

TOWN OF UNIONVILLE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

The Town Council of the Town of Unionville held its regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, June 20, 2011 in Town Hall, 1102 Unionville Church Road, Monroe, NC. Mayor Simpson and Commissioners Jim Baucom, Randy Baucom, Robert Crouch and Edd Little were present. Commissioner Ken Brown was absent. Town Attorney Ken Helms was 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 called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present.

There being no corrections to the minutes of the May 18, 2011 regular meeting, Mayor Simpson declared them approved as reviewed by Council.

Mayor Simpson recognized Budget & Finance Officer Darrell Baucom. Mr. Baucom stated that the financial report is somewhat different this month, in that projections to June 30, 2011 are included. In Cash Balances, the estimated interest receivable is \$7,224 and estimated accounts payable has outstanding bills of \$40,000. The Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual includes the full year budget prior to any adjustments. The Fund Balance appropriated is excess of revenue over expenses. The budgeted amount was \$154,000 and will be over \$109,000 due to legal fees and contribution expenses being higher than budget. The Town is favorable on investment income and favorable on franchise taxes totaling \$64,000. Contributions were higher by \$12,750 and legal fees totaled \$55,000. Total expenses exceeded budget by \$64,000. The Transactions Detail By Account page shows activity since last month. Significant items included a franchise deposit of \$63,000; Barbee Lawn Care and legal fees. Additions to Pending Bills to be Paid include Town Hall cleaning of \$140, insurance of \$3.00 and a tax refund of \$28.00. In looking at the Amendments page, the first column is the 2010-2011 budget approved last June; the third column is adjustments from tonight. Explanations for fund balance appropriated higher expenses were: franchise taxes collected were more than expected, contributions due to the Piedmont High School for the scoreboard, and legal fees due to the lawsuit.

Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Randy Baucom, Council unanimously approved payment of pending bills. Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Robert Crouch, Council unanimously approved the amendments to the 2010-2011 budget. Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Randy Baucom, Council unanimously approved the proposed 2011-2012 budget with the additions of the Urban Forester, Piedmont Solid Waste shared contribution and legal fees, including a \$.02/\$100 valuation ad valorem tax rate.

Mayor Simpson made note of the 2010 delinquent tax advertisement, which will run on Sunday, June 26, 2011 in the Union Section of the Charlotte Observer for \$499.80. No motion was required.

In considering the joint venture with Town of Fairview and Union County regarding the Piedmont garbage drop-off site, Commissioner Randy Baucom stated that he and Edd Little, Sonya Gaddy, Ed Goscicki, Union County Commissioners Jonathon Thomas and Todd Johnson and Fairview Mayor Libby Long met and discussed the possible closure of the Piedmont site. Everyone realizes that Unionville residents, as well as Union County and Fairview residents use this site, and would like to keep it open. Currently, this site is losing \$80,000 per year. The consensus was for the county to continue to operate the site, with an increase to \$.50 per 33-gallon bag of garbage on August 1. Under this operation, the

county projects a loss of \$25,806, therefore, Fairview, Unionville and Union County would each contribute 1/3 of the total loss, or \$8,602 each. Town of Fairview approved this agreement at their meeting last night. Upon motion duly made by Randy Baucom, seconded by Jim Baucom, Council unanimously approved a \$8,602 one-year contribution from Town of Unionville for the Piedmont solid waste site, contingent upon approval from Union County. Attorney Ken Helms suggested that the county draw up any paperwork necessary for signatures, and he will contact the county attorney to pursue this agreement.

Clerk Sonya Gaddy reviewed the estimates from Hinson Electric for a new circuit in the clerk's office and a new circuit in the copier office totaling \$350 and a replacement outside panel for \$650. These come as recommendations from Commissioner Ken Brown, as the current system presents a fire hazard. Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Robert Crutch, Council unanimously approved both repairs to Town Hall.

