

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MEETING OF COUNCIL

November 13, 2017

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

Attendance was taken and the following council members were present: Mayor O'Callaghan, Mr. Bruns, Mrs. Oberer, Mrs. Huggins 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 Mrs. Kyle had called and she was not able to attend the meeting due to illness. He moved that her absence be excused. Mrs. Huggins seconded the motion. All concurred and Mrs. Kyle's absence was excused.

1. Mayor O'Callaghan asked if there were any additions, corrections, or deletions for the minutes of the October 10, 2017 council meeting.

There were no corrections so Mr. Bruns moved that the minutes be accepted as prepared. Mrs. Oberer seconded the motion. Mrs. Perkins and Mrs. Huggins abstained and the other council members voted in favor of the motion. The minutes of the October 10, 2017 meeting were accepted as prepared.

2. Citizen's and Visitor's Comments

Doug Carmichael from Phillipsburg-Union Road was present to discuss storm water issues from the recent rain. He said he has lived in the area for twenty-four years and this year is the first time he has ever had problems with flooding and it has happened several times this year. He said he felt something had changed or was clogged up and that is what was causing the flooding. He said he had experienced heavy rains and never had the problem that he had this year.

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Mayor O'Callaghan said they had looked into this earlier and not found any kind of blockage.

Mr. Applegate said that he had experienced the same thing at his property where the creek nearby had risen above the banks and surrounded his house. Mr. Applegate said they had checked all of the systems and everything was working properly. Mr. Applegate said that this area has experienced several unusual rain events that they have never had before. He said they are continuing to look at the situation and he had met with an engineer to see if something could be done and what the cost would be. Mr. Applegate said that besides having the heavy rain fall, it has occurred in a very short duration of time. Mr. Applegate assured Mr. Carmichael that the city has not added or changed anything that would affect the drainage in his area. Until this year, the existing storm water system had always been able to handle the rain fall. He said they will look at things like a retention wall and ways to divert the water but they have to make sure that they do not cause problems in other areas. Mr. Applegate said he had not seen anything like this short duration of heavy rain in thirty-one years.

Mayor O'Callaghan thanked Mr. Carmichael for attending the meeting.

3. Presentation by Timothy Hollo representing the VFW 5434, proposing a program to display banners in the city recognizing Veterans.

Mr. Hollo had a power point presentation to show the council members and distributed a packet of information to everyone. He also introduced Commander Swartz from the VFW.

He said everyone was probably familiar with the banners that say "Hometown Heroes" in West Milton. He said he was suggesting "Union Salutes" for Union and proposed these banners to be placed along Union's Main Street. He said the VFW would do all of the labor as far as cleaning up the photographs and be the point of contact and do the advertising. He asked that the city administer the money and collect the funds from the citizens. He said the larger the order sent to the printer, the lower cost per unit and that any leftover funds would go to charity. He also asked that the city print out the applications.

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The banners can be displayed as in West Milton, from Memorial Day to Labor Day and could also be put up around Veteran's Day. The banners also need to be stored and protected. Mr. Hollo said each program lasts five years and after the five years, the banners are returned back to the sponsor. He suggested that the city could help advertise by putting the information on the city's water bill.

Mr. Hollo used an example that if they got orders for 30 the first year and then maybe another 30 for the second year of the program, the amount of banners to be hung would be increasing and they would be going further down on State Route 48. It would end after a five year cycle.

There were various questions asked, for example about if the name, "Hometown Heroes" was part of a national program and if there would be a copyright infringement, if the banners would last five years, and what the cost would be to hang the banners, etc.

Mr. Applegate said they would have to check with the state auditor if the city was allowed to collect the money for the banners, and what to do if other organizations would ask for a similar program. Mr. Applegate said they would also check with their law director because if they would participate in the program, they would want to make sure they were doing it right. Mr. Applegate said he would check with West Milton on how they were handling this. There were also some concerns that all the photos be military photos and that their service could be verified. Mr. Bruns said he felt everyone would be for the program if they could work out all of the details. He thanked Mr. Hollo and Commander Swartz for attending the meeting.

4. Open Agenda

Mayor O'Callaghan reminded everyone that the tree lighting was scheduled for November 26, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the firehouse.

The mayor also congratulated everyone that was re-elected in November.

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Mayor O'Callaghan reminded the council that the city is having a food drive for Thanksgiving until November 22.

The Mayor and other council members wished everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving.

Mr. Applegate said they had received approval of Phase 3, an Issue 2 application of the water line replacement on Martindale Road, from McCraw to Shaw Road for 2018/2019.

They are also getting ready to go out for bids on Phase 2 of the same project.

Since there was nothing pending, Mr. Bruns moved that they cancel the second meeting in November. Mrs. Oberer seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed.

5. Mr. Bruns moved that the November 13, 2017 council meeting be adjourned. Mr. Perkins seconded the motion. All concurred and the meeting was adjourned.

The next council meeting will be December 11, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise A. Winemiller,
Clerk of Council

John Bruns, Vice Mayor