and emergency Ordinance 1668 was adopted.

5. ONE READING - ORDINANCE 1669 - ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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Mr. Applegate said this ordinance sets the appropriations for Fiscal Year 2018 and needs to go into effect by January 1, 2018, which is why it needs to be adopted as an emergency. Mr. Applegate said they had met with the budget committee and they were in favor of this legislation.

Mayor O'Callaghan moved that Ordinance 1669 be declared an emergency for the reasons set forth in the Ordinance. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion passed.

Mayor O'Callaghan then moved to have the one and only reading and adopt emergency Ordinance 1669. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and emergency Ordinance 1669 was adopted.

6. ONE READING - ORDINANCE 1670 - 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 2018 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Applegate said this ordinance sets the pay table for all employees for the Fiscal year 2018 and is part of the appropriations ordinance that was just adopted. It needs to be in effect by January 1, 2018 which is why it needs to be passed as an emergency.

Mayor O'Callaghan moved that Ordinance 1670 be declared an emergency for the reasons set forth in the ordinance. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed.

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Mayor O'Callaghan then moved to have the one and only reading and adopt Ordinance 1670. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and emergency Ordinance 1670 was adopted on the first reading.

7. ONE READING - RESOLUTION 17-08 - 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 said this is another yearly housekeeping item authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with the law office of Montgomery County Public Defender and needs to be approved.

Mayor O'Callaghan moved to have the one and only reading of Resolution 17-08. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and Resolution 17-08 was adopted.

### 4. Open Agenda

Mayor O'Callaghan wished everyone a Merry Christmas and said that the City of Union looks so nice with all the lighting along Main Street.

Since there was no additional business pending, Mayor O'Callaghan moved that they cancel the second meeting in December. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed.

Mayor O'Callaghan said that he and members of the Park Board would be driving around town to choose the best decorated homes for the year on Friday, December 15, 2017, at 7:00 pm.

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Mrs. Kyle wished everyone a happy holiday along with the other council members. There were several comments about how the trees are looking beautiful.

Mr. Perkins said that she and the other budget committee members held a long, diligent budget meeting and had asked Mr. Applegate and Mrs. Winemiller for a lot of explanation and information and she commented that they never failed to deliver on establishing the budget.

Mr. Applegate said it had been a good year and that it had been a pleasure to work with the Mayor and Council. He mentioned the press release that was included in their packets regarding refinancing of various bonds, achieving low interest rates, and saving tax payers \$82,878 in gross debt service over the remaining life of the bonds. He said that Mrs. Winemiller had done a great job of putting it all together.

He said they had a good year and he was expecting 2018 to be a good year also and he wished everyone a happy holiday.

Mr. Moore said he has always enjoyed working with the Union council and also has enjoyed working for many years with Mr. Applegate and Mrs. Winemiller. He said he has loved seeing how Union has grown and said he has seen the city do many good things and he appreciates being a part of it.

Mrs. Winemiller said thank you for my job, and that she appreciates being able to work for the City of Union and she wished everyone happy holidays.

5. Mayor O'Callaghan moved that the December 11, 2017 council meeting be adjourned. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and the meeting was adjourned.

The next council meeting will be January 8, 2018.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Denise A. Winemiller,  
Clerk of Council

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John Bruns, Vice Mayor