

**TOWN OF UNIONVILLE
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

The January 18, 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 Randy Baucom, Robert Crouch and Edd Little were present. Commissioners Jim Baucom and Ken Brown were absent. Attorney Ken Helms was present.

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

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

Town Clerk Sonya Gaddy administered the oaths of office to Mayor Simpson and Commissioner Crouch.

There being no corrections or additions to the minutes of the December 21, 2009 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 pointed out that property taxes have been collected, as reflected in the Cash Balance. On the Actual versus Budget, the Town's income is favorable by \$13,000 due to ad valorem, franchise taxes and hold harmless. Expenses are favorable due to legal fees and zoning. The Town is \$42,000 favorable actual versus budget. Major activity since last month is property tax collection and Union County Board of Elections of \$5,000. Commissioner Edd Little made inquiry as to the length of the Town's Certificate of Deposit. Mr. Baucom reported that the Town's CD's are 9 and 13 months. He will check rates at other banks prior to renewal.

There being no report from Town of Fairview, Mayor Simpson postponed the next item of business until the February 15, 2010 meeting.

Mayor Simpson recognized Dave Tetrick, who asked the Town to consider supporting a new archery season for bow hunting of deer from January 9, 2011 through February 13, 2011. The state has now allowed municipalities to allow hunters to hunt deer in these suburban areas if the Towns are supportive. Mayor Simpson made inquiry as to whether this will cut down on car and deer accidents. Mr. Tetrick predicts that it will. Commissioner Edd Little made inquiry as to studies showing a need to do this. Mr. Tetrick didn't know if the state has performed any studies, however, this archery season has been implemented in several municipalities, including Fairview.

Mayor Simpson recognized resident Greg Little, who spoke as an avid hunter. He stated that the background on this law was to give many true cities, like Charlotte, that have too many deer that can't be hunted with guns the opportunity to allow bow hunters to cut down on the deer population. Many of the large cities have not signed up for it. The current hunting season lasts four months. He is opposed to it from a biological standpoint.

Attorney Ken Helms inquired as to whether the state is looking for the Towns to designate certain areas to be hunted. Commissioner Edd Little stated that the Town would be responsible for showing the Town boundaries to be hunted. An audience member stated that the Town could also isolate areas to be hunted.

Mayor Simpson made inquiry as to whether this must be considered by the Town each year. An audience member stated that this must be submitted to the state each year. Mayor Simpson asked Mr. Tetrick to bring more information to the February 15, 2010 meeting, since this is not a time-sensitive matter, and it will be considered further at that time. Mr. Greg Little would like to have a state biologist speak at the February meeting also.

Clerk Sonya Gaddy reported that the state is now requiring governing boards of municipalities to adopt a resolution or policy containing a code of ethics and to receive two clock hours of ethics training by January 1, 2011. The consensus of the Council was to participate in the webinar on Thursday, March 25, 2010 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall.

Budget and Finance Officer Darrell Baucom called the Council's attention to a letter from Moyer, Smith and Roller, who will be providing a quote for our annual audit this year.

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