

## **TOWN OF UNIONVILLE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

The regular August 18, 2008 meeting of the Town of Unionville was held at 7:45 p.m. in Town Hall, 1102 Unionville Church Road, Monroe, NC. Mayor Simpson and Commissioners Jim Baucom, Randy Baucom, Robert Croutch and Edd Little were present. Attorney Ken Helms was also present. Commissioner Ken Brown was absent.

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

Mayor Simpson called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

There being no corrections to the minutes of the July 21, 2008 public hearing and regular meeting, Mayor Simpson declared them approved as reviewed.

Mayor Simpson recognized Budget and Finance Officer Darrell Baucom, who reviewed the financial statements, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. Mr. Baucom reported that Baxter Starnes has agreed to conduct the audit of Griffin Farm and Landfill; however, the landfill has closed. The commissioners asked that Mr. Starnes make an appointment with Mr. Griffin to provide information needed for the audit. Upon motion duly made by Robert Croutch, seconded by Randy Baucom, Council unanimously agreed to pay pending bills.

The next item of business was to appoint five members to the Parks and Recreation Committee. We have applications from Darrell Baucom, John Fagala, Michele Sarno and Brendan Sheprow. Upon motion duly made by Randy Baucom, seconded by Edd Little, Council unanimously agreed to accept applications until September 10, 2008, and table this item until the September 15, 2008 meeting.

The Council then considered a voluntary annexation fee of \$250, as recommended by Planning Board. The current cost to the Town per annexation is approximately \$475. Planning Board Chairman Gene Price reported that the amount of \$250 was reached, as it was a fair amount based on the costs, and the fact that most people would save this amount or more if comparing City of Monroe taxes to Town of Unionville taxes. Upon motion duly made by Randy Baucom, seconded by Edd Little, Council unanimously agreed to accept Planning Board's recommendation of \$250 per voluntary annexation fee, based on a compromise of almost fifty percent of the cost to the Town.

Mayor Simpson recognized Unionville Volunteer Fire Department Chief Billy Canupp. Mr. Canupp reported that the fire department recently completed a review of insurance rating by the state. Previously they were rated at 9S/6, serving up to a five-mile radius from the department. Currently, they are rated 9E, which provides an extra mile of service from the department. This requires a contract with each municipality they serve. Attorney Ken Helms reported that he has reviewed the one-year contract, and the fire department accepts liability and

holds the Town harmless. There is no cost to the Town upon entering into this contract. Mr. Helms welcomed a review by someone else, as he represents both the Town and the Fire Department. Upon motion duly made by Randy Baucom, seconded by Jim Baucom, Council unanimously agreed to enter into this contract with the Unionville Volunteer Fire Department.

Mayor Simpson recognized Mr. Harry Sherwood, with Hospice of Union County, requesting \$5,000. Mr. Sherwood stated that the third Hospice house is being built to provide better and more intensive care for patients who need hospice care. It is a 15,000-square-foot project costing \$3.5 million that should be completed sometime next year. Union County's first house was the first in the state, and was constructed by generous contributions from citizens. A doctor will be on campus every day and a registered nurse will be present at all times. Hospice is approaching 72 percent of the funds for this house committed or raised. They are asking all municipalities to contribute, and 12 of the 13 municipalities have been visited; most of them have contributed. Upon motion duly made by Randy Baucom, seconded by Robert Crutch, Council unanimously agreed to contribute \$5,000 over a two-year period--\$2,500 this year and \$2,500 next year.

Attorney Ken Helms reviewed the Resolution in Support of Reducing the Speed Limit on Kate Road, stating that he tried to set out what the residents requested. After further discussion with Mary Brown, he recommends asking for 35 miles per hour, but leave an opportunity for 45 miles per hour. Upon motion duly made by Jim Baucom, seconded by Edd Little, Council unanimously adopted this resolution, and agreed to send it to North Carolina Department of Transportation.

Upon a recommendation by Attorney Ken Helms, and upon motion duly made by Randy Baucom, seconded by Edd Little, Council unanimously agreed to enter into Executive Session to discuss the Oropesa litigation with its attorney.

Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Jim Baucom, Council unanimously agreed to adjourn Executive Session.

Commissioner Randy Baucom made a request that Planning Board further explore conditional use permits for subdivisions. Planning Board Chairman Gene Price reported that the item is on the September 8, 2008 meeting agenda.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sonya W. Gaddy  
Clerk

Approved as to form:

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R. Kenneth Helms, Jr., Town Attorney