

**UNION CITY SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday, July 28, 2008 – 7:00 P.M.**  
**LEONARD ALMQUIST COUNCIL CHAMBERS, UNION CITY HALL**

1. **CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & ROLL CALL:** at 7:04 pm by Mayor Kyle Corbin with Councilors Pat Lang, Betty Bronson, Dick Walker, Eileen Bowles, Sue Briggs and Joe Gonzales.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Corbin read a letter from a resident regarding city ordinance violations and concerns relating to the city in general.

Dick Middleton, Union. Asked Wise, are you a notary republic and if not is anyone at City Hall? Wise shared no. Middleton shared he is concerned that Wise swore in Councilor Gonzales. He is concerned Gonzales is not in office correctly. Mayor shared we will check into it.

Tod Hull, 955 Benson, Union. Shared he is happy with Union Sanitation and would like the Council to grant Union Sanitation what they are asking for.

3. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- a. Administrator / Recorder Report

- i. Restroom grant update

Wise reported the City received good news this week regarding the park bathroom grant. The City was granted approximately \$36,700 to put in new restrooms.

Bob Joseph 440 E. Birch. Asked about the bathrooms, he is concerned the doors are locked open. He feels its silly to not lock them at night. Wise shared he will look into it.

- ii. Rental 389 clean/fix up proposal, approximately \$30.00 an hour (approximately 72 hours).

Wise explained he has hired a contractor to rehab the unit. With the amount of work needed and time frame he felt it was necessary to move forward with the contractor. The City currently has a renter ready to move in. Council was in consensus with proposed improvements.

- iii. Carpooling to the Ethics Public Hearing  
Council acknowledged.

- iv. Anderson Perry Letter

Wise expressed this is an update regarding the infrastructure with Century Estates. Question from the engineer is two-inch asphalt is good, but the three-inch is better, this is what Anderson Perry recommended. Wise feels the city (Council) has already mandated what the specs are (see spec book), which is two-inch asphalt. He feels it is appropriate since the developer is going to have an improved base and a mat, under the two-inch asphalt. He

suggested we request to have them return in two years and fill all cracks. If council wants to make a change you need to consider making the change to the city's spec book. Meanwhile developers will be given the okay to move forward with the above stated specs.

- v. Elections, Ethics and Rules Committee letter  
Council acknowledged letter.

- b. Center for Human Development meeting July 30, 2008  
Council acknowledged letter.

#### **4. ACTION ITEMS - OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Resolution 2008-14 Union Sanitation Agreement approving rate increase.  
*Bronson moved to adopt Resolution 2008-14 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN RATES FOR UNION SANITATION SERVICE FOR CERTAIN REFUSE COLLECTIONS. (2<sup>nd</sup> Lang). Vote passed unanimously.*
- b. Contract consideration for Gov't Broadcasting.  
At this time there is no contract. Wise stated it is premature to write one. The committee is working on it.
- c. EMS/Fire User Fee Ordinance  
*Walker moved to adopt A RESOLUTION 2008-14 A RESOLUTION SETTING USER FEE FOR CITY OF UNION FIRE AND EMS DEPARTMENTS (2<sup>nd</sup> Bronson). Vote passed unanimously.*

Corbin questioned section 2 (residential and business unit). He feels it is vague. Walker asked with this language, can the city bill this fee and get away with it? Wise shared it is open for an argument. We can use it as written and we can bill it as intended. Mayor shared he would like a new hearing and re-mail a copy to Union citizens.

#### **d. Union Family Health Clinic**

- i. **Resolution 2008-12 Support of the Union Family Health Center.**  
*2008-12 Bowles moved to adopt resolution 2008-12 A RESOLUTION OF THE UNION CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF COVE UNION AND POWDER MEDICAL ASSOCIATION IN THE ATTEMPT TO MAINTAIN UNION FAMILY HEALTH CENTER AND THE SERVICES THAT ARE PROVIDED. (2<sup>nd</sup> Gonzales) Vote passed unanimously.*
- ii. **Resolution 2008-13 to help support the Health District financially.**  
*Gonzales moved to adopt resolution 2008-13 A RESOLUTION OF THE UNION CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING THE FINANCIAL EFFORTS OF COVE UNION AND POWDER MEDICAL ASSOCIATION WITH ATTEMPT TO PERFORM A HEALTH DISTRICT SURVEY (2<sup>nd</sup> Walker). Wise shared it will need to come out of the General fund.*

At this time Wise requested a 5-minute recess.

8:06 recess was over and meeting was returned to order regarding resolution 2008-13.

Walker asked should we move forward with the language in this resolution (2008-13). Wise stated yes, although he feels it is redundant to pass this resolution. Council was reminded of Mr. Brookshire's comment regarding the financial support. Mr. Brookshire previous statement was to show North Powder and Cove that Union has committed to helping financially when feasible.

*Vote passed 5/0 with Briggs abstaining because of a conflict of interest, she is on the CUP Board.*

## **5. ACTION ITEMS - NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Appoint committee members for TAC and Share Holders for DLCD Grant. Applications available on Monday 28<sup>th</sup>.

Council agreed to have Mayor Corbin appoint the two committees and notify council of those appointees.

- 6. EXECUTIVE SESSION 192.660 (2)(d)** to conduct deliberation with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations, and **192.660 (2)(h)** to consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed.

Council went into Executive Session at 8:10 pm.

Council Returned at 8:37 pm.

Roll Call was taken, Pat Lang, Betty Bronson, Dick Walker, Kyle Corbin, Eileen Bowles, Sue Briggs and Joe Gonzales.

No decisions were made during the executive session.

Walker moved to ratify the Union contract/tentative agreement (2<sup>nd</sup> Bronson).  
Vote passed unanimously.

## **7. COUNCIL CONCERNS**

Bronson asked to be excused for the regular Council meeting August 11<sup>th</sup>. She will be attending a Fair Housing Seminar in La Grande (7 pm to 9 pm).

Briggs shared there is a meeting on Rural Oregon Congress. If anyone wants more information she will be happy to share it.

Gonzales shared he and Hull have finished the burn ordinance. It was confirmed it will be on the agenda at the next regular Council meeting.

Bowles shared part of Bellwood between the river and Arch St. is not dedicated to the city. It was suggested that someone look into it.

**8. ADJOURNMENT.** Adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Approved:

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Mayor

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City Recorder