

**TOWN OF UNIONVILLE
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

The Town Council of the Town of Unionville met at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, June 16, 2014 in Town Hall, 1102 Unionville Church Road, Monroe, NC. Mayor Simpson and Commissioners Ken Brown, Edd Little and Jaren Simpson were present. Town Attorney Ken Helms was also present. Commissioners Randy Baucom and Robert Croutch were absent.

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

Mayor Simpson called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance. There were no public comments.

Commissioner Ken Brown made one correction to the minutes of the May 19, 2014 regular meeting. On Page 3, in the last paragraph, it should read "In contributions, the consensus of the Council was to add \$60,000 for additional contributions to Unionville Volunteer Fire Department, for a total of \$460,000." Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Edd Little, Council unanimously approved the minutes of the May 19, 2014 regular meeting, with the above correction.

Mayor Simpson recognized Budget & Finance Officer Darrell Baucom, who reviewed the Financial Report, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. On the Balance Sheet and Income Statement, Mr. Baucom stated that funds have been transferred to the Bank of North Carolina money market account with a .5% interest rate, and he will transfer the other Certificate funds upon maturity. In Actual vs. Budget, he stated that the Town is close on the budget; total tax revenues are \$401,000. In expenses, the Town is favorable on contributions and legal fees. For the year, income is \$176,000. In Transactions by Account, detailed activity includes contributions last month and the deposit to the money market account. In Pending Bills to be Paid, add City of Monroe for \$23.63 for natural gas. Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Jaren Simpson, Council unanimously approved payment of pending bills including the above addition.

Mr. Baucom stated that the Town's current property and liability coverage does not include cyber liability. He is recommending a \$1,000,000 policy which will notify certain people if the Town's computer has been hacked or stolen. The premium is \$1,000 annually and would be effective July 1, 2014. The Town's current insurance does not cover this. Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Edd Little, Council unanimously approved this insurance policy.

Regarding Amendments to the 2013-2014 Budget, Mr. Baucom stated that the Town was short on income in franchise taxes. On the expense side, adjustments were made to contributions and legal fees. Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Jaren Simpson, Council unanimously approved Amendments to the 2013-2014 Budget. A copy of this is appended to these minutes.

In considering the 2014-2015 Budget, Mr. Baucom stated that this proposed budget is based on a \$.02/\$100 valuation ad valorem tax rate. He will transfer money market funds to checking for the Volunteer Fire Department donation of \$256,000 for the fire truck from previous year cash. Total donations for the Volunteer Fire Department are \$460,000 and \$25,000 for other contributions. Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Ken Brown, Council unanimously adopted the 2014-2015 budget. A copy of this budget is appended to these minutes.

In considering the advertisement of delinquent 2013-2014 taxes, the consensus of the Council was to advertise the attached delinquencies on Wednesday, June 25, 2014 in the Union Section of the Charlotte Observer for \$357.00.

In considering participation in the voluntary Regulatory Technical Assistance Fund for \$68.07 annually, upon motion duly made by Jaren Simpson, seconded by Edd Little, Council unanimously agreed to participate in this program regarding water quality and electric regulatory issues.

In considering the purchase of Ethics for Elected Officials on-demand webinar for \$125.00, upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Ken Brown, Council unanimously approved this purchase.

Mayor Simpson recognized Ken Kiser regarding a voluntary annexation petition of several parcels along Old Camden Road. Mr. Kiser stated that he and Ms. Nelda Lemmond are currently working on this annexation, and have been advised by their attorney, David Lee, that a physical survey is not necessary. The petition includes property down Old Camden Road from Highway 200 to Lake Twitty, with approximately 100 residents on approximately 586 acres.

Mr. Ron Rushing addressed Council regarding this annexation. He suggested that the petitioners submit individual parcel numbers rather than going to the expense of \$25,000 for a survey. Attorney Ken Helms stated that the Town is charged with causing an accurate map of its limits to be recorded in the Union County Register of Deeds office. If it is possible to put together through deeds and come up with a metes and bounds description and a map for recording purposes, the petitioner must come up with this information, or the Town must provide it. The issue Mr. Helms anticipates is that all of the deeds may not give accurate information. Mayor Simpson made inquiry as to annexing from the center line of the road. Mr. Helms stated that every deed may not read "to the center line of the road" and those who haven't signed the petition may be included involuntarily. By state statute, the Town cannot involuntarily annex, which could invalidate the voluntary annexation. The consensus of the Council was that the Town will work with the petitioners to complete a map and metes and bounds description. Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Edd Little, Council unanimously approved the resolution directing the clerk to investigate the voluntary annexation petition.

In reviewing charitable contribution requests, Clerk Gaddy stated that Union County Red Cross and Union County Community Arts Council will attend next month's meeting.

In other business, Clerk Gaddy reported that of the three Odyssey of the Mind teams who competed in World Finals in May, one Piedmont Middle School team finished in 4th place; the other Piedmont Middle School team finished in 8th place; and the Unionville Elementary School team finished in 10th place.

Clerk Gaddy stated that she has a DVD from North Carolina Department of Transportation regarding the proposed Monroe Bypass if anyone wishes to view it.

There being no other business, Mayor Simpson declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved as to form:

Sonya W. Gaddy
Clerk

R. Kenneth Helms, Jr., Town Attorney