TOWN OF UNION BRIDGE WORK SESSION October 6, 2025

The Council held a work session meeting on October 6, 2025, at 6:30 p.m., in the Town Hall. Notice of the meeting was given by posting the agenda at the Town Hall, on the Town's website, and provision to the Carroll County Times. Those present were Mayor Perry L. Jones Jr.; Laura Conaway; Tony Bowman; Ellen Cutsail; Bret Grossnickle; and Logan Grossnickle. Clerk Treasurer, Dawn Metcalf was absent. The attendees' sheet is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION

-Members from the Union Bridge Lions Club presented a list of items they would like to do at the Little Pipe Creek Park along the Donald D. Wilson Trail. The Council emphasized the importance to having insurance to cover the volunteers. The Council will seek legal counsel from Mandi Porter, the Town Attorney, regarding liability to the Town. Mr. Dale Wooten is willing to sign a waiver. Mr. Wooten claimed that he used to see trash in the park, but has noticed that the trashcans are being utilized and no litter has been seen. He will supply trash bags for the cans and empty the cans regularly. Mr. Wooten would like to help with the repair or replacement of the bat houses. The Lions Club would like to add more bird houses and a picnic table. They have decided against installing a grill. Ms. Ilene Weeks would like to add memorial benches along the trail. Mayor Jones expressed the importance to anchoring down tables and benches. Resident Joe Conaway (not with the Lions Club) stated that the Boys Scout installed the bat houses and they were designed to come down to be maintained. There are six bat houses on three poles and they were built almost ten years ago. Councilmember Bret Grossnickle suggested the Lions Club contact their insurance carrier to ensure they are covered for mowing. Resident Donald Wilson said that people love the park. A copy of the Lions Club's request is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

-Mr. Marty Hill (Woodhaven Building and Development, Inc.) requested the Town allow Woodhaven to use the wastewater treatment plant reserve capacity so they can begin to develop Jackson Ridge, based on the 2016 engineering report. A copy of his request is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

LAURA CONAWAY

-Council President Laura Conaway reported that Town Hall received a complaint from a resident on N. Farquhar that the feral cats are out of control. The cats make their backyard unlivable because of the smell. They are also seeing a lot of racoons and possums in the area. They have made many calls to Animal Control, with little response.

-Ms. Joy Bowman, Property Manager for Shriner Court, suggested that Ms. Conaway have another meeting with residents in October or November. Ms. Conaway will look at her schedule and plan a meeting.

-A food drive will be held on Saturday, November 15, 2025 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in front of the Dollar General store.

-Cocoa + Candy Canes will be held on Friday, December, 12, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the town square.

ELLEN CUTSAIL

-Ms. Cutsail had no new business.

BRET GROSSNICKLE

-Mr. Grossnickle had no new business.

TONY BOWMAN

-Mr. Bowman had no new business.

LOGAN GROSSNICKLE

-Mr. Grossnickle had no new business.

MAYOR JONES

-Mayor Jones had no new business.

The October council meeting will be held on October 27, 2025.

The November work session meeting will be held on November 10, 2025.

Laura A. Conaway, Council President