

Town Meeting Minutes

Uniontown Town Council Regular Meeting

Uniontown Community Building

July 13th 6:30 pm

1. The regular meeting of the Uniontown town council was called to order at 6:30 pm. Mayor Mike Shore presiding. Council members Davies, Davis, Raschka, and Warner were present. Also present was Town Administrator Wesley Kerr, and Maintenance person Gavin Dunaway.
2. Mayor Shore opens the meeting by explaining the public comment guidelines. Mayor Shore then opens the floor for public comment. Jeff Jacobs asks the town to do something about the dust on Frank street. Arnold Juette says the town needs to do more about the weeds around town.
3. Mayor Shore asks is there is unanimous consent for the consent calendar. Consent is unanimous.
4. Reports from officers and departments.
 - A. Planning and Zoning. No new updates
 - B. Maintenance. Gavin is waiting for commercial spray license test results. Gavin is working with Steve to install new home meters, and on the old meter replacements.
 - C. Town Administrator. Wes is still looking at new billing vendors, and working still to update and automate systems and processes.
5. Old business

A. Keltic. The department of health is giving us two options on the lead line replacement. One to extend the deadline, or try to complete by the deadline. Councilman Davies moves to extend the deadline, Councilman Davis seconds. The vote is called and is unanimous to extend the deadline. Lisa from Keltic will take to the Town Administrator about the steps we need to take to extend. Lisa gives an update on the cardlock station project Coleman oil is doing. They will start next week.

B. Surplus list. We have sold two items the generator for \$320 and propane tank for \$150. The John Deere lawn mower will be the next to go up for sale with a reserve of \$1200

C. Counsel compensation. Councilman Davis moves to change the council and mayoral pay to a flat rate of \$750 a year for council and \$1500 a year for the mayor. Councilman Warner seconds that motion. Councilman Davis moves to amend the language of the original motion to make that pay retroactive for those that qualify to the beginning of the year 2022. Councilman Davies seconds the amendment. The vote for the amended language is unanimous. The new amended motion is seconded by Councilman Davies. The vote for the amended original motion passes unanimously, and the resolution is passed.

6. New business

A. Cyndi Arbour/trail update. Cyndi explains that the trail committee has gotten a grant from the national park service to hire tool design company to help design the trail. Cyndi explains that WashDot has come out with their new complete streets plan and that there may be money to update our downtown design in 2026 when they do the chip seal on highway 195. Cyndi is trying to find more grant money to hire Tool design to do the downtown street plan to present to WashDot.

B. Mayor Pro Tem. Councilman Warner moves to nominate Councilman Davies as Mayor pro tem. Councilman Davis seconds the motion. The vote is unanimous.

7. Mayor Comments . Mayor Shore is happy with the direction the town is going in, and thankful for the hard work from all those involved.

8. Council Comments. Councilman Davies likes the direction of the town, and hopes to see the UCDA at all town council meetings. Councilman Davis is happy our levy is ready to go. Councilman Warner wants to know about the lease with the community building, and where we are at in regards to royalties from the cell tower. The town Administrator will look into that and report back.

9. Councilman Warner moves to adjourn. Councilman Davies seconds and the meeting adjourns

Town Council Meeting Minutes
Uniontown Town Council Regular Meeting
Council Chambers
August 10 2022 6:30 pm

1. The regular meeting of the Uniontown town council was called to order at 6:30 pm. Mayor Mike Shore presiding. Council members Davies, Molenda, Davis, Raschka, and Warner were present. Also present was Town Administrator Wesley Kerr, and Maintenance person Gavin Dunaway.
2. Mayor Shore opens the meeting by explaining the public comment guidelines. Mayor Shore then opens the floor for public comment. There is no public comment.
3. Mayor Shore asks if there is unanimous consent for the consent calendar. Consent is unanimous.
4. Reports from officers and departments.
 - A. Planning and zoning. No updates.
 - B. Maintenance. The crosswalk signs are up and working. We are still waiting on Summit to do the work at the Meyers home.

