

TOWN OF UNIONVILLE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

The December 21, 2009 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 Randy Baucom, Ken Brown and Edd Little were present. Attorney Ken Helms was also present. Commissioners Jim Baucom and Robert Crouch were absent.

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

Mayor Simpson called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

There being no corrections to the November 16, 2009 public hearing and regular meeting minutes, Mayor Simpson declared them approved as reviewed by the Council.

Mayor Simpson recognized Budget and Finance Officer Darrell Baucom, who reviewed the financial reports, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. Mr. Baucom reported that the certificate of deposit matured during the month at 3% interest and has been renewed at .7% interest. This brings a total of \$1.5 million in CD's. Franchise taxes are higher than estimated; contributions are unfavorable due to fire truck striping; and legal fees are favorable due to the landfill lawsuit being settled. Year-to-date the Town is \$66,000 favorable to plan. In activity, several deposits for ad valorem taxes have been made. Commissioner Ken Brown made inquiry as to whether we have received a bill from Scott Barbee for yard and Christmas tree work. Mr. Baucom has not received that bill yet, and stated that Mr. Barbee typically sends a bill for several months' work at a time. Commissioner Randy Baucom made inquiry as to the Town Clerk reporting her hours for the Christmas tree lighting. She stated that she donates those hours. Darrell Baucom reported that he has agreed to become Town of Fairview's Finance Officer, but they will change their meeting dates to the second Monday of the month so there will be no conflict. Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Randy Baucom, Council unanimously approved payment of pending bills.

Mayor Simpson recognized John Kapelar with Potter and Company, regarding the financial statement review and audit for 2009. Mr. Kapelar thanked the Town for using his firm, and reported that Unionville has an "unqualified" opinion of the financial statements as of June 30, 2009, which is the highest level of assurance that a CPA can give that the Town's financial position is clean. He summarized the report, and a copy of this report is appended to these minutes. Mayor Simpson made inquiry as to the proportion of expenses versus revenues having stayed consistent from year to year. Mr. Kapelar stated that in 2008, legal fees spiked compared to 2007 and 2009, and that expenses are constant if you take out the items that are not reoccurring.

Mayor Simpson recognized John Brewer, Commander of Unionville American Legion Post 535. Mr. Brewer read the attached letter and stated that the Legion was extremely pleased regarding the December 6, 2009 parade and Christmas tree lighting. Mayor Simpson made inquiry as to how many entries were in the parade. Mr. Brewer did not know the exact number, but estimated 65 to 75. Commissioner Randy Baucom made inquiry as to how many people were present. Someone guessed between 500 and 600. Mr. Brewer asked that a committee be formed representing Town of Unionville and the American Legion to come together in January and analyze what might need to be done differently in 2010. Ken Brown, Randy Baucom and Sonya Gaddy agreed to represent Unionville on this committee. Mr. Brewer stated that the Legion's next big project is Memorial Day, and would like to have an annual event in Unionville working with the churches. Ideas for next year were to have fighter jets fly over, and have people bring Toys for Tots donations.

In considering times and dates for the 2010 meetings, upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Edd Little, Council unanimously approved the same meeting date and time as 2009 – the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. In considering appointment of officials for 2010, upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Edd Little, Council unanimously appointed the same officers for 2010 as 2009. They are as follows:

Mayor Pro-Tem – Randy Baucom
Centralina COG delegate – Edd Little
Centralina COG alternate – Robert Croutch
MUMPO delegate – Randy Baucom
Attorney – Ken Helms, Jr.
Finance Officer – Darrell Baucom
Clerk – Sonya Gaddy
Deputy Clerk – Jan Mongan

Commissioner Ken Brown volunteered to serve as a liaison between the Town and the Union County Board of Commissioners, should the occasion arise.

In other business, upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Edd Little, Council unanimously agreed to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss an employee issue. Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Edd Little, Council unanimously agreed to adjourn Executive Session.

Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Edd Little, Council unanimously approved Christmas bonuses of \$500 to Darrell Baucom and Sonya Gaddy and \$100 to Jan Mongan.

In other business, Commissioner Ken Brown reminded everyone to keep Jon Williams, Fairview Mayor Richard Williams' son, in their prayers. Mayor Williams passed away last week of a massive stroke.

Town Clerk Sonya Gaddy requested two days of vacation on Wednesday, December 23 and Thursday, December 31, 2009.

Commissioner Edd Little made everyone aware that several municipalities and counties are resigning their position with Centralina Council of Governments, including Fairview, who has hired Indian Trail's former Town Manager, Ed Humphries, to administer its zoning two days per week. Town Clerk Sonya Gaddy applied for the Introduction to Zoning class with the School of Government last December, but the class was full, and the next class has not been scheduled. The consensus of the Council was to have Mayor Simpson talk to Fairview representatives and get their input.

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