

TOWN OF UNIONVILLE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

The Town Council of the Town of Unionville met at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 29, 2014. The April 21, 2014 meeting was postponed due to the visitation for former Commissioner Jim Baucom. 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 Robert Croutch led the prayer of invocation, remembering the Jim Baucom family and the Oklahoma tornado victims.

Mayor Simpson called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance. He remembered former Commissioner and Town founding father Jim Baucom fondly, stating that Jim was very giving and that many people never knew the numerous things Jim did to help the people of this community.

There being no corrections to the minutes of the March 17, 2014 regular meeting minutes, Mayor Simpson declared them approved as reviewed by Council.

Mayor Simpson recognized Budget & Finance Officer Darrell Baucom, who reviewed the Financial Report, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. Mr. Baucom provided the normal Balance Sheet package and a Profit and Loss Budget for 2014-2015 for Council's review. The current Balance Sheet shows the balances at BB&T and the certificates of deposit. In Budget vs. Actual, the total income is within \$284 of budgeted \$320,000. Expenses are down \$17,000 due to Contributions, elections and legal fees. Overall, expenses are less than budget \$41,000 and income exceeds budget by \$41,000. There is nothing significant in transactions since last month. In Pending Bills to be Paid, please add Barbee Lawn Care for November, 2013 through March, 2014, plus lime and fertilizer at Town Hall, and October, 2013 through February, 2014 at the Community Center. Also, add Sharp Electronics for \$67.25, Municipal Insurance Trust for \$84.50, Union County Urban Forester Program for \$2,224.45, Neopost for \$176.14 and Time Warner Cable for \$217.11. The Certificate of Deposit will mature May 7 at a current rate of .35 percent. Mr. Baucom stated that Bank of NC pays .50 percent, so he will check with them for renewal. The consensus was to discuss the 2014-2015 budget at the May 19, 2014 regular meeting. Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Edd Little, Council unanimously agreed to pay pending bills, including the bills included above.

Mayor Simpson recognized Kaitlyn Ferrar, and eighth-grader who has been in Odyssey of the Mind since third grade. Her team from Piedmont Middle School will compete in World Finals in Iowa in less than a month. She thanked the Town for their past support and current consideration.

Parent and Odyssey of the Mind coach Rhett Brown addressed Council. He stated that two Piedmont Middle School teams and a team of Unionville Elementary School students

sponsored by Monroe Kiwanis Club have advanced to World Finals in Iowa the end of May. This is the fourth year in a row that local teams have gone to World Finals. There are 21 students and six coaches who will pay \$550 each for room, board and registration for the weekend. The funds are due in two days. Mr. Brown has two children on OM teams, and each year his son says the World Finals weekend was the best weekend of his life. The teams are trying to raise \$10,000 and have currently raised \$5,000. Last year, Unionville Elementary won their division and student Ian York received the highest award for creativity and problem solving. Upon motion duly made by Randy Baucom, seconded by Ken Brown, Council unanimously approved a donation of \$2,000 per team, for a total of \$6,000 for Odyssey of the Mind World Finals participants.

In considering the vacant Planning Board alternate position, and upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Jaren Simpson, Council unanimously appointed Jeff Broadway to a three-year Planning Board alternate term, as recommended by Planning Board.

Unionville Volunteer Fire Chief Billy Canupp addressed Council. He stated that the department's new rescue truck is being constructed. In reviewing the financing, a proposal was made to take a portion of the existing funds from the Town and pay off a higher-interest loan. He is seeking the Town's permission for this action. Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Randy Baucom, Council unanimously approved the use of Town funds to pay off the higher-interest loan, as it will save the department approximately \$25,000.

In considering the proposal of pruning trees on the Community Center lot and across Unionville-Indian Trail Road by Dave Smith Tree Experts, and upon motion duly made by Randy Baucom, Council unanimously agreed to reconsider this action at the August, 2014 meeting. Commissioner Edd Little requested that Unionville Community Center President Sandra Carriker attend the August, 2014 meeting to discuss this issue.

There being no other business, and upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Jaren Simpson, Council unanimously adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonya W. Gaddy
Clerk to the Board

Approved as to form:

R. Kenneth Helms, Jr., Town Attorney