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MEETING OF COUNCIL

February 13, 2017

Mayor O'Callaghan called the City of Union council meeting to order on Monday, February 13, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

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

Other city staff members attending the meeting were John P. 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.

Mr. Bruns moved that the agenda be amended to include new item # 8, Resolution 17-02. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and the February 13, 2017 agenda was amended.

Mayor O'Callaghan said that Mrs. Oberer had called in and was ill and would not be able to attend the meeting. He moved that her absence be excused. Mr. Bruns seconded the motion. All concurred and Mrs. Oberer's absence was excused.

1. Mayor O'Callaghan asked if there were any additions, corrections, or deletions for the minutes of the January 23, 2017 council meeting. There were no corrections so Mr. Bruns moved that the minutes be accepted as prepared. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All the council members voted in favor of the motion. The minutes of the January 23, 2017 meeting were accepted as prepared.

2. Citizen's and Visitor's Comments

No one had requested to address the council.

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There were some people attending the meeting and the Mayor welcomed them to the Union Council meeting.

3. **ONE READING** – ORDINANCE 1650 - AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$139,500 FIRE TRUCK ACQUISITION BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES BY THE CITY OF UNION, OHIO, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COST OF ACQUIRING A FIRE TRUCK AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (eighth renewal)

Mr. Applegate said this was the eighth renewal of notes that had been issued for the purchase of their fire truck. Mr. Applegate said the staff recommended the passage of this ordinance and that it is an emergency.

Mr. Bruns moved that Ordinance 1650 be declared an emergency for the reasons set forth in the ordinance. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed.

Mr. Bruns then moved to have the one and only reading and adopt emergency ordinance No. 1650. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and emergency Ordinance 1650 was adopted on the first reading.

4. **ONE READING** – ORDINANCE 1651 – AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$286,000 OLD SPRINGFIELD ROAD SEWER EXTENSION BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES BY THE CITY OF UNION, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COST OF SEWER SYSTEMS IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE OLD SPRINGFIELD ROAD SEWER EXTENSION PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (seventh renewal)

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Mr. Applegate said this note was the seventh renewal and this was for the sewer line that tapped into Procter and Gamble plant. He added that the staff recommended the adoption of this ordinance and that it be passed as an emergency.

Mr. Bruns moved that Ordinance 1651 be declared an emergency for the reasons set forth in the ordinance. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed.

Mr. Bruns then moved to have the one and only reading and adopt emergency ordinance No. 1651. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and emergency ordinance 1651 was adopted on the first reading.

5. ONE READING – ORDINANCE 1652 - AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$396,000 WASTEWATER IMPROVEMENT BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES BY THE CITY OF UNION, OHIO IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS AT THE CITY'S WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (second renewal)

Mr. Applegate said this was the second renewal on this note and the funds had been used to purchase their solid press. He said the staff recommended the adoption of this ordinance and that it should be passed as an emergency.

Mr. Bruns moved that Ordinance 1652 be declared an emergency for the reasons set forth in the ordinance. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed.

Mr. Bruns then moved to have the one and only reading and adopt emergency ordinance No. 1652. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and emergency ordinance 1652 was adopted on the first reading.

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6. **ONE READING** – ORDINANCE 1653 - AN ORDINANCE CONSOLIDATING THREE BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE ISSUES OF THE CITY OF UNION, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor O'Callaghan noted that Ordinance 1653 was combining the notes and that they had done this before. Mr. Applegate said by consolidating the three bond issues, it would achieve a cost saving for the city. They would use the larger, consolidated amount to go out for bids and get a better rate. He said staff recommended the adoption of this ordinance and that it should be passed as an emergency.

Mr. Bruns moved that ordinance 1653 be declared an emergency for the reasons set forth in the ordinance. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed.

Mr. Bruns then moved to have the one and only reading and adopt emergency ordinance No. 1653. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and emergency Ordinance 1653 was adopted on the first reading.

7. **ONE READING** – RESOLUTION 17-01 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE.

