MINUTES UNION CITY BOROUGH DECEMBER 2, 2024

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 6:31 P.M. by Councilor Joyce. The meeting was 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 Joyce; Winkler; Osborn; Steadman; and Kerns. Cross and Uber were absent.
- **OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Mayor, Robert Wolf; Borough Manager, Cindy Wells; and Streets Supervisor, Bob Phillips.
- **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion by Councilor Kerns and seconded by Councilor Winkler to adopt the agenda as amended tabling the Chief's contract. The motion carried unanimously.
- **MOTION ON MINUTES:** Motion by Councilor Winkler and seconded by Councilor Osborn that all Councilors, having read the minutes, approve minutes from the Council meeting on November 18th, 2024. The motion carried unanimously.

HEARING OF THE VISITORS: No one wished to speak.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Reviewed November 2024 report. No questions or concerns.

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MAYOR: The Mayor spoke about the passing of past Fire Chief, Jim Edwards. His calling hours are Friday from 5:00PM to 7:00PM. The funeral is on Saturday from 10:00 AM to noon with a service afterwards. He asked the Police Department be involved in the service.

STREETS: The Street Supervisor said they are plowing and keeping up on it.

BOROUGH MANAGER:

MISCELLANEOUS UPDATES: Thanked Council for the Bonus Checks for Borough Employees.

POLICE CHIEF CONTRACT: Personnel Committee was to review the contract and make a recommendation. Agenda was amended to table this until the next meeting.

PROPOSED 2025 BUDGET: The budget has been reviewed by council and was approved to be advertised at the council meeting on November 4th, 2024. It was advertised in the Corry Journal on November 13, 2024.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED 2025 BUDGET: Motion by Councilor Osborn and seconded by Councilor Winkler. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2024-19 FIXING THE TAX RATE FOR THE YEAR 2025 AT THE CURRENT 9.81 MILLS. Motion by Councilor Kerns and seconded by Councilor Steadman. The motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS FOR THE PENSIONS ESTABLISHING CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE YEAR 2025.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2024-20 SETTING THE NON-UNIFORM EMPLOYEE PENSION PLAN CONTRIBUTIONS AT 5% FOR 2025. Motion by Councilor Winkler and seconded by Councilor Osborn. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUCTION 2024-21 ELIMINATING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE POLICE PENSION FOR 2025. Motion by Councilor Steadman and seconded by Councilor Winkler. The motion carried unanimously.

CREMA 2025 BUDGET: Councilor Osborn is the UC Borough representative to CREMA. Council needs to give him approval to vote on the 2025 CREMA Budget.

MOTION TO APPROVE BRIAN OSBORN TO VOTE ON THE 2025 CREMA BUDGET. Motion by Councilor Kerns and seconded by Councilor Steadman. The motion carried unanimously.

UNION CITY CHAIR OFFICE BUILDING AT 18 MARKET: McLane Church is planning to donate the office building to the EC Landbank with the understanding that after the building has necessary repairs completed it would be given to the Borough. A motion is needed on record that the Borough is willing to accept ownership if necessary.

MOTION STATING THAT THE BOROUGH IS WILLING TO TAKE OWNERSHIP OF 18 MARKET STREET AFTER NECESSARY REPAIRS ARE COMPLETED BY THE EC LANDBANK, IF NECESSARY. Motion by Councilor Winkler and seconded by Councilor Osborn. The motion carried unanimously.

MOU BETWEEN UC AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE UC POLICE DEPARTMENT: The MOU was received from the USASD. No changes were made from the previous MOU. Council needs to approve Chief Pernice to sign the MOU.

MOTION TO APPROVE MOU WITH UNION CITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE UNION CITY POLICE DEPTARTMENT. Motion by Councilor Steadman and seconded by Councilor Kerns. The motion carried unanimously. **REPLOT MAPS FOR THE MUNICIPAL LOT #3:** The maps had been done previously and signed by Council when a parcel was going to be purchased from a property owner at 8 South Street. However, the purchase was unable to be completed so the maps have been redone.

MOTION TO APPROVE SIGNING THE REPLOT MAPS FOR MUNICIPAL LOT #3. Motion by Councilor Osborn and seconded by Councilor Winkler. The motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATION: Council President was not present.

DEPARTMENT LIAISON REPORTS: Department Liaisons had nothing to report.

- ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Councilor Steadman and seconded by Councilor Winkler that the meeting be adjourned at 6:42 P.M.
- **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** To discuss personnel & contracts with no action to be taken went from 6:44PM to 7:51 PM.

ATTEST