

**TOWN OF UNIONVILLE
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

The June 16, 2008 regular meeting of the Town of Unionville was held at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall, 1102 Unionville Church Road, Monroe, NC. Mayor Simpson, all Commissioners and Attorney Ken Helms were present.

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

Mayor Simpson welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

There being no corrections to the May 19, 2008 minutes of the zoning public hearing and regular meeting, Mayor Simpson declared the minutes approved as submitted.

Mayor Simpson recognized Budget & Finance Officer Darrell Baucom, who reported that the Certificate of Deposit (CD) matured in May, and he divided it evenly into two new CD's—a five-month CD bearing 2.68% and a thirteen-month CD bearing 3%. A proposal from Union County to collect the Town's taxes at a rate of 1.5% has been received, but he recommends that Tax Collector Sonya Gaddy continue collecting our taxes. Mr. Baucom thoroughly reviewed the financial report, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Jim Baucom, Council unanimously approved payment of pending bills.

Mr. Baucom presented the Amendments to the 2007-2008 Budget, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Randy Baucom, Council unanimously adopted the amended budget as presented.

Tax Collector Sonya Gaddy stated that Charlotte Observer—Neighbors of Union County has provided a quote of \$243 for advertisement of delinquent taxes on Thursday, June 26, 2008. The consensus of the Council was to advertise as we have done in the past, which is with the Charlotte Observer—Neighbors of Union County section.

Mr. Baucom then presented the 2008-2009 Budget, a copy of which is appended to these minutes, including an ad valorem tax rate of \$.02/\$100 valuation. Commissioner Ken Brown made inquiry as to an audit of Griffin Farm and Landfill. Mr. Baucom stated that it probably would not exceed \$2000. Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Edd Little, Council unanimously approved the 2008-2009 budget, including funding for the audit of franchise fees from Griffin Farm and Landfill.

Mayor Simpson recognized resident Michele Sarno, who requested that the Town reactivate the Parks and Recreation Committee, as all of the terms have expired. She referred to a letter she presented to Council, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. Resident Brendan Sheprow also made a suggestion that the Town invest in research for an active park and recreation greenway study. Mrs. Sarno presented Village of Marvin's Park and Greenway Master Plan as an example of what Unionville might want to include. A copy of this is appended to these minutes. Council explained that the Parks and Recreation Committee is inactive due to the legal expenses incurred in

the Griffin Farm and Landfill lawsuit, which is ongoing. The Council is interested in receiving valuable input from this committee, but is cautious about spending money on a park at this time. The Council asked the Clerk to contact the committee members and ask if they would still be interested in serving on this committee. The consensus was to table this item until next month, after responses have been made.

The next item of business was to consider Union County's Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance. Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Jim Baucom, Council unanimously agreed to enter into Executive Session to discuss the legal aspects of this ordinance with its attorney. Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Edd Little, Council unanimously closed Executive Session. Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Robert Croutch, Council unanimously agreed to table this decision until a later date.

Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Ken Brown, Council unanimously approved Annexation #014, parcel numbers 09-140-012J and 09-140-012F, 1.84 acres on Deese Road in the name of Mohamed and Katherine Eldin, and applied RA-40 zoning on this property.

Upon motion duly made by Randy Baucom, seconded by Edd Little, Council unanimously approved Annexation #015, parcel number 09-137-096A, .827 acres on Morgan Mill Road in the name of Elaine Smith, and applied RA-40 zoning on this property.

In considering annexation of parcel number 08-231-003A, 2.76 acres on Friendly Baptist Church Road in the name of Lynda Benton, Mayor Simpson set a public hearing for July 21, 2008 at 7:15 p.m.

Mayor Simpson recognized Michele Sarno, American Red Cross, who thanked the Town for their past support, and asked for a donation of \$2,500. Sheila Crunkleton of the Red Cross stated that all of the money donated would stay in Union County, although this chapter also works with Anson County. Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Jim Baucom, Council unanimously approved a donation of \$2,500.

Resident Jerry Hinson addressed Council representing the Unionville Community Center. He stated that the Community Center sign needs repairing, but he doesn't have a quote at this time. He thanked Council for their generous support in the past, and reminded everyone of the July 4th festivities.

Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Randy Baucom, Council unanimously approved a Resolution for Veteran Government Bond, Stamp and Coin Program, a copy of which is appended to these minutes.

Council then considered a resolution from Indian Trail, Stallings and Waxhaw protesting the process by which the proposed change in the number of County Commissioners is being conducted. Although Council is not opposed to having district representation, they are concerned with the appointment of four additional seats, and would prefer a vote by district. Upon motion duly made by Randy Baucom, seconded by Ken Brown to support this resolution, Council unanimously voted it down. Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Jim Baucom, Council directed

Attorney Ken Helms to draft a resolution supporting district representation to give a fair voice, providing a vote by the people in each district, and not by appointment.

Clerk Sonya Gaddy requested vacation days in July. Council did not oppose the request.

There being no other business, and upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Jim Baucom, Council unanimously adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonya W. Gaddy
Clerk

Approved as to form:

R. Kenneth Helms, Jr., Town Attorney