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MEETING OF COUNCIL

January 27, 2014

Mayor O'Callaghan called the City of Union council meeting to order on Monday, January 27, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

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

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 asked for a moment of silence.

1. Mayor O'Callaghan asked if there were any additions, corrections, or deletions for the minutes of the January 13, 2014 council meeting. Mr. Bruns moved that the minutes from the January 13, 2014 council meeting be accepted as prepared. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All of the council members voted in favor of the minutes and the council minutes were accepted as prepared.

2. Citizen's and Visitor's Comments.

Mayor O'Callaghan said that there were no comments from the citizens and visitors in the audience.

3. **ONE READING** - ORDINANCE 1582 - AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$257,000 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. (Fifth renewal)

Mr. Applegate said this was the fifth renewal of notes for the fire truck and this ordinance would need to be passed by emergency. It went through three readings originally when it first came before the council as required by the city charter. Mr. Applegate said the reason that this ordinance needed to be passed as an emergency was explained within the ordinance.

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Mr. Applegate was asked how much longer they would have this note come before the council and Mr. Applegate thought it would be four or five more times.

Mr. Bruns moved that Ordinance 1582 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. 1582. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and emergency Ordinance No. 1582 was adopted on the first reading.

4. **ONE READING** - ORDINANCE 1583 - AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$493,000 OLD SPRINGFIELD ROAD SEWER EXTENSION BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES BY THE CITY OF UNION, OHIO, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COST OF SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE OLD SPRINGFIELD ROAD SEWER EXTENSION PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (Fourth renewal)

Mr. Applegate said this was the fourth renewal for the notes for the gravity sewer that ran from the east side of the river to Dog Leg Road. It would need to be passed as an emergency in one reading this time but the first time it went before the council, it was passed in the three readings that are required by the charter. When asked how much longer this note issue would be before the council and Mr. Applegate said probably nine to ten years, depending on the interest rates.

Mr. Bruns moved that Ordinance 1583 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. 1583. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and emergency Ordinance No. 1583 was adopted on the first reading.

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5. ONE READING - ORDINANCE 1584 - AN ORDINANCE CONSOLIDATING TWO BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE ISSUES OF THE CITY OF UNION, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Applegate said this ordinance combines the two notes together which makes a larger amount for sale to get a better interest rate.

Mr. Bruns moved that Ordinance 1584 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. 1584. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and emergency Ordinance No. 1584 was adopted on the first reading.

6. ONE READING - ORDINANCE 1585 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY OHIO FOR ITS BOARDING AND DISPOSAL OF CATS. (waive three readings)

Mr. Applegate said this was an annual housekeeping agreement for a contract with Montgomery County to accept the stray and feral cats in town.

Mrs. Perkins asked if they handled a cat with a collar or tag any differently than stray cats. Mr. Applegate said if they find animals with identification or know where they belong, they take them back to the owners. He said most of the cats are feral. He said there was a resident in town that started feeding the cats and then the neighbors started complaining. They ended up trapping thirteen cats in that one area. Mr. Applegate said stray and feral cats had been a problem for all communities.

Mr. Bruns moved to suspend the requirement of three separate readings on three separate days in regard to Ordinance No. 1585. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed.

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Mr. Bruns then moved that they have the one and only reading and adopt Ordinance No. 1585. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and Ordinance No. 1585 was adopted.

7. Discussion and action by council to establish a public hearing date on March 10, 2014 for a proposed zoning change.

Mr. Applegate said that the planning commission met and after a discussion, they recommended to forward the two areas that were recently annexed and an additional area to the council so a public hearing could be set to go forward with the rezoning. Mr. Applegate said two of the areas were just accepted into the city and the planning commission has sixty days to review and change the zoning. For the third area, the property owners originally wanted to keep the land zoned as Agricultural-Residential when they were annexed but had recently decided that they would like it changed to Light-Industrial.

Mr. Bruns said the planning commission which had included him and also Mayor O'Callaghan had met and discussed this and they recommended forwarding the proposed zoning change to the council to set a public hearing date of March 10, 2014.

Mr. Bruns moved that the council set a public hearing date of March 10, 2014 for a proposed change of zoning and have the city manager and staff proceed with the change in zoning. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed.

8. Open Agenda

Mayor O'Callaghan said he appreciated what the city is doing with the roads, extending the salt and keeping things going. Mr. Applegate said they have 125 to 140 tons of salt on order but not all of what they ordered has been delivered. He said they are conserving their salt by doing the main roads, hills, and

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intersections and putting down sand and calcium chloride. The city is still plowing, getting as much snow off the roads as possible so it won't re-freeze at night. Mr. Applegate added that compared to streets in other communities, the condition of the streets in Union were awesome.

Mr. Bruns said he wanted to mention the recycling report. He said that the figure for recycling of 17% was a very high amount and previously the percent had been 13%. Mr. Applegate commented that Union had gotten an award last year for all of their recycling. Mr. Applegate said the new, larger recycling containers had made a big difference and helped increase what residents were recycling. Mr. Bruns said the numbers on recycling were fantastic and the citizens deserved a "well done".

Mr. Bruns mentioned that the next council meeting would be on February 10. Mr. Applegate said at the first January meeting, they had no need for a second meeting and that is what he had told the council. Then Mr. Applegate said they had a request so they had changed and scheduled a second meeting for the end of January.

Regarding the Project Walnut project across the river, the project had slowed down somewhat do to the weather. Pioneer Electric will be able to meet the deadline of February 1st and the transformers are set. They are getting grounding in place and have eight to ten bore holes done. Mr. Applegate said Pioneer has done an excellent job but he said he can't say the same regarding the Vectren crews who won't work in the low temperatures.

Mr. Applegate said the property owners came in to sign the last easement they needed and that part was completed.

Mr. Applegate was asked if there had been any complaints about noise and he said there had not been complaints.

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9. Mr. Bruns moved that the council meeting be adjourned. Mrs. Adams seconded the motion. All concurred and the January 27, 2014 council meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise A. Winemiller,
Clerk of Council

John Bruns, Vice Mayor