

**TOWN OF UNIONVILLE
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

The Unionville Town Council met on Monday, April 20, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in Town Hall, 1102 Unionville Church Road, Monroe, NC. Mayor Simpson and Commissioners Randy Baucom, Ken Brown, Edd Little and Jaren Simpson 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 Jaren Simpson led the prayer of invocation.

Mayor Simpson called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present.

Clerk Gaddy administered the Oath of Office to Ken Trull as Commissioner of Town of Unionville. Mr. Trull fills the vacated office of Robert Crutch, who resigned due to health reasons. He joined the other commissioners and sat in on the meeting.

There were no public comments.

Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Randy Baucom, Council unanimously approved the minutes of the March 16, 2015 public hearing, regular meeting and executive session.

Mayor Simpson recognized Budget and Finance Officer Darrell Baucom, who reviewed the financial report, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. He made note of the Balance Sheet and reported \$803,000 in the money market account and \$280,000 at BB&T Bank and \$1,184,000 in the certificate of deposit. The income for the year is \$323,000 vs. budget. On the expense side, there is a swing between health insurance and payroll, as it is now being reported as income due to the Affordable Care Act. It appears the Town is short on insurance and over on payroll. Legal fees are below budget and the solid waste cost sharing bill of \$8,000 will be out in a few weeks. In Pending Bills, worker's compensation for 2015-2016 is due June 30, 2015. Please add Duke Energy for \$116.50 and City of Monroe for \$72.34. Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Edd Little, Council unanimously approved payment of pending bills including the ones listed above. In addition, Mr. Baucom asked for approval of cyber liability insurance of \$1,000. The consensus of the Council was to renew this insurance.

Mr. Baucom introduced the proposed 2015-2016 budget, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. The first page describes various income expenses. The ad valorem tax base rate went down \$20,000,000, lowering ad valorem taxes from \$87,500 to \$81,500. Cable franchise fees stayed the same; other franchise taxes were \$5,000 lower. Motor vehicle taxes increased as the state recommended a 4% increase on sales and use tax; zoning fees are the same as last year. This allows \$150,000 into the cash account. Contributions of \$85,000 include \$60,000 to

Unionville VFD, \$6,000 to Unionville Elementary Odyssey of the Mind and \$5,000 to Unionville Lions Club. If you take away the contribution for the truck, the VFD contribution is the same as last year. Dues and subscriptions are up approximately \$100. Health insurance reflects Clerk Gaddy's life and dental insurance. Liability worker's compensation and general liability went to \$9,000 from \$8,500. Repairs, maintenance and office supplies remain the same. Payroll is higher due to the inclusion of health insurance. A 3 percent cost of living and merit raise, as recommended by N.C. League of Municipalities, is factored in. Postage is up to \$2,400 from \$1,700. The cost of the audit remains the same. Consulting fees are up due to urban forester; elections expense remains the same; legal fees are less based on the previous year. The zoning administration estimate is \$1,800. Retirement benefits are up due to health insurance being reported as income. Payroll taxes are \$4,800; solid waste estimate is \$8,000; training is \$600; travel is \$2,400. Utilities remain the same.

Commissioner Ken Brown gave a report on the County's budget workshop. He stated that they froze the volunteer fire departments' budgets and wanted to raise taxes 4.4 cents countywide and have those funds go into the general fund for volunteer fire departments. He and a group of volunteer firemen asked the Commissioners to postpone this decision, as they have no control over the county funds. He thinks the fire department will get by, but in the worst case scenario, the Town may need to take over the volunteer fire department. Mayor Simpson stated that the outcome may not be known until July 1, 2015. Commissioner Jaren Simpson made inquiry as to the amount of funds Unionville VFD could expect from the county. Commissioner Brown was not sure. Mayor Pro-Tem Baucom made inquiry as to Unionville VFD's trucks being redistributed. Commissioner Brown said that was a possibility if the county bought the trucks, but the ones Unionville purchased would stay in their possession. Commissioner Brown stated that the county is forming a committee to make a recommendation to the commissioners. Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Randy Baucom, Council unanimously agreed to request representation on that committee. Commissioner Ken Brown agreed to serve as the Unionville liaison on this committee.

Clerk Gaddy stated that charitable contribution representatives will be at next month's meeting. Commissioner Ken Trull made inquiry as to how the Town has supported them in the past. Budget and Finance Officer Baucom reported that the Town did not contribute to Union County Community Arts Council last year, but gave \$1,000 in 2013; the Town gave \$1,500 to Turning Point last year.

Attorney Ken Helms reported that our contract with Centralina Council of Governments expires June 30, 2016. If the Council were to want to make a change, they would be required to give a six-month notice to Centralina and the towns who contract with them. The consensus of the Council was to review this situation in September, 2015, as this gives the Town plenty of time to notify everyone.

Council reviewed the report from Palmetto Pest Control, but made no recommendations.

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