

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

The February 15, 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, Ken Brown, and Edd Little were present. Commissioner Robert Crutch was absent. Town Attorney Ken Helms was also present.

Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag, after which Mayor Simpson led the prayer of invocation.

Mayor Simpson then called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.

Clerk Sonya Gaddy administered the oath of office to Commissioner Ken Brown.

There being no corrections or additions to the minutes of the January 18, 2010 regular meeting, Mayor Simpson declared them approved as reviewed by 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 a certificate of deposit will come due on February 22, 2010, and he will also roll in the excess from checking into the certificate of deposit and will shop around for the best rates. Highlighting the financial reports, Mr. Baucom stated that legal fees are under budget, giving rise to the favorable net income for the year and noted that there hasn't been much activity this month. Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Edd Little, Council unanimously agreed to pay pending bills.

Mayor Simpson reported that he has not met with Fairview officials regarding their land use and zoning situation yet. It was noted that Fairview has hired Ed Humphries as their Land Use Administrator. His office hours are Tuesday and Thursday 9 am – 4 pm at \$2,500 per month. Currently, Unionville is paying Centralina COG \$35,000 to \$40,000 annually. The consensus of the Council is to have Randy Baucom and Edd Little meet with him. Clerk Sonya Gaddy will organize this meeting.

Mayor Simpson recognized Tim Edwards, who represented Dave Tetrick, regarding the urban archery season. Mr. Edwards distributed information from the North Carolina wildlife website, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. This is a 2007-2008 harvest report, highlighting Union County. A total of 1,900 deer were killed in Union County, and the ratio is 50/50 males to females. The amount was very similar for 2009. Mr. Edwards asked the Council to consider participating in the 2011 urban archery season. Requirements of the Town are a letter of intent sent to the state by April 1, 2010 and a recent map of the Town boundaries. This would need to be done each year for the

following year. He also stated that Monroe public safety is meeting this month to vote on this same issue.

Unionville resident Greg Little stated that he has contacted two state biologists and their opinion is that the deer population will not be stressed too badly with the urban archery season.

Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Edd Little, Council unanimously agreed to participate in the 2011 urban archery season.

Regarding ethics training required by the state for all elected officials, Mayor Simpson made inquiry as to the ramifications if the training is not taken within the specified timeline. Attorney Ken Helms stated that, although he has not read the statute, someone would have the power to challenge any decisions made by the Council if the entire Council did not take the ethics training. Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Randy Baucom, Council unanimously called a special meeting for March 25, 2010 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall for the purpose of participating in the ethics training webinar.

Town Clerk Sonya Gaddy reported that she and Commissioners Randy Baucom and Ken Brown met with representatives from Unionville American Legion Post 535 regarding the annual Christmas parade and tree lighting. The discussion from that meeting was to change the date from the first Sunday in December to the first Saturday in December. The reason for the change is due to the rental of the Unionville Community Center, however, since the meeting it has been brought to our attention that the center is also rented every Saturday in December. Mrs. Gaddy has left messages with two of the Legion members, but has not received a response. The consensus of the Council was to wait to hear from the American Legion.

Town Council members then discussed the attached Legislative Positions for the 2010 Short Session of the North Carolina General Assembly. The consensus of the Council was to remove the final paragraph regarding Union County Commission Governance. Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Randy Baucom, Council unanimously adopted the resolution excluding the final paragraph regarding Union County Commission Governance. A copy of this resolution is appended to these minutes and will be forwarded to Union County Commissioners and all Union County municipalities.

Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Edd Little, Council unanimously accepted the petition for voluntary annexation on Ridge Road and approved the resolution directing the clerk to investigate this petition. A copy of this petition is appended to these minutes.

In other business, Commissioner Randy Baucom stated that Commissioner Croutch underwent surgery today, and recommended that the Town send him a flower. The Council agreed with this suggestion.

Clerk Sonya Gaddy reminded the Council of the Chamber of Commerce reception honoring the service of elected officials of Marshville, Unionville and Wingate on Tuesday, February 16, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. at the Jesse Helms Center in Wingate.

In other business, Mayor Simpson stated that the Union County Board of Commissioners is currently considering the sale of Carolinas Medical Center – Union and asked the pleasure of the Council. Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Jim Baucom, Council unanimously agreed to adopt a resolution stating that the Town does not support the sale of the hospital. A copy of this resolution is appended to these minutes.

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