

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MEETING OF COUNCIL

May 8, 2017

Mayor O'Callaghan called the City of Union council meeting to order on Monday, May 8, 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. Perkins, and Mrs. Kyle.

Other city staff members attending the meeting were John P. 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 Mrs. Oberer was out of town and would not be able to attend the meeting. He moved that her absence be excused. Mr. Blackwell 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 April 10, 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 April 10, 2017 meeting were accepted as prepared.

2. Citizen's and Visitor's Comments

No one was present to address the council.

3. ONE READING – ORDINANCE 1655 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR 2017 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Applegate said this legislation was to amend the 2017 appropriations. The city will be receiving a \$200,000 ED/GE grant for TE-CO Manufacturing Co.

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The city will have to pay the amount and then will be reimbursed. The amount was not included in the appropriations originally because they had to wait until they got the final amount that was awarded. Now that they know the amount, they need to amend the appropriations.

Mr. Bruns moved that Ordinance 1655 be declared an emergency for the reasons set forth in the Ordinance. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed. Ordinance 1655 was declared an emergency.

Mr. Bruns then moved to have the one and only reading and adopt emergency ordinance 1655. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and emergency ordinance 1655 was adopted.

4. ONE READING – RESOLUTION 17-04 - A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY-INTERMUNICIPAL WASTE SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT.

Mr. Applegate apologized that the solid waste agreement had not been included in the council packets, attached to the resolution. The agreement had been provided to them before the council meeting and everyone now had a copy.

The last solid waste agreement that had been passed was in 1985. This new agreement would need to be adopted by all of the members of the solid waste district and Montgomery County.

Mr. Applegate said that he and Mr. Moore, the Law Director had reviewed the new agreement. It has been updated with all of the new federal and state regulations and has been approved by the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) and the Solid Waste Management Policy Committee (SWMPC). This agreement needs to be adopted by June 1, 2017.

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Mr. Bruns asked, out of curiosity, what would happen if the city did not adopt the new agreement. Mr. Applegate said they could no longer be a member of the solid waste district. Mr. Bruns said he didn't know that was their only option. Mr. Applegate said that as a member of the solid waste district, they were able to get good rates on disposing their waste and that the past agreement had worked well for the city. Mr. Applegate said the staff recommends the approval of this new solid waste agreement.

Mr. Bruns moved to have the one and only reading and adopt Resolution 17-04. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and Resolution 17-04 was adopted.

5. Open Agenda

Mayor O'Callaghan said he had several items to address.

He said he wanted to congratulate the Northmont School for the passage of their levy.

The Mayor said that now was a good time for people to look around and nominate someone to be awarded the Spirit of Union award. He said people were working hard at updating and landscaping their property and if anyone noticed any outstanding properties, to please let him or Mrs. Winemiller know.

Mayor O'Callaghan asked if Mr. Applegate would be addressing the water rate survey and he said he would.

The Mayor then read a very positive and complimentary letter from Butler Township complimenting the recent work done by Captain Chis Allen which led to a successful filing of felony charges, recovering a stolen car, and led to another case which spans multiple jurisdictions and is still under investigation. The letter

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said that Captain Allen “represented our agency well” and did an “outstanding job”.

Mr. Bruns commented about the Englewood newsletter saying to Mr. Applegate, “I believe you were going to go into the Oakwood survey on water but before you go into it, I have a comment on the newsletter that came out from the City of Englewood. Either their headline writer is deficient in math or geography because they have a comment that ‘Englewood still lowest sewer and water rates in area’ yet the graph right under it says Union is the lowest. Someone is deficient somewhere.”

Mr. Bruns asked if there were any matters pending for a May 22, 2017 council meeting. Mr. Applegate said there was nothing so Mr. Bruns moved that the May 22, 2017 council meeting be cancelled. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed. The next council meeting will be on June 12, 2017.

Mr. Applegate said that the water and sewer survey done by Oakwood shows that the City of Union is the lowest out of 63 jurisdictions and has been for some time.

He commented that he is pleased that Union’s rates have remained low but that is something they may not always be able to accomplish.

He said they have just submitted for their NPDES permit to the EPA which would be the new permit for the next five years. He said they may need to add things to fulfill requirements for this new permit. He said he was going to meet with engineers and start the process for minor upgrades to the wastewater treatment plant. He would be bringing these items to the council within the next six to eight months. Mr. Applegate said he wants to have these things in place so their water and sewer rates can remain as low as possible.

Mrs. Winemiller said with the passing of the solid waste agreement, they have access to recycling grants. They had just applied for a grant and received

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funding for \$29,000.00 which they will use to replace the roof on the church building purchased by the city. The money will be paying for recycled roofing material. Receiving recycling grants is another advantage of being a member of the solid waste district.

6. Mr. Bruns moved that the May 8, 2017 council meeting be adjourned. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and the meeting was adjourned.

The next council meeting will be on June 12, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise A. Winemiller,
Clerk of Council

John Bruns, Vice Mayor