

**MINUTES
UNION CITY BOROUGH
MARCH 8, 2022**

VISION STATEMENT: “The Union City area is a thriving rural community of families, businesses and organizations dedicated to encouraging growth while maintaining small town values.”

The Council Meeting for the Borough of Union City was called to order at 6:03 P.M. by Councilor Cross. The meeting was at the First United Methodist Church, 42 East High Street, Union City.

COUNCILORS PRESENT were Cross, Joyce, Warner, Winkler, and Douglas. Brumagin and Bowes were absent.

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Solicitor Tim Wachter; Mayor, Natalie Wilmoth; Borough Manager, Cindy Wells; Police Chief, David Pernice; Streets Supervisor, Bob Phillips; Zoning Officer, Jason Sayers.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: It was moved by Councilor Douglas and seconded by Councilor Winkler that the agenda stands approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION ON MINUTES: It was moved by Councilor Joyce and seconded by Councilor Winkler that all Councilors, having read the minutes, approve Council Meeting minutes from February 22, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION ON SECRETARY’S REPORT: It was moved by Councilor Winkler and seconded by Councilor Warner that the Secretary’s Report be accepted and made a part of the minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION ON BILLS: It was moved by Councilor Warner and seconded by Councilor Winkler that the unpaid bills be ordered paid and those paid be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

HEARING OF THE VISITORS: Darrin Rickert, US Municipal gave an update on the delivery of the street sweeper. It has been delayed until approximately September/October 2022.

Pat Slocum, 92 West High Street, expressed concerns on accumulation at neighbors property.

Scott Rasteter, previous District #6 Erie County Council Representative. He announced that he will be running for PA House of Representatives to fill the vacancy left by Curt Sonney. The article in The Corry Journal explains his position.

ZONING OFFICER: Zoning Report for February 2022 was provided and there were no questions.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Code Enforcement Report for February 2022 was provided and there were no questions.

MAYOR NATALIE WILMOTH: The Mayor wanted to notify Council that she is serving on the Board of Trustees for the Union City Community Foundation.

POLICE CHIEF: The Police Chief provided an update on the hiring of an officer. One of the applicants was rejected after a background check and they have appealed the decision and there will be a Civil Service appeal hearing.

The Chief also stated that he is having a Community Event on April 5, 2022 at 6:00 PM at the UCVFD Social Hall. The purpose is to have dialog with the public.

The Police Department will also be having Spring Clean-up in May this year.

STREET SUPERVISOR: There was discussion of 2022 street paving and sealing projects. Council reviewed the list provided for paving and seal coat projects. The Borough has an opportunity to participate in a seal coat bid package with multiple municipalities. There would be a charge for Mark Corey putting the package together of approximately \$500 and partial advertising costs. No decision was made on paving projects.

MOTION TO APPROVE PARTICIPATING IN THE MULTI-MUNICIPAL SEAL COAT BID PROGRAM AND PAYING THE REQUIRED FEES FOR PART OF THE ADVERTISING COSTS AND APPROXIMATELY \$500 FOR A PARTICIPATION FEE, USING THE TOTAL FOOTAGE OF THE FOLLOWING STREETS AS RECOMMENDED BY PUBLIC WORKS: THIRD AVENUE-SOUTH STREET TO WEST HIGH; SOUTH STREET-MAIN STREET TO THIRD AVENUE; PARADE STREET-WASHINGTON TO SIXTH AVENUE; AND PUTNAM STREET-MAIN TO WARDEN. It was moved by Councilor Joyce and seconded by Councilor Winkler. Councilor Douglas abstained. Motion was carried with the remaining councilors unanimous vote.

SOLICITOR WACHTER: The Solicitor had no reports or recommendations other than the upcoming discussion on the proposed amendments to ordinances.

BOROUGH MANAGER:

MISCELLANEOUS UPDATES:

The UCCF approved our application for funding toward the Active Transportation Plan Sidewalk.

PROPERTY LINE REPLOT FOR REX WIGGERS ON CONCORD STREET: Map was presented to Council requesting signatures to approve the property line replot. Erie County Planning and UC Area Regional Planning Commission have both approved it.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED REPLOT OF TAX PARCEL 41-14-57-8, CONCORD STREET, UNION CITY BOROUGH. It was moved by Councilor Winkler and seconded by Councilor Douglas. Motion carried unanimously.

RENAISSANCE GRANT APPLICATIONS: Council reviewed applications and recommendations for the projects. The recommendations were selected based on what the largest economic impact on the Borough would be and represent the largest potential to negate blight.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE SIX RECOMMENDED RENAISSANCE GRANT APPLICATIONS AND A PORTION OF THE SEVENTH, USING THE REMAINING FUNDS OF \$24,033.90. It was moved by Councilor Joyce and seconded by Councilor Douglas. Motion carried unanimously.

QUALITY OF LIFE PROPOSED AMENDMENT: Council reviewed the proposed amendment adding an additional fine of \$600. Council agreed to advertise the ordinance.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE REGARDING CHICKENS: Council discussed the proposed ordinance to allow chickens within the Borough. A section will be added to reflect a minimum lot size of ½ acre. The cost of the permit was discussed as possibly \$100/year which would be included in a Resolution of the schedule of Borough fees.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE FOR 5G AND A CHANGE REGARDING ENFORCEMENT: A section concerning personal use greenhouses will be added and the section regarding chickens will be changed.

OUTDOOR ELECTRONIC MESSAGE BOARD & ADVERTISING AGREEMENT: Council reviewed the Proposed agreement from The Buzz of UC Café for advertising on an electronic/LED sign. It was mentioned that we currently don't pay for advertising events and that billboards are not a cost effective advertisement.

MOTION TO REJECT THE PROPOSAL FROM THE BUZZ OF UNION CITY CAFÉ FOR AN ADVERTISING AGREEMENT ON AN OUTDOOR ELECTRONIC MESSAGE BOARD. It was moved by Councilor Winkler and seconded by Councilor Joyce. Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATION: Council President had no reports or recommendations.

PERSONNEL AND PLANNING: The Liaison of Personnel and Planning had no reports or recommendations.

REVIEW THE INFORMATIONAL SUMMARY: Council agreed, and there were no objections, to the Informational Summary, it stands approved and will be made a part of the minutes of this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: It was moved by Councilor Joyce and seconded by Councilor Warner that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 7:59 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Executive Session was to discuss personnel with no action to be taken. Started at 8:07 and ended at 9:04PM.

ATTEST