C. Town Administrator. American Tower has reached out to us to try and negotiate a lower tower lease rate. I don't at this time recommend that the tower accommodates this. American tower also offered to buy the property. Administrator asks council for permission to negotiate on behalf of the town. Councilman Davis motions to allow the administrator to negotiate with American tower, councilman Warner seconds the motion, the vote is unanimous.

5. Eric from Keltic gives an update on the bids for the water project. The bid came in at 1.3 million dollars, about 1 million over budget. Eric gave us 3 options. Option 1. Being to reject the bid and ask for more money to do the project. Option 2. Rescope and rebid the project and do it in phases. Option 3. Shelf the project and hope prices go down in the future. Eric asks council for a vote. Councilman Davies motions to approve option, Councilwomen Molenda seconds the motion, the vote is unanimous.

6. Ed Garretson gives an update on the UCDA. Ed says they are making progress on reorganizing and will have an executive session to take about the Jacobs building.

7. Mayor Shore announces the council will go into executive session for 30 minutes to discuss potential litigation past and future. At 7:25 the council and mayor exit to another room. At 7:55 council and the mayor return and resume the regular meeting.

8. Mayor Comments. Mayor Shore says he appreciates the direction the town is going in, and thanks Gavin, and Wes for their hard work. Mayor Shore expresses his happiness with how the crosswalks project went.

9. Council comments. Council Warner would like to see speed enforcement from the county in the early morning hours. Dan also asked if district 14 can be contacted to flush their hydrants. Councilman Warner motions to adjourn the meeting, Councilman Davis seconds the meeting is adjourned.

Town Council Meeting Minutes
Uniontown Town Council Regular Meeting
Council Chambers
September 14 2022 6:30 pm

1. The regular meeting of the Uniontown town council was called to order at 6:30 pm. Mayor Mike Shore presiding. Council members Davies, Molenda, Davis, Raschka, and Warner were present. Also present was Town Administrator Wesley Kerr, and Maintenance person Gavin Dunaway.
2. Mayor Shore opens the meeting by explaining the public comment guidelines. Mayor Shore then opens the floor for public comment. There is no public comment.
3. Mayor Shore asks is there is unanimous consent for the consent calendar. Consent is unanimous.
4. Reports from officers and departments.
 - A. Planning and zoning. No updates.
 - B. Maintenance. We are waiting for Summit to come vac out more dirt so we can locate the service line to replace the meter. Gavin talks about the need to cut down the trees at the sewer pond to maintain the integrity of the pond.

C. Town Administrator. The interlocal agreement for fire district 14 is back. The insurance limits suggested by the town attorney are higher than what the district currently has, the district is currently reviewing the agreement.

D. Council women Molenda asks about the ordinance officer. We are still writing a position description for that position.

5. Old Business.

A. Lisa from Keltic engineering lets us know that the water project is going to bid. Lisa asked for an action item to extend the deadline for the water project. Council Davies motioned to approve the extension of the deadline, with a second from councilman Davis. The motion passes by a unanimous vote.

B. Lisa from Keltic let us know how the TIB grant is going and showed us a map of the streets that could be chip sealed if we get awarded a grant. Mayor Shore explains that we will have to pay for Keltic's services upfront, but that we can reimburse that with money from the TIB grant.

C. UCDA. Ed Garretson from the UCDA board gives an update on the Jacobs bakery building. Ed explained that the UCDA will only sell or rent the Jacobs building to a viable business. Ed said the UCDA will put an ad to get applications from businesses to possibly rent the building. Ed gave an update on the trail committee that will work with the UCDA to get grants for the Uniontown Colton community trail. Ed answered questions about the Barn, and how the UCDA owns it. Ed explains that the UCDA then rents the barn back to the Artisans at the Barn for \$112 per year. Ed said he is ashamed to admit that they rent out the building for that little. Mayor Shore asks about conflicts of interest that exist with Julie Hartwig owning a business in the barn, and being the acting UCDA president, and on the Artisans board. Ed said that that conflict of interest worries him as well. Mayor Shore explains that many people in the community have brought up this issue and are concerned.

