

TOWN OF UNIONVILLE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

The Town Council of the Town of Unionville held its regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 18, 2011 in Town Hall, 1102 Unionville Church Road, Monroe, NC. Mayor Simpson and all Commissioners were present. Town Attorney Ken Helms was also present.

Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag, after which Commissioner Crouch led the prayer of invocation.

Mayor Simpson welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

Hearing no corrections, and upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Robert Crouch, Council unanimously approved the minutes of the March 21, 2011 regular meeting.

Mayor Simpson recognized Budget & Finance Officer Darrell Baucom, who reviewed the financial reports, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. Mr. Baucom stated that the Balance Sheet shows the cash balance at BB&T. The Certificate of Deposit has matured at 1.2% interest and was renewed at a rate of .80%. He also added \$50,000 to the CD. Mr. Baucom noted that the Town is favorable on investment income and franchise taxes and is overall ahead of budget \$21,000 on income. On the expense side, the Town is favorable on professional fees and overall favorable on expenses \$5,000. The bottom line shows the Town ahead \$26,000, and noted the CD balances. He added power and gas bills of \$95 each and payroll for Robin Ross to the pending items. Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Edd Little, Council unanimously agreed to pay Robin Ross \$30 for taking minutes in February. Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Edd Little, Council unanimously approved payment of pending bills. Mr. Baucom noted that he has received the deed for the Unionville Community Center, and it has been recorded in the Community Center's name, which was the stipulation for the \$10,000 donation on June 15, 2009. Council agreed that he should disperse this check. Commissioner Ken Brown made inquiry as to the 2011-2012 budget. Mr. Baucom will present information regarding the budget at the May 16, 2011 regular meeting.

Mayor Simpson recognized Mr. Barry Moose, with North Carolina Department of Transportation. Mr. Moose was present to enter into discussions regarding the Five Points intersection consisting of Sikes Mill Road, Love Mill Road, Tom Helms Road and Lawyers Road. Mr. Moose stated that this intersection has been on the NCDOT radar for some time. In 2005, they began to make improvements, but the plans did not progress beyond conceptual, which, he feels now, is a good thing. Those plans would not have improved the intersection, in his opinion. There have been 18 accidents in five years at this intersection. Currently, they are looking at a roundabout to improve this intersection,

although this would require one street to be taken out and only four roads coming in. A typical four-legged intersection has 32 contact points, but the roundabout would reduce it to eight contact points. The cost for this intersection would be approximately \$825,000. He has submitted a request for safety funds, but only anticipates approximately \$200,000. Mr. Moose asked the Town for a resolution supporting the roundabout traffic circle, and Attorney Helms will prepare it. Mayor Pro-Tem Baucom made inquiry as to the timeframe. Mr. Moose was uncertain. Attorney Helms made inquiry as to whether this is the highest crash point within the Town. Mr. Moose was uncertain, but stated that it would rival the top. Commissioner Brown made inquiry as to the proximity of the schools. Mr. Moose said that the state is particularly sensitive to schools.

In another matter, Mayor Pro-Tem Baucom made inquiry as to a group of citizens' petition for a lower speed limit on Kate Road approximately a year ago. Mr. Moose will check on it and advise the Town regarding this matter.

Mayor Simpson recognized Jenna Westbrook, the Director of Development for Hornet's Nest Girl Scout Council. The Girl Scouts are running a campaign for "camperships"—scholarships for Girl-Scout camp. Resident camps are \$220 per girl for one week. They have an 81% increase in requests for financial assistance this year. Ms. Westbrook read one of her requests from a single parent. The Girl Scouts are requesting \$300 for summer camp to help 1-2 girls. Commissioner Little made inquiry as to which county they will serve. Ms. Westbrook stated that they serve 1,800 girls in Union County, and any donations will stay in Union County. Mayor Simpson made inquiry as to whether they have petitioned other municipalities. Ms. Westbrook stated that they are. Mayor Pro-Tem Baucom made inquiry as to their funds from other sources. Ms. Westbrook stated that they have raised over \$2,000 so far. The deadline for scholarship applications is May 1. They have also asked families, staff and the Board to give. Mayor Simpson tabled this decision until the May 16, 2011 regular meeting.

Mayor Simpson recognized Elder Murray L. Edwards, pastor of Union Springs AME Zion Church and presiding elder in Union and Anson Counties. He requested \$1,000 assistance for the church's arbor, which was built in 1877 and served as their meeting place until 92 years ago, when they built their sanctuary. Three of their church members were present also. Mayor Simpson made inquiry as to whether this would qualify for historic preservation grants. Elder Edwards stated that a gentleman from Raleigh must make that determination, and will be in the area at a later date. Commissioner Ken Brown made inquiry if this was the arbor he read about in the local newspaper. Elder Edwards confirmed that it is the same. Elder Edwards stated that the congregation is small—55-60 members—and this binds them some with resources. Mayor Simpson tabled this item until the May 16, 2011 meeting.

Mayor Simpson recognized teacher and Odyssey of the Mind Coach Eric Hinson from Unionville Elementary School. Mr. Hinson thanked the Council for their past support and reported that two teams from Unionville Elementary School won the state

Competition and are going to University of Maryland on May 26-30, 2011 to compete in the World OM Competition. They are asking for \$7,434 from the Town this year. Mr. Hinson showed a short video of the OM program. Mayor Pro-Tem Baucom made inquiry as to what other entities they are requesting funding from. They are asking local businesses; they have sponsored a sock-hop, and are selling trading pins to raise funds. They are also discussing a Chick-Fil-A night. Mayor Simpson made inquiry as to any county funds supporting this program. Mr. Hinson said that they receive no support from the county, and that Unionville is the only team in the county that competed at the state level and will compete at the World level. Mayor Pro-Tem made inquiry as to a deadline for contributions. Mr. Hinson said they would have bills due as early as April 28. Commissioner Brown made inquiry as to the Town's contribution in the past. Budget Officer Baucom stated that \$4,000 is budgeted this year. Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Randy Baucom, Council unanimously approved a contribution of \$2,000 to Unionville Elementary School's Odyssey of the Mind teams.

Clerk Gaddy stated that United Family Services, Union County Community Arts and Newspapers in Education would attend the May 16, 2011 meeting.

Residents Dana and Kevin Johnson approached Council, asking for their blessing to begin a Unionville Chamber of Commerce to promote business within Unionville itself. Council was not opposed to this idea.

There being no other business, Mayor Simpson declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonya W. Gaddy
Clerk

Approved as to form:

R. Kenneth Helms, Jr., Town Attorney