

TOWN OF UNIONVILLE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

The Town of Unionville Town Council met at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, June 17, 2013 in Town Hall, 1102 Unionville Church Road, Monroe, NC. Mayor Simpson and Commissioners Randy Baucom, Robert Croutch, Edd Little and Jaren Simpson were present. Attorney Ken Helms was also present. Commissioner Ken Brown was absent.

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

Mayor Simpson welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Robert Croutch, Council unanimously approved the minutes of the May 20, 2013 regular meeting and executive session.

Mayor Simpson recognized Budget and Finance Officer Darrell Baucom, who reviewed the financial reports, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. Mr. Baucom referred to the Balance Sheet as of June 17, 2013, stating that he reported all pending bills as paid, due to the approaching end of the fiscal year. He pointed out the cash and Certificate of Deposit balances at BB&T. He stated that \$8,000 is payable to the solid waste cost sharing. On the next page are reserves for \$180,000 for a special fire truck and an additional \$220,000 is in the 2013-2014 budget. In Budget before Amendments to Budget, the significant items are franchise taxes ahead of budget \$180,000 and legal fees are under budget \$58,000. Overall, excess revenue over expenses is \$375,000. In Transactions by Account, this shows May 20th paid bills and pending bills to be paid and gives all receipts and disbursements through today. Mr. Baucom highlighted the pending bills to be paid—noting the assurity bonds for the clerk and finance officer, utilities reimbursement for Unionville Community Center, and adding Barbee Lawn Care of \$4322 for eight months of landscaping, Shawna Collins for \$262.50, City of Monroe for natural gas totaling \$26.00 and Duke Energy of \$150.00. Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Robert Croutch, Council unanimously approved payment of pending bills, including the ones listed above.

In Amendments to 2012-2013 Budget, Mr. Baucom stated that the description is on the left side of the page and then the original budget item approved in June, 2012. On the far right is the actual and in the middle is what is needed to be made up. The most significant items are the cash account of \$347,000; franchise taxes of \$439,000; contributions are up in consideration of tonight's decisions; repairs to the back door and sidewalk of \$6,300; legal fees dropped from \$60,000 to \$2,000. Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Jaren Simpson, Council unanimously accepted Amendments to the 2012-2013 budget. A copy of the amendments is appended to these minutes.

Regarding the 2013-2014 Budget, Mr. Baucom proposes a \$.02/\$100 valuation ad valorem tax rate, adding \$146,000 to the cash account balance to \$250,000 in revenues to total \$440,000. Significant items are contributions, legal and payroll. Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Robert Crutch, Council unanimously approved the \$.02 tax rate and the 2013-2014 budget. A copy of this budget is appended to these minutes.

Mayor Simpson recognized Union County Urban Forester Bill Smith. Mr. Smith distributed a tree survey of the Town Hall and Community Center lots, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. Mr. Smith assessed the quality of the trees on these two lots, and listed in priority order 1-4 as to the action which needs to be taken, with top priority going to those trees listed as priority one. The two pines and another tree across the street from Town Hall need to come down soon. Overall, less than 30 percent need to come down. He suggests that the dead limbs be reduced, the trees mulched, and a soil test is sent for analysis. He also suggests that trees be planted along the power line to offer shade later. He can also suggest types of trees for planting at the Community Center. Mayor Pro-tem Randy Baucom made inquiry as to the cost of the soil test. Mr. Smith reported that the only cost is the postage. Upon motion duly made by Randy Baucom, seconded by Jaren Simpson, the Council unanimously agreed to proceed with the soil test and requested that Mr. Smith meet with the