

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MEETING OF COUNCIL

June 11, 2018

Mayor O'Callaghan called the City of Union council meeting to order on Monday, June 11, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

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

Other city staff members attending the meeting were John Applegate, City Manager, Janet Hamilton, sitting in for Denise Winemiller, Clerk of Council, and Joe Moore, Law Director.

Mayor O'Callaghan called for a moment of silence.

Mayor O'Callaghan said that Mrs. Kyle had called in and said she would be out of town. He moved that she be excused from attending the council meeting. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed. Mrs. Kyle's absence was excused.

Mayor O'Callaghan said that Mrs. Perkins was out of town on business. He moved that she be excused from attending the council meeting. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and Mrs. Perkins' absence was excused.

1. Mayor O'Callaghan asked if there were any additions, corrections, or deletions for the minutes of the May 14, 2018 council meeting.

There were no corrections so Mr. Bruns moved that the minutes be accepted as prepared. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. Mrs. Oberer abstained and the other council members voted in favor of the motion. The minutes of the May 14, 2018 council meeting were accepted as prepared.

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2. Citizen's and Visitor's Comments

Bryson Thompson introduced himself as the pastor of Assurance Baptist Church with their new office at 105 West Martindale Road. He said he wanted to introduce himself and meet the council members. He said he was assisting the "Lunch Buddies" program meeting sometimes at the Union community park and he just wanted to meet the council members.

3. ONE READING - ORDINANCE 1680 - AN ORDINANCE AWARDING A CONTRACT TO RUMPKE WASTE INC. FOR REFUSE COLLECTION WITHIN THE CITY OF UNION. (waive three readings)

Mr. Applegate said this was the first of two ordinances concerning solid waste collection.

A memorandum on this matter had been provided to the council. Mr. Applegate said three companies had picked up the bid specifications and had attended the bid opening but only one, Rumpke Waste, had submitted a bid. The other two companies were Waste Management and Republic Services. In response to a question from the council, there has been a price increase. Mr. Applegate recommended the adoption of this ordinance. He suggested they adopt the flat rate for the next five years which is a small savings for the city. There was a brief discussion on the recycling program which is not very profitable right now.

Mr. Applegate said they had been with Rumpke for over twenty years.

Mr. Bruns moved to suspend the charter requirement of three separate readings on three separate days in regard to Ordinance No. 1680. 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 Ordinance 1680. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and Ordinance 1680 was adopted on the first reading.

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4. **ONE READING** - ORDINANCE 1681 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 741.17 OF THE UNION CODE, RELATING TO SOLID WASTE COLLECTION. (waive three readings)

Mr. Applegate said this ordinance was changing the rate structure, as they had discussed earlier. He said the staff recommends the adoption of this ordinance.

Mr. Bruns moved to suspend the charter requirement of three separate readings on three separate days in regard to Ordinance No. 1681. 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 Ordinance 1681. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and Ordinance 1681 was adopted on the first reading.

5. **ONE READING** - ORDINANCE 1682 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR 2018 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Applegate said the purpose of this ordinance was concerning bonds and they would be setting up a column in the budget on debt service. This was an action recommended by the state auditors.

Mr. Bruns moved that Ordinance No. 1682 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. 1682. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and emergency Ordinance No. 1682 was adopted on the first reading.

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6. **ONE READING** - RESOLUTION 18-11 - A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A BLANKET AND SUPER BLANKET PURCHASE ORDER LIMIT.

Mr. Applegate said that they had received some comments after their recent state audit and they requested that the city add information regarding blanket and super blanket purchase orders to Union policies.

Mr. Bruns then moved to have the one and only reading and adopt Resolution 18-11. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and Resolution 18-11 was adopted.

7. **ONE READING** - RESOLUTION 18-12 - A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF AN ADDITIONAL POLICE LEVY IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION AND REQUESTING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO CERTIFY THE TOTAL CURRENT TAX VALUATION OF THE CITY OF UNION AND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF REVENUE THAT WOULD BE GENERATED BY A SPECIFIED NUMBER OF MILLS.

Mr. Applegate said they had met with the budget committee and they have decided that they need to put the police levy back on the ballot and this starts the process as recommended by the budget committee. It will be for the same amount as before, 2.5 mills.

Mr. Bruns moved to have the one and only reading and adopt Resolution 18-12. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and Resolution 18-12 was adopted.

8. Motion to approve the 2019 asking budget.

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Mr. Applegate said he had met with the budget committee and it was the recommendation of the staff that this asking budget be approved. Mr. Bruns agreed with the statement saying this was not a requirement to approve the asking budget but they preferred looking at the budget at this time to make sure they were on track and keeping on top of the finances. Mayor O'Callaghan also agreed with the recommendation that the budget be adopted.

Mr. Bruns moved that the asking budget be approved. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed.

9. Open Agenda

Mayor O'Callaghan read a thank you note from Mill Ridge Village to Public Safety Director Chief Blackwell thanking Captain Allen and Officer Jones for speaking at the Mill Ridge council meeting. The note said the police officers were very helpful and reassuring and the Mill Ridge staff appreciates the officers keeping them safe.

Mayor O'Callaghan said everyone in town was planting flowers and working on their landscaping and they would like nominations for the Spirit of Union award.

Mr. Bruns asked if there was a need for a second meeting in June. Mr. Applegate said there was nothing so Mr. Bruns moved that the second meeting in June be cancelled. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion passed.

Mr. Applegate said they had started the expansion of the wastewater treatment plant. They had torn down the old lab building. Mr. Applegate said he remembered working with his father putting in the footers of that building, At that time, there was no electric or water utilities and the work was done with carrying buckets of water and shovels and laying down concrete block.

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Mr. Moore updated the council on a Supreme Court ruling on the Fourth Amendment, regarding no unreasonable searches. This was an incident with a rental car where the person driving the vehicle had not signed the car rental agreement so it was determined that he was protected and they were not allowed to search the vehicle. Mr. Moore said he might have been in violation of the car rental agreement but the courts upheld his fourth amendment rights.

Mr. Moore said there was another very recent ruling that upheld Ohio's purge of voting rights, so if a person didn't vote during several voting cycles, the voting rights were purged and citizens would have to re-register to be able to vote.

10. Mr. Bruns moved that the June 11, 2018 council meeting be adjourned. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and the meeting was adjourned.

The next council meeting will be July 9, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise A. Winemiller,
Clerk of Council

John Bruns, Vice Mayor