

TOWN OF UNIONVILLE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

The Town Council of the Town of Unionville met at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, February 23, 2015 in Town Hall, 1102 Unionville Church Road, Monroe, NC. Mayor Simpson and Commissioners Randy Baucom, Edd Little and Jaren Simpson were present. Town Attorney Ken Helms was also present. Commissioners Ken Brown 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 present.

There were no public comments.

There being no corrections to the minutes of the January 19, 2015 public hearing and 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. In Profit and Loss vs. Actual, income is over budget by \$857. On the expense side, actual is less than budget in professional fees and solid waste cost-sharing. Health insurance is offset by payroll due to group health insurance. Net income of \$24,732 is favorable to budget. The Enquirer-Journal advertising bill for annexation is larger than normal. Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Randy Baucom, Council unanimously approved payment of pending bills. Mr. Baucom also drew Council's attention to Moyer Smith Roller's quote of \$8,400 for the annual audit contract. Upon motion duly made by Randy Baucom, seconded by Edd Little, Council unanimously approved the 2015-2016 audit contract with Moyer Smith Roller. Mr. Baucom also reported that we are working with BB&T to accept debit and credit card payments for taxes and zoning fees, with the understanding that the applicant will pay the processing card fee of 3.39% per transaction. He also has additional pending bills to Lereta Tax Service for \$33.74; Duke Energy for \$155.75 and City of Monroe for \$137.37. Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Jaren Simpson, Council unanimously approved payment of these additional pending bills.

In considering the resignation of Commissioner Robert Crouch due to health reasons, Attorney Ken Helms reported that the Town's charter calls for five commissioners and the mayor. The Council needs to appoint someone to serve Mr. Crouch's term until the next regular election, which will be November, 2015. At that time, a special election will be held for someone to serve out Mr. Crouch's remaining term, which expires December, 2017. Upon motion duly made by Randy Baucom, seconded by Jaren Simpson, Council unanimously accepted Mr. Crouch's resignation. The consensus of the Board was to keep applications open until the March 16, 2015 regular meeting, post a note on the website asking interested residents to write a letter including the reasons they are interested in serving and their qualifications. The Council also agreed to invite Mr. Crouch's family and friends and recognize his 16+ years of service with a plaque and a reception at the March 16, 2015 meeting.

In considering Shane Rhodus' expired term as Board of Adjustment alternate, and upon motion duly made by Jaren Simpson, seconded by Edd Little, the Council unanimously agreed to ask Mr. Rhodus if he is interested in serving as alternate for another term.

Mayor Simpson set a public hearing for Monday, March 16, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. to apply zoning to recently annexed parcels along Old Camden Road and Olive Branch Road.

Mayor Simpson recognized Band Director Jody Lukac with Piedmont High School Marching Band. He has been band director for 16 years, and the band needs help with new uniforms due to redistricting. Uniforms usually last 10 years, and they are at year 5 with their current uniforms, but they are expecting 30 new band members plus 50 new eighth-graders for this year's fall band. Uniforms cost \$400 each, and they save \$3,000 yearly. The county does not help with these costs. They are asking for \$13,000 so all band members can have new uniforms and Unionville can be proud of the Piedmont High School Marching Band.

Piedmont High freshman and band member Riley Glass stated that money is the stress on the uniform situation. From a student's point of view, she wants to look nice for performances, as this gives confidence and confidence leads to success. The band needs to have success and put pride back into Piedmont High School.

Mr. Lukac stated that other schools charge \$2,000 per band member per year, but Piedmont doesn't do that. Mayor Simpson inquired if the band has asked Town of Fairview for support. Mr. Lukac stated that they have not. Commissioner Baucom made inquiry of private business support. Mr. Lukac stated that the band recently earned \$7,500 from Krispy Kreme doughnut sales, but are still \$13,000 away from their goal. Budget and Finance Officer Baucom reported that the Town gave \$1,500 to the band in November, 2010. Upon motion duly made by Randy Baucom, seconded by Jaren Simpson, Council unanimously approved a donation of \$3,000 for the Piedmont High School Marching Band.

Union County Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association will address Council at the March 16, 2015 regular meeting.

Mayor Simpson recognized Michele Sarno, representing the Town's Parks and Recreation Committee. She reported that the committee has the survey ready. They would like to promote it on the Town's website, on facebook, in the local paper, on Piedmont and Unionville school signs, and also have hard copies at Town Hall for residents to complete. Clerk Gaddy distributed copies to the Council. Commissioner Little made inquiry as to controls of only residents answering the survey. Ms. Sarno doesn't know of any controls. She stated that it will only be advertised in the Town, and she doesn't know why anyone outside the Town would care to answer the survey. Street addresses are not required on the survey; only an I.P. address will be recorded. Attorney Helms stated that the Town is not bound to the survey results; it's simply a tool the Town will use in planning. The consensus of the Council was to allow the survey to be included on the Town's website.

Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Jaren Simpson, Council unanimously approved participation in Urban Archery Season 2016. Dates are January 9 – February 13, 2016.

Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Randy Baucom, Council unanimously approved the Resolution to Adopt Cabarrus Stanly Union Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Land Use Administrator Sonya Gaddy updated the Council regarding Centralina Council of Governments land use backup. She stated that Centralina laid off the Town's backup land use administrator, Nadine Bennett. Ms. Bennett is willing to continue to answer questions she may have, but is not under contract with the Town. Nadine suggested that the Town could reasonably ask to be released from their COG contract effective February 2. Attorney Ken Helms will review the contract and report to Council at the March 16, 2015 regular meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sonya W. Gaddy

Approved as to form:

R. Kenneth Helms, Jr., Town Attorney