

TOWN OF UNIONVILLE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

The August 16, 2010 regular meeting of the Town of Unionville was held at 7:30 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. Commissioner Ken Brown was absent. Town Attorneys Ken Helms and Tom Griffin were also present.

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

Mayor Simpson welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

Due to some matters regarding the Griffin Farm and Landfill lawsuit, and upon motion duly made by Randy Baucom, seconded by Jim Baucom, Council unanimously agreed to enter into Executive Session to consult with their attorney, Tom Griffin.

Upon motion duly made by Randy Baucom, seconded by Robert Croutch, Council unanimously adjourned the Executive Session with Attorney Tom Griffin.

Upon motion duly made by Randy Baucom, seconded by Edd Little, Council unanimously approved the June 22, 2010 closed session minutes and July 19, 2010 regular meeting minutes and executive session minutes.

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 there has not been much activity yet this year. He also stated that the Town has received more income from hold harmless than previously estimated by the state. He noted the contribution to the Piedmont High School Athletic Booster Club, and stated that the Town is under budget in legal fees and payroll, and that the Town is favorable \$2,000 in actual income versus budget. Mr. Baucom noted the certificate of deposit information provided on the Pending Bills page. He has additional bills from Enquirer-Journal of \$104, Hildreth Construction of \$690, and International League of Cities of \$500. Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Jim Baucom, Council unanimously approved pending bills to be paid and included the bills named above from Enquirer-Journal and Hildreth Construction.

Tax Collector Sonya Gaddy stated that Council is not required to take any action on the 2009 Delinquent Tax list she distributed to them. This is being provided for their information only, as required by G.S. 105-373(a).

In considering a charitable contribution request of \$1,250 from Union County Community Arts Council, Council asked that Clerk Sonya Gaddy contact Ms. Faulk and

inquire as to what amount is spent on programs at Unionville Elementary, Piedmont Middle and Piedmont High Schools. Council also inquired as to how the UCCAC coordinates with the arts programs at these schools.

In considering Text Amendment TC10-03 from Lakeview Baptist Church for an amendment to Section 281 of the Land Use Ordinance to allow LED signs to transmit community service related information, Mayor Simpson set a public hearing for 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 20, 2010.

Mayor Simpson recognized Mr. Richard Melton, Union County Extension Director, who spoke about the Urban Forester Draft. Mr. Melton explained that the Urban Forester position works out of his office. This is a grant position that Jerry Simpson, former County Extension Director, had the vision to apply for a grant and received from North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources for three years. This person is a certified arborist, and promotes urban forest programs in urban areas of Union County due to the amount of trees being cut down in our county. The expired grant was a matching grant of \$30,000 from the state and \$30,000 from the county. The recommendation from Union County to continue this position is for each municipality to provide the state's part, based on population, as he spends much of his time working with the municipalities. Unionville's proposed allocation is \$1,854.81. The urban forester would be available to work with the Town regarding tree checks or evaluations, ordinances, and Tree City proposals. Mayor Simpson made inquiry as to how this differed from the North Carolina Forest Service. Mr. Melton stated that this deals with the impact of forests in urban areas and the Forest Service deals more with production forests. Mayor Pro-Tem Baucom made inquiry as to this person inspecting a resident's tree. Mr. Melton stated that, because Unionville citizens are also Union County citizens, they would have access to this position. However, if Unionville were to participate, the Town would have an expert witness at their disposal, someone who could make a technical review of construction, assist with needs assessment, outreach programs and ordinance development and updates. This person sits on several Parks & Recreation Boards as an ex officio member and several beautification committees. Attorney Ken Helms made inquiry as to Unionville's allotment if some of the other municipalities do not participate. Mr. Melton said that number will not change and that nine municipalities have already committed to the one-year agreement. Mr. Baucom made inquiry as to the forester's availability to work with our Planning Board if he is needed. Mr. Melton stated that he could give technical advice, and that ten municipalities in North Carolina have been cited for the progressiveness of their programs, four of which were in Union County. Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Randy Baucom, Council unanimously elected to participate in the Urban Forester program.

Clerk Sonya Gaddy reported that a representative of the Local Government Federal Credit Union visited her, and asked if Council would like to hear a presentation from him at their next meeting. Council requested this visit from LGFCU.

Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Randy Baucom, Council unanimously agreed to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter with Attorney Ken Helms.

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

In other business, Union Exterminating provided a quote of \$990 for termite treatment on Town Hall. Upon motion duly made by Randy Baucom, seconded by Jim Baucom, Council unanimously approved this quote.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sonya W. Gaddy
Clerk

Approved as to form:

R. Kenneth Helms, Jr., Town Attorney

Thomas N. Griffin, III, Town Attorney