

**MINUTES  
UNION CITY BOROUGH  
NOVEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**

**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 6:30 P.M. by Councilor Cross. The meeting is at the First Global Methodist Church, 42 East High Street, Union City. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

**COUNCILORS PRESENT** were Cross, Joyce, Osborn, and Steadman. Warner, Winkler, and Daggett were absent.

**OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Mayor, Natalie Wilmoth; Borough Manager, Cindy Wells; Constituent Services Rep., Kim Tuszynski; Police Chief, David Pernice.

**THERE WAS AN EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD ON OCTOBER 26, 2023, TO DISCUSS A REAL ESTATE MATTER WITH NO ACTION TAKEN. IT WAS FROM 5:00 – 6:15PM.**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion made by Councilor Joyce and seconded by Councilor Steadman that the agenda stands approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION ON MINUTES:** Motion Made by Councilor Joyce and seconded by Councilor Osborn that all Councilors, having read the minutes, approve minutes from the Council meeting on October 16<sup>th</sup> and October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION ON SECRETARY’S REPORT:** Motion made by Councilor Steadman and seconded by Councilor Osborn that the Secretary’s Report be accepted and made a part of the minutes of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION ON BILLS:** Motion made by Councilor Joyce and seconded by Councilor Osborn that the unpaid bills be ordered paid and those paid be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

**HEARING OF THE VISITORS:** No visitors to speak.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT:** Council reviewed the Code Enforcement Report for September and October 2023. Council is aware that Tri-County will begin picking up trash cans from residents significantly behind on their trash bills. There were no questions.

**ZONING:** Council reviewed Zoning Report for October 2023. There were no questions or concerns.

**POLICE CHIEF:** Council reviewed October Police Reports. There were no questions.

The Police Chief reviewed possible Civil Service Rule changes with Council. Some adjustments will be made and revisited as well as running them by the Solicitor.

Third Party - Agency Open Records – The Chief shared another quote from another agency regarding the open records video request. No decision has been made at this time and will be reviewed at the next meeting and present it to the Solicitor.

Present PA laws on bike lanes. Amanda emailed information on the PA bike laws that was requested by Councilor Winkler.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Councilor Steadman mentioned that a curb was hit and drug with the sweeper and asked they pay better attention when operating the sweeper. Also stated the catch basin in front of his house needs cleaned out again.

**MAYOR:** The Mayor wanted to remind everyone to be sure to go out and Vote on Election Day!

**BOROUGH MANAGER: MISCELLANEOUS UPDATES**

**PROPERTY AT 77 NORTH MAIN-** Project not happening, Borough Manager recommends still having easement on property done for the storm sewer line.

**REVERSE PROPERTY ASSESSMENT –** There was an appeal. Council agreed to defend the case.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PROPOSED EACOG 2024 BUDGET.** EACOG has presented a proposed 2024 budget. It will be voted on at the December 13, 2023 meeting.

**MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PROPOSED EACOG 2024 BUDGET.** Motion by Councilor Osborn and seconded by Councilor Joyce. Motion carried unanimously.

**RESIDENTIAL WELL TESTING AT THE LANDFILL:** The Borough has an agreement with the DEP that the wells will be tested annually. In the past the testing was done by Fairway Laboratories. They were taken over by Pace. We have a proposed agreement with Pace that will cover testing through 2025.

**RETRO-ACTIVE MOTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH PACE FOR RESIDENTIAL WELL TESTING AT THE BOROUGH LANDFILL THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2025.** Motion by Councilor Joyce and seconded by Councilor Steadman. Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION FOR ELGIN PELICAN:** The Elgin Pelican Sweeper is being sold to Washington Township, New Jersey for \$8,000.

**RETRO-ACTIVE MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO SELL ELGIN PELICAN FOR \$8000 TO WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, NJ.** Motion by Councilor Joyce and seconded by Councilor Osborn. Motion carried unanimously.

**PRESENTATION OF THE PROPOSED 2024 BUDGET:** Requested changes were made after the meeting on October 30, 2023. If Council agreed with the proposed changes.

**MOTION TO APPROVE ADVERTISING THE PROPOSED 2024 BUDGET ALONG WITH THE TAX ORDINANCE OF A 1 MILL TAX INCREASE.** Motion by Councilor Joyce and seconded by Councilor Osborn. Motion carried unanimously.

**DEPARTMENT LIAISON REPORTS:** Councilor Steadman asked for a list of Key Holders to the City Building for future HAM Radio Emergency operations.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Council discussed personnel and real estate with no action to be taken. The session went from 7:37 PM to 7:42 PM.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Councilor Steadman and seconded by Councilor Osborn that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 7:42 P.M.

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