Mr. Applegate said this resolution was authorizing him to enter into a contractual agreement with the attorney general's office looking at collecting debt. This had come up in one of their budget meetings. The fees to be collected would be the EMS ambulance fees. Mr. Applegate said they would need to be looking at additional ways to raise money for the department and this would be one way to collect money that was outstanding instead of writing off the unpaid balances at the end of the year.

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Mr. Applegate said they would try this for a year and if funds could not be collected, they could cancel the contract with 45 days notice. He said this was brought to his attention by one of the firemen and that other cities were utilizing this and Union would be allowed to participate. Mr. Blackwell asked how much was written off in a year. Mr. Applegate said in 2015, it was \$34,000 and in 2016 it was \$26,000. Mayor O'Callaghan commented that was not just an insignificant amount.

Mr. Applegate said they take in roughly \$185,000 to \$188,000 a year from those fees. They couldn't go back to 2015 but they could try to collect the funds from 2016.

Mr. Bruns moved to have the one and only reading and adopt Resolution 17-01. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and Resolution 17-01 was adopted.

8. **ONE READING** – RESOLUTION 17-02 – A RESOLUTION STRONGLY OPPOSING THE STATE OF OHIO GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED 2017-2018 BUDGET, WHICH PROPOSES CENTRALIZED COLLECTION OF NET PROFIT TAX RETURNS AND OTHER PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX WHICH WILL CAUSE A SUBSTANTIAL LOSS OF REVENUE NEEDED TO SUPPORT THE HEALTH, SAFETY, WELFARE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS OF OHIO MUNICIPALITIES.

Mr. Applegate said this was the item that had been added to the meeting that night. He said at a recent Mayor's and Manager's meeting, this information was circulated and they were asked to adopt this resolution in opposition to the governor's 2017 - 2018 budget.

Mr. Applegate said this new proposed budget was a devastating blow to the city and was another hit to the local government funds. He said it was an ill-conceived plan. He added that Union is a charter community and has certain

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rights. Mr. Applegate said that as this state budget moves forward, the city may contribute to a legal fund to file suit against the governor. He said the staff recommends the adoption of this resolution.

Mr. Applegate said they would be asking the Mayor to sign a letter to send to the governor of the state, and also the Ohio State Senator and the Ohio State Representative. They would also be sending the adopted resolution to the Mayor's and Manager's Association since this was a state-wide effort.

Mr. Bruns moved to have the one and only reading and adopt Resolution 17-02 on the first reading. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed. Resolution 17-02 was adopted on the first reading.

9. Open Agenda

Mayor O'Callaghan said the city frequently receives letters from the public, thanking the police, fire, and EMS crews for the jobs they do. He said they don't receive thanks as often concerning the other city employees. Mayor O'Callaghan said from the City Manager on down the line, the city had a fantastic bunch of people working for them, including the people in the front office, the building inspector, and the maintenance crews. In all the work that they do, like trimming trees, etc. they don't always get the credit that they should. The Mayor said that the city buys used equipment and they modify it and make it like new and he said he has seen them do that many times. He said that he appreciates the job done by all of the behind the scenes people.

Mrs. Perkins said it would be hard to add more to what the Mayor had said. She thanked the people attending the meeting and said it was nice to see some new faces.

Mr. Bruns asked if there was anything pending for a second council meeting in February. Since there was nothing pending, Mr. Bruns moved that the next

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council meeting for February 27, 2017 be cancelled. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and the second meeting in February was cancelled. Mr. Bruns added the next meeting would be on March 13, 2017.

Mr. Bruns asked if Mrs. Winemiller was going to address her memorandum regarding the Ohio Ethics forms. He suggested that they read the letter and file the Ethics form on line. He said it was very easy, and after the first time, it becomes even easier because the information is automatically filled in. He said get it done early and it would keep everyone out of trouble. Mrs. Winemiller said Mr. Bruns had covered everything for her and she had nothing to add to that.

Mrs. Winemiller said she had provided the December and January year end fund balances to the council.

She also thanked the council and staff for their kind words and thoughts on her husband's passing.

10. Mr. Bruns moved that the council meeting be adjourned. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and the council meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be on Monday, March 13, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise A. Winemiller,
Clerk of Council

John Bruns, Vice Mayor