6. New Business.

A. UB/Max billing system. Wesley Kerr gave an update on the billing system he previewed

B. Wild animal problem. Wesley Kerr gave an update on the information he got from WSDFW as are as wild foxes are concerned. WSDFW said that residents may trap foxes using live traps, or shoot them if they are a danger to them or their animals.

7. Council Comments.

A. Councilwomen Raschka asks about the broken swing in Holzer park. Gavin said he would take it down. Council then discussed the park equipment and how it is old and needs to be replaced.

8. Councilman Warner moved to adjourn, Davis seconds meeting adjourned.

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Council Chambers

October 12 2022 6:30 pm

1. The regular meeting of the Uniontown town council was called to order at 6:30 pm. Mayor pro tem, Brian Davies presiding. Council Members Davies, Davis, Molenda, Rashka, and Warner were present. Mayor Mike Shore was absent. Also in attendance was Town Administrator Wesley Kerr.
2. Mayor pro tem Davies opens the meeting by reading the public comment guidelines. Mayor pro tem Davies then opens the floor to public comment. There is no public comment.
3. Mayor pro tem Davies ask for unanimous consent for the consent calendar. Consent is unanimous.
4. Reports from officers and departments
 - A. Planning and zoning. The planning and zoning commission has finished it review of the plat for Jeff Jacobs. The plat was approved at the last planning and zoning meeting.
 - B. Maintenance. Gavin is working on leaf clean up, as mowing season is coming to an end.
 - C. Town Administrator. The audit is coming along pretty fast. The budget is coming together and we will need to have budget hearings in November.
5. Old Busniess.
 - A. Keltic has sent us three options for the water project. Mayor pro tem Davies reads the options. The options are to rescope and rebid the project and do it in phases, or to ask for more money, or to shelf the project and hope prices come down. Councilman Warner Motions to rescope and rebid the project. Councilman Davis seconds, the vote is unanimous.
 - B. UCDA. Jason Baerlocher and Ed Garretson have been presented by the UCDA board to serve another 3-year term and need council approval. Councilman Davis motions to appoint Jason and Ed to another 3-year term, Councilwomen Molenda seconds, the vote is unanimous.

6. New Business

A. The town is in need of a dump trailer. Mayor Shore and Wes have been shopping around and we can get one that fits our needs for no more than \$15000. A budget amendment will be needed to move around the money to pay for the trailer. Councilman Davis motions to approve the budget amendment to purchase the trailer, councilman Warner seconds, the vote is unanimous.

B. Uniontown community building. Brian Bannon and Lynn Smith from the community building board came to give an update on the community building. Brian presented some financials and also explained that they don't have a lease with the town now that the furnace loan has been paid back, and now they just run the building for the town. Lynn talked about the need for volunteers especially if they back to a sit-down style sausage feed this year. Some discussion was had about ways the town and public could help, especially where scheduling and advertising the building are concerned. Lynn Smith mentioned that they do have a room permanently rented to Shiana Webber, but a rent rate was not given.

7. Mayor/ council comments. Councilman Davis moves to adjourn, the motion carries.

Town Council Meeting Minutes
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November 9, 2022 6:30 pm

1. The regular meeting of the Uniontown Town Council was called to order at 6:30 pm, with Mayor Mike Shore presiding. Mayor Shore called roll, Council members Davies, Davis, Molenda, Raschka, and Warner were all present. Also present was Wesley Kerr.
2. Mayor Shore opens the meeting by reading the public comment guidelines. Mayor Shore then opens the floor to public comment. There is no public comment.
3. Mayor Shore asks for unanimous consent on the consent calendar. Consent is unanimous.
4. Reports from officers and departments
 - A. Planning and zoning. Nothing new
 - B. Maintenance. Gavin is still looking for a new boat for the sewer pond, and cleaning up leaves.
 - C. Town Administrator. We are finishing up the budget and will have two budget hearings, one on November 17th, and the final one on December 5th. We need council guidance on how much we will reimburse for pressure pumps in the final few homes that qualify in rolling hills. Discussion is had about inflation, and how the pumps cost more now. Councilman Davis motions to reimburse up to \$2000 dollars for a pressure pump. Councilman Warner seconds the motion. The vote is unanimous.
5. Old business
 - A. Mayor Shore reads into the record an update letter from Keltic on the water project.
 - B. UCDA. Nothing New

6. New Business

A. Levy Resolution 512. The 1% increase which is the maximum allowed for the year. Councilman Davies motions to approve Resolution 512, Councilman Davis seconds. The vote is taken and resolution 512 passes unanimously.

B. Budget and budget meetings. Budget meetings will be November 17th and December the 5th at 6:30

C. Community Building. Nothing new

7. Mayor Comments. Mayor Shore gives an update on the meter replacement project that will happen at the co-op. The co-op is building a new grain bin and now is a great time to get this project done while they have the water line exposed

8. Council comments.

A. Brian Davies is looking at getting the platted streets that go through his property vacated as they terminate in an area that can not have growth. Brian is working with Wes and the town attorney Adam Papinni to find the best way to resolve this issue.

B. No other Council Comment.

9. Councilman Warner moves to adjourn.

Town Council Meeting Minutes
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Council Chambers
December 14, 2022 6:30 pm

1. The regular meeting of the Uniontown Town Council was called to order at 6:30 pm, with Mayor Mike Shore presiding. Mayor Shore called roll, Council members Davies, Davis, Molenda, Raschka, and Warner were all present. Also present was Wesley Kerr and Gavin Dunaway
2. Mayor Shore opens the meeting by reading the public comment guidelines. Mayor Shore then opens the floor to public comment. There is no public comment.
3. Mayor Shore asks for unanimous consent on the consent calendar. Consent is unanimous
4. Reports from officers and departments
 - A. Planning and zoning. Nothing new
 - B. Maintenance. Still waiting for ecology to let us burn the burn pile. Snow removal is going well.
 - C. Town Administrator. The Audit exit conference went well. TIB has awarded us a grant to chip seal many of the paved streets in town. TIB may be able to give us more money to chip seal all of our gravel streets as well, we will know for sure in March
5. Old business
 - A. Lisa from Keltic gives an update on the water project. The revised plans will go out to bid soon, the bid will close on the 31st. Keltic has been approached by the CO-OP to help with rerouting their water line. Council members discuss this and see no issue as long as the CO-OP

understands that Keltic ultimately works for the town. Lisa Talks about the TIB grant and what it will do for the streets they plan to chip seal.

B. Ed Garretson from the UCDA says the annual report is ready to be given to the town. Ed then presents the names of the potential new board members picked by the selection committee. Matt Makowski and Coutney Siebken have been presented to the council as new board members for the UCDA board. Matt and Courtney each have unique skills that qualify them for service on the board. Mark Davis moves place Matt and Courtney on the UCDA board. Brian Davies seconds the motion, and the vote is unanimous.

6. Mayor Shore asks for unanimous consent on resolution 513 noxious weed, 514 town newspaper, and 515 wage scale. Consent is unanimous by all council members and a three resolutions are passed.

7. Council Comments.

A. Brian says it has been a great year and we have accomplished a lot. Cindy says it has been a great year, and hopes next year that we can work more on Holzer park. Dan says he feels the town is moving in the right direction. Faith adds that she would love to see us work more on the parks.

8. Dan Warner motions to adjourn at 7:37 pm the motion seconds and the meeting is adjourned.