

**MINUTES
UNION CITY BOROUGH
FEBRUARY 3RD, 2025**

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 was at the First Global Methodist Church, 42 East High Street, Union City. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

COUNCILORS PRESENT: Cross, Joyce, Osborn, Steadman, Kerns, Uber. Winkler was absent.

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Borough Manager, Cindy Wells, and Streets Supervisor, Bob Phillips.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Councilor Joyce and seconded by Councilor Kerns that the agenda stands approved as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION ON MINUTES: Motion by Councilor Joyce and seconded by Councilor Steadman that all Councilors, having read the minutes, approve minutes from the Council meeting on January 20, 2025. The motion carried unanimously.

HEARING OF THE VISITORS: No one wished to speak.

MAYOR: The Mayor was not present.

POLICE CHIEF: The Police Chief was not present.

STREETS: The Street Supervisor stated that they are having problems with illegally parked vehicle on Center Street and Brown Street. Buses complain about not being able to get through on Center Street. The plow truck can't get through at times. Emergency vehicles won't be able to get through either. Areas in Municipal Lot #1 where there is no overnight parking there are vehicle there and they have been unable to plow. Councilor Cross stated that on Center Street it had been no winter parking but residents complained so it was changed back with the understanding that the parking ordinances needed to be followed or it could be changed back to no parking. Council is asking the Mayor to have the police pay more attention to these particular areas.

He also reported that the Chevy 6500 front axle there is a problem and it causes the 4WD light to come on. It is under warranty and will be repaired when the part comes in.

BOROUGH MANAGER:

MISCELLANEOUS UPDATES:

Codification Meeting: Monday February 24, 2025, at 5:00 at the City Building

Pavement Management & Public Works Feasibility Study: If Council wants to review, copies are available

Authorized resource requestors: Riley Cross, Mathew Joyce, Cindy Wells

Northwest Pension: 2024 Pension Statements are available for Council review

Spartansburg Events Circus: They have decided to have the event at the school

Reminder Statement Financial Interest: Still need statements from some Council

Water drainage from private property: Still researching options

GPS Devices: Still researching options

Country Fair Pump for Charity: The actual amount received towards our park project was \$6,000

MANAGEMENT OF BUILDING AT THE LITTLE LEAGUE FIELD: How does Council want to handle the rental of the building? Who will manage it? How much will be charged? How much will be paid for cleaning if the Borough manages it? If we are going to let the Little League do it, we will need an agreement.

Council was curious to ask about how others rent theirs out as far as asking for certificates of insurance, pricing and agreements. They want to talk to Solicitor Wachter if we need any special liability insurance as well. Information will be provided at the next meeting.

TAX COLLECTION ORDINANCE: At the last meeting Solicitor Wachter recommended amending ordinance 843 setting the compensation rate for the Tax Collector. Our current Ordinance states we pay the tax collector 3% and we currently have been paying 3.5%. The legal recommendation is to pass an ordinance in February so that it can be in effect by January 2026. The ordinance will be updating what we are currently paying. The proposed amendment was advertised on January 23, 2025.

MOTION TO APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE 843 UPDATING THE TAX COLLECTOR COMPENSATION RATE FROM 3% TO 3-1/2%: Motion by Councilor Kerns and seconded by Councilor Joyce. The motion carried. Pat Uber abstained.

ADMINISTRATION: Council President had nothing to report

DEPARTMENT LIAISON REPORTS: Department Liaisons had nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Councilor Joyce and seconded by Councilor Steadman that the meeting be adjourned at 7:02 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Discuss personnel & property information with no action to be taken went from 7:02 to 7:35 PM.

ATTEST