

TOWN OF UNIONVILLE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

The Town Council of the Town of Unionville held its regular meeting on Tuesday, July 17, 2012. Mayor Simpson and all Commissioners were present. Town Attorney Ken Helms was also present.

Everyone stood and recited the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag, after which Commissioner Crutch led the prayer of invocation.

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

There were no comments from the public.

Hearing no corrections to the minutes of the June 18 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 statement, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. Mr. Baucom stated that the Balance Sheet is as of June 30, 2012, and noted the cash balance and CD balances. He highlighted the Annual Results for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 compared to budget and noted that after adjustments these are in balance with Actual vs. Budget. The Transactions by Account shows activity since last month, including significant items of legal fees and contributions. In the Pending Items, we will hold the check for floor repairs until an electrician evaluates the situation. Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Edd Little, Council unanimously approved payment of the pending items.

Mayor Simpson recognized County Commissioner Chairman Jerry Simpson, who shared a CONNECT Consortium power-point presentation with the Council. In 2008 a task force came up with core values for the Metrolina region, after which Centralina COG applied for a HUD grant for sustainable communities. COG was awarded one of 30 grants in the United States valued at \$4 million with contributions totaling \$8 million to plan for a 14-county region to have benchmarks and guidelines to work together to develop the region over the next 15 – 25 years. This grant will help create a regional strategic framework to help communities in these fourteen counties with the challenges they face. Charlotte is one of the top 100 fastest growing communities in the U.S. The Kansas City region participated in this and saved \$2.5 billion in infrastructure. There is no financial cost to Unionville except staff time. CONNECT will kick off in the spring of 2012; there will be public engagements in the fall and winter and by 2013 and 2014 they will identify results of information gathering. If Unionville is interested in participating, they can contact Lynn West, Union County Commissioner Clerk. The first step would be to review the agreement and decide if Unionville wants to participate. If we agree to participate, we would need to appoint a representative from the Council or a citizen as a liaison.

Mayor Simpson recognized Mr. Terry Prince from Turning Point, Union County's domestic violence shelter. Mr. Prince thanked the Council for their past support and asked for a donation of \$1,500. Mr. Prince stated that because abused women bring their children with them, they have twice as many children as they do women living at the shelter. Mr. Prince distributed pictures drawn by those children to the Council. Mayor Simpson made inquiry as to the number of repeat clients. Mr. Prince stated probably 25-30 percent are repeat victims. A national statistic reports that a woman who decides to leave her home has been beaten an average of seven times prior to leaving. Mayor Simpson asked if the shelter required law enforcement intervention. Mr. Prince stated that this is up to the client. Turning Point works closely with the District Attorney, Trey Robison and was praised recently at the national convention for their training and facilities. Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Robert Crouch, Council unanimously approved a donation of \$1,500 to Turning Point.

Commissioner Ken Brown made inquiry as to the Town Hall's protection from termite damage, now that the repairs have been made and a new floor has been installed. Clerk Gaddy will speak to Union Exterminating and ask Palmetto Pest Control to give a free assessment of Town Hall.

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