

**TOWN OF UNIONVILLE
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

The Town of Unionville Town Council met at 7:30 pm. on Monday, August 19, 2013 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 Robert Crouch led the prayer of invocation.

Mayor Simpson welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

There being no corrections to the minutes of the July 9, 2013 special meeting and the July 15, 2013 regular meeting, Mayor Simpson declared them approved as reviewed by Council.

Mayor Simpson recognized Budget and Finance Officer Darrell Baucom, who reviewed the financial report, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. Mr. Baucom called Council's attention to the BB&T balance of \$147,000, which shows excess franchise tax deposits in June. He also called Council's attention to the Certificate of Deposit balances. This being the first month of the new fiscal year, the Town has overall income of \$6,000 and \$9,400 was budgeted. Expenses were \$21,000, as July is typically a large expense month, since many insurances and dues are payable in July. The Town is ahead of budget \$19,000. In Bills Paid Since Last Month, property and casualty insurance, NC League of Municipalities and Centralina Council of Governments dues and legal fees were paid. In Pending Bills to be Paid, the first audit installment is due and everything else is ordinary. In addition to pending bills, please add a \$100 fire fee, Duke Energy \$171.15 and City of Monroe \$22.66. Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Robert Crouch, Council unanimously approved payment of pending bills.

Mayor Simpson drew Council's attention to a Resolution Honoring Piedmont High School's Men's Baseball and Wrestling teams for their state championships, and requesting road signs to this effect on Concord Highway and Morgan Mill Road at Baucom Deese Road. Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Ken Brown, Council unanimously approved this resolution. This resolution will be sent to North Carolina Department of Transportation.

Mayor Simpson then drew Council's attention to a Resolution designating September 17 – 23 as Constitution Week, as September 17, 2013 marks the 226th anniversary of the constitution. Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Randy Baucom, Council unanimously approved this resolution. This resolution will be displayed in Town Hall.

Mayor Simpson recognized Urban Forester Bill Smith, who distributed a soil analysis and recommendation for treatment of the trees at Town Hall, and two Unionville Community Center lots. Mr. Smith attached the reports from North Carolina State University and used formulas to make recommendations. All areas are low in pH, which is normal for Union County. Dolomitic powdered lime increases trees' ability to absorb nutrients and fertilizer helps them to grow. He did not include a cost analysis, as he felt many Councilmen were familiar with the costs of these products. Mayor Pro-Tem Randy Baucom made inquiry as to Unionville Community Center's input. Mr. Smith has not talked to anyone from the Community Center yet. He also recommends some fill dirt or mulch at the Community Center. Mr. Smith recommended taking bids on this work. Upon motion duly made by Randy Baucom, seconded by Ken Brown, Council unanimously agreed to accept bids for the work, breaking out the three areas specifically. Attorney Ken Helms reminded Council that the Town does not own the Community

Center, and recommended someone communicate with them and get their thoughts. Commissioner Little agreed to contact Jerry Hinson about this work. Mr. Smith will also make recommendations for parking-area trees layout. Attorney Helms will also check the General Statutes regarding advertisement for bids.

Tax Collector Sonya Gaddy presented a sample of the 2013 tax bill, and stated that the red color will allow the Town tax bill to look different from the Union County tax bill. She reported that 2013 tax bills will be mailed on Friday, August 23, 2013.

In other business, Commissioner Ken Brown reported that the Volunteer Fire Department is getting a new rescue truck, and can save \$22,000 if the finances are in order now. They anticipate that the bank will require a Town resolution to that effect. He requested a resolution from the Town stating that the Town has agreed to give \$400,000 on July 1, 2014 for this truck. Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Edd Little, Council unanimously approved this resolution.

In other business, Commissioner Ken Brown requested the disbursement of \$60,000 to Unionville Volunteer Fire Department, as set forth in the 2013-2014 budget. No vote was required, as this item is included in the yearly budget.

Unionville resident and Volunteer Fire Chief Billy Canupp address Council. He thanked the Town for how gracious they have been to the department over the last several years. He stated that funding is hard to come by and they strive to be as frugal as possible. In light of the \$400,000 for the rescue truck, this will put the department in a good position to respond to incidents in the Town and the surrounding area. This not only affects the Town, but allows them to go beyond our borders. It extends their buying power and allows them to go forward with FEMA and state grants. On behalf of the Town, Commissioner Edd Little thanked the Volunteer Fire Department for their work in the community. Chief Canupp stated that the updated gadgets on the newer trucks spark an interest for the future generations of fire fighters. Unionville's department is 67 members strong and the average firefighter is 23-25 years old, ranging from 18 to 72 years old. Last year, the department responded to 750 calls—80 percent were medical-related and 20 percent were fire-related. He expects this year to be similar. In 2011, they had 998 calls.

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