

**TOWN OF UNIONVILLE
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

The Town Council of the Town of Unionville met at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, January 20, 2014 in Town Hall, 1102 Unionville Church Road, Monroe, NC 28110. 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 Jaren Simpson led the prayer of invocation.

Clerk Sonya Gaddy administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Larry Simpson.

Mayor Simpson called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Mayor Simpson recognized Tina Sagartz, who addressed Council on behalf of Union County Earth Day. She asked Town of Unionville for sponsorship or to be a vendor at Earth Day on Saturday, April 5, 2014 from 10:00 am – 3:00 p.m. at the Union County Agriculture Center. She distributed a list of sponsorship levels from \$50 to \$2,000, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. She also suggested that the Town might donate a basket of gift cards or donations from the community to be given away. The consensus of the Council was to have Clerk Gaddy look into this and report next month with ideas.

There being no corrections to the minutes of the December 16, 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 stated that the Balance Sheet shows an increase to the Certificates of Deposit last month. Currently, the Town has two CDs totaling \$1,150,000 each. The cash balance is \$111,000. In Actual Income Year-to-Date, the Town is almost \$15,000 ahead of budget and expenses are \$24,000 less than budget. In Transactions by Account, the final installment for lobbying by Parker Poe is included. For Pending Bills, please add Duke Energy for \$206.47. Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Randy Baucom, Council unanimously approved payment of pending bills.

Mayor Simpson recognized Commander Mike Stubbs, with Military Order of the Purple Heart #634. He recognized the six other wounded veterans and members of #634. He stated that this is the only organization for wounded veterans. The Purple Heart is a combat decoration awarded by the President of the United States to those who were wounded in combat. Mayor Simpson stated that we owe a debt of gratitude to all veterans. Therefore, Unionville honors all purple-heart recipients and all veterans as a Purple Heart City. It is our privilege to approve this proclamation due to what these gentlemen and many others have done. Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Jaren Simpson, Council unanimously approved the Purple Heart City Proclamation, a copy of which is appended to these minutes.

In considering Text Amendment TC-13-01, Board of Adjustment changes, as required by House Bill 276 (Senate Law 2013-126), which became effective October 1, 2013, and upon motion duly made by Jaren Simpson, seconded by Edd Little, Council unanimously approved this text amendment, as it is reasonable and in the public interest and is consistent with the Town's Land Use Plan adopted March, 2006.

In other business, Town Attorney Ken Helms made inquiry as to the Town Council's position regarding new subdivision roads. North Carolina Department of Transportation will no longer accept new subdivision roads under their maintenance provision. This leaves the Town with the question of maintaining roads themselves or allowing private streets maintained by someone else. If the Town maintains roads, it would require a tax increase to \$.05/\$100 valuation from \$.02/\$100 valuation in order to qualify for Powell Bill funds. The consensus of the Council was not to raise taxes. The Council directed Mr. Helms to draft a resolution of intent not to accept streets offered for dedication to the public. Mr. Helms will bring this resolution to the February 17, 2014 regular meeting.

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