Mayor Simpson recognized Ms. Ashley Lantz, Victim Services Coordinator for United Family Services. She distributed brochures to the Council and described the three program service areas they conduct—clinical services, employee assistance programs and victim services. She stated that last year they saw 121 victimized children and helped over 400 people. She is requesting a contribution of \$1,000.00. Mayor Simpson inquired as to contributions from other towns. She confirmed that other towns do make contributions, but did not know which ones. Mayor Simpson made inquiry as to their yearly budget. That amount is \$984,258 according to her request. There being no motion, the request was denied.

Clerk Gaddy reported that she did not receive a response to phone calls left regarding the Andy Boggs Memorial Golf Tournament.

Mayor Simpson recognized Mrs. Linda Smosky of Council on Aging. She thanked the Council for their time and distributed a handout of the history of municipality funding for the Council on Aging. They are anticipating United Way funding to be the same as previous years and that federal grants will be cut back. Last year they had slots for 15 seniors 55 and older; next year that will be cut to eight, almost in half. They currently have 52 people on the waiting list. The number of requests for help had skyrocketed. The trend is that the number of 60+ year olds will be greater than the number of those 17 years old and under. New classes include "Welcome to Medicare", "SHIP Senior Help Insurance Program", "Chronic Disease Self-Management" & "Diabetes Self-Management" and a class for grandparents raising grandchildren. Members of Emmanuel Baptist Church were helpful in converting the drive-through of their building into a conference room last year. Mayor Simpson referred to her list of other municipalities who have contributed. Mrs. Smosky reported that last year Fairview, Indian Trail, Marshville, Marvin and Wingate did not contribute and Weddington has told them they don't have any aging residents. Upon motion duly made by Randy Baucom, seconded by Jim Baucom, Council unanimously agreed to contribute \$800 toward the Council on Aging in Union County.

Mayor Simpson recognized Mr. Arlie Rushing, President of Unionville Lions Club. He asked for a donation of \$2,800 to sponsor the July 4th festivities in Unionville. Mrs. Betty Hinson, Lions Club Treasurer, clarified that this donation is for entertainment during the day. In the past, bands have donated their time, but Village Greene would play in Indian Trail. The Lions Club also pays for the sound system. A banner will be erected stating that the Town of Unionville sponsors the entertainment if a donation is made. The club plans to continue with the Thursday in the Park concerts July 14 – August 4, but they pass a hat to pay bands for these concerts. The Unionville Lions Club consists of 34 active members;

Lions Club is the world's largest service organization. They have helped over 20 families with power bills, eyeglasses and exams, food, clothing and medicine. They give a scholarship to a Piedmont High School student and make contributions of \$18,000 last year. They have sponsors for t-shirts to offset the cost of the port-a-jons. Upon motion duly made by Randy Baucom, seconded by Edd Little, Council unanimously approved a \$2,100 contribution to the Unionville Lions Club for July 4th entertainment.

Mayor Simpson recognized Sheila Crunkleton with American Red Cross. She would be willing to take a donation next year if the Town has exceeded this year's budget. The Red Cross responds when the fire department calls them by putting families in hotels, providing money for basic needs, paying the first month's rent for a new home, assisting in the canteen for fire fighters and emergency workers, among other things. Municipalities who have contributed in the past are Mineral springs, Monroe, Union County, Wingate, Waxhaw and Unionville. Indian Trail doesn't provide many contributions. The Red Cross doesn't receive any federal or state funding; everything comes from local sources. Mayor Simpson commended the Red Cross for their work. The vote for the Red Cross contribution will take place at the July 18, 2011 meeting.

Upon motion duly made by Randy Baucom, seconded by Edd Little, Council unanimously agreed to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue.

Upon motion duly made by Randy Baucom, seconded by Jim Baucom, Council unanimously agreed to adjourn Executive Session.

Clerk Sonya Gaddy reminded the Council of the July 4th festivities and parade.

In other business, Council reviewed the Interlocal Urban Forester Agreement with Union County, which expires June 30, 2011. Attorney Ken Helms reviewed it, and made inquiry as to the Town's portion. Mr. Darrell Baucom stated that last year the Town paid \$1,854.81, which is the same amount for 2011-2012. Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Randy Baucom, Council unanimously approved the extension of the old contract until June 30, 2012 with an automatic renewal each year on July 1st unless written notice is provided 60 days in advance.

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