

TOWN OF UNIONVILLE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

The Town Council of the Town of Unionville met at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, July 21, 2014 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. Mayor Simpson reported that Commissioner Robert Crouch recently had heart surgery and has had some complications, but is now home from the hospital. Commissioner Edd Little led the prayer of invocation, remembering Commissioner Crouch's health issues.

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 June 16, 2014 budget public hearing and regular meeting, Mayor Simpson declared them approved as reviewed by Council.

Mayor Simpson recognized Budget & Finance Officer Darrell Baucom, who reviewed the Financial Report, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. Mr. Baucom reported that the Balance Sheet reflects the \$400,000 contribution to Unionville Volunteer Fire Department. In the Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual, there is not much activity. The Town received sales and use taxes and has liability insurance due in July for the year. In Activity Since Last Month, the Town paid Barbee Lawn Care for the community center and Town Hall maintenance and received franchise taxes. In Pending Bills to be Paid, items include property and casualty insurance, NC League of Municipalities dues, cyber liability, COG dues, a tax refund of \$2.01 and Duke Energy for \$185.01. Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Randy Baucom, Council unanimously approved payment of pending bills, including the ones mentioned above.

Mayor Simpson recognized Union County Parks and Recreation Director, Bill Whitley. Mr. Whitley lives in the New Salem area and addressed Council regarding Union County's process of developing a comprehensive master plan for parks and recreation. This process will take approximately 10 months to complete and will be presented to Union County Commissioners for adoption. He commended the Town for a superb July 4th celebration. He is seeking public input from the entire county in order to better understand the needs of the county as a whole. They will look at existing facilities and compare to national standards. Then they will prioritize where funds can best be used. A survey is currently on the county website and it takes seven minutes to complete. There will be three public hearings with the consultant. He would like to put a direct link to the survey on the Town's website. Mayor Simpson made inquiry as to the county working with existing parks such as Noel Williams Park. Mr. Whitley stated that they will have a meeting next week with all county athletic councils. The county has contributed to Noel Williams Park in the past and will continue to do so as funds are available. Unfortunately, funds have not been available for 2 years and are not available in the 2015 budget. In the past, Union County contributed \$150,000 to nine athletic associations, and awarded funds per capita. Piedmont Recreation Association is a medium-size association, and was awarded a matching grant of \$3.50 for every \$5. Darrell Baucom reported that Town of Fairview was recently awarded the PARTF matching grant for \$315,000 to build a 10-12 acre park including a walking trail, pond and restrooms. Union County is not contributing to this park.

In the matter of the Old Camden Road annexation, Annexation #20, Clerk Gaddy reported that she cannot certify the sufficiency at this time. The petitioners are working to provide the necessary information, and hope to have this on the August agenda.

Mayor Simpson recognized Ms. Sheila Crunkleton with American Red Cross, who thanked the Council for their past support. She reported that their region of 15 counties experienced 638 disasters last year. Union County had 64 house fires, a few of which were in this community. The Red Cross provides a place to stay and works with the families based on their needs—clothing, medication, food, mental health counseling, etc. Currently, they are concentrating on swim safety. They also provide CPR and basic children's first-aid. Mayor Simpson commented that he has experienced the Red Cross' generosity first-hand, and they are available year-round 24 hours per day. Upon motion duly made by Randy Baucom, seconded by Edd Little, Council unanimously agreed to a contribution of \$2,500.00

Mayor Simpson recognized Ms. Barbara Faulk with Union County Community Arts Council. She thanked Council for their past generosity. She stated that the Arts Council provided two \$500-grants to Piedmont High School and Porter Ridge High School for a trip to Washington D.C. to photograph landmarks, which she suggested we exhibit in Town Hall. They also contributed \$300 to Unionville Lions club for the Summer Concert Series. They provided three performing-arts programs at Unionville Elementary School this year which taught bullying and social skills for a total of \$2,100.00. She stated that the UCCAC invests the Town's contributions in the community. Mayor Simpson made inquiry as to other municipalities' contributions. Ms. Faulk stated that they are allowed to present their request to six municipalities in Union County. Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Randy Baucom, Council unanimously approved a contribution of \$1,000.00.

Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Randy Baucom, Council unanimously approved an annual retainer of \$5,000.00 for N. C. lobbyist Bruce Thompson.

Council agreed with Clerk Gaddy's vacation request of Monday, July 28 through Friday, August 1, 2014.

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