

# **RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

## **MEETING OF COUNCIL**

**October 12, 2010**

The City of Union council meeting was called to order by Clerk of Council Denise Winemiller on October 12, 2010 on Tuesday evening at 7:30.

Due to the absence of both Mayor Goudy and Vice Mayor O'Callaghan, Mrs. Perkins moved that Mr. Bruns be appointed as presiding officer of the meeting. Mrs. Oberer seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed.

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

Other city staff members present were Denise Winemiller, Clerk of Council, and Joe Moore, Law Director.

Mr. Bruns called for a moment of silence.

1. Mr. Bruns asked if there were any questions or comments from the council minutes of the last meeting. There were no proposed changes or corrections so Mr. Blackwell moved that the council minutes from the September 27, 2010 council meeting be accepted as prepared. Mrs. Oberer seconded the motion. All concurred and the minutes of September 27, 2010 were approved.

2. Mr. Bruns recognized that there were some citizens and visitors that wanted to address the council.

Mary Laughter said she was a resident from the City of Vandalia and was attending area city council meetings to discuss a bicycle issue. She said her sister was killed on a bicycle riding on Philadelphia Drive. She said that she had been doing some research and there were 700 cyclists killed each year. Just within the last 90 days in the Miami Valley region there were three fatalities and six injuries.

She was asking the council to consider putting up "Share the Road" signs. She would appreciate every city putting up at least one sign. She said Vandalia

was erecting one sign, Clayton was going to put up two signs on Philadelphia Drive and Butler Township had agreed to put up a sign.

She also wanted to encourage people to wear bike helmets and she was told that the Union Police does have a bicycle helmet program and has been providing helmets to children.

She thanked the city for their time and hoped that they would consider putting up a “Share the Road” sign.

Mr. Bruns thanked her for attending the meeting and said he shared her feelings on the matter. He said he would talk to the administration and see what they could do about putting up a sign.

Mr. Bruns then recognized Patrick Gies from 416 Joellen Place. Mr. Gies said he had been at the council meeting in August and was there to complain about the building lot at 420 Joellen Place not being mowed again. He had brought some pictures that showed some dandelions and weeds. He said that nothing was being done on the property. Mr. Gies indicated that he had read the code and that only one notice per season should be given. He said at the last meeting, Mr. Applegate had told him that he would personally look at the lot.

Mrs. Winemiller said she would show the pictures to the zoning inspector and offered to call Mr. Gies back but he said he didn’t care about that. He said he had bad allergies and wanted the property mowed. Mr. Bruns thanked him for his time and said he would have the administration look at it.

3. ONE READING – ORDINANCE 1501 – AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE BID FROM BALSBAUGH EXCAVATING INC. FOR THE MAPLEGARDENS/PARKGROVE WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT IN THE CITY OF UNION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mrs. Winemiller said this was an Issue II project to replace the waterline for Maplegarden and Parkgrove drives. She said the plat was developed in the early 1950’s and the new line would provide better service and greater water pressure. The grant was for \$329,000.00 with the city’s ten percent match of \$36,500.00 which would make the \$365,097.00 which is on the next ordinance.

Mrs. Winemiller said that they need this passed as an emergency because the contractor would like to get started and get the project done this year.

Mr. Blackwell moved that Ordinance 1501 be declared an emergency for the reasons set forth in the ordinance. Mrs. Oberer seconded the motion. All concurred and Ordinance 1501 was declared an emergency.

Mr. Blackwell then moved to have the one and only reading and adopt emergency Ordinance 1501. Mrs. Oberer seconded the motion. All concurred and emergency Ordinance 1501 was adopted on the first reading.

4. ONE READING – ORDINANCE 1502 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR 2010 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mrs. Winemiller said this ordinance would allow for appropriations within the 2010 budget to cover the expenses for the Maplegarden/Parkgrove water main replacement project.

Mr. Blackwell moved that Ordinance 1502 be declared an emergency for the reasons set forth in the ordinance. Mrs. Oberer seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed.

Mr. Blackwell then moved that they have the one and only reading and adopt emergency Ordinance 1502. Mrs. Oberer seconded the motion. All concurred and emergency Ordinance 1502 was adopted on the first reading.

5. ONE READING – ORDINANCE 1503 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR 2010 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mrs. Winemiller said the city has received a zero interest loan through Issue II for \$429,000.00 for the painting and recoating of the water tower on Shaw Road. She said this appropriation allows for the city to start the engineering of the project so the project can be done in 2011. The passage of this ordinance as an emergency is so they can pay for the engineering expenses.

Mr. Blackwell moved that Ordinance 1503 be declared an emergency for the reasons set forth in the ordinance. Mr. Bruns seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed.

Mr. Blackwell then moved to have the one and only reading and adopt emergency Ordinance 1503. Mrs. Oberer seconded the motion. All concurred and Ordinance 1503 was adopted.

6. Open Agenda

Mr. Blackwell commented about the leaf pickup in the city, which had started on October 12.

He also asked about the new drop box for utility payments. Mrs. Winemiller said that the old drop box had water damage and despite attempts they were not able to fix the problem so they had replaced the box and would eventually remove the old drop box.

Mrs. Kyle thanked Mr. Bruns and Mrs. Winemiller for doing a good job in conducting city business at the council meeting.

Mr. Moore commented that the city was regularly enforcing zoning ordinances and that they were having good results through their actions. He said that they were actively pursuing these cases.

Mr. Blackwell moved to excuse Mayor Goudy's absence. Mrs. Kyle seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed.

Mr. Bruns moved to excuse Mr. O'Callaghan's absence. Mrs. Kyle seconded the motion.

There was a brief discussion where Mr. Bruns said that Mr. O'Callaghan had mentioned that he was going to be out of town but it was not included in the minutes of the last meeting. He said he would like to talk to Mr. O'Callaghan concerning this.

Mrs. Perkins moved to table the motion to excuse Mr. O'Callaghan until the next meeting and they would be able to check with the Vice Mayor. Mr. Bruns seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed.

7. Mrs. Kyle moved that the council meeting be adjourned. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and the October 12, 2010 council meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Denise A. Winemiller,  
Clerk of Council

Michael O'Callaghan, Vice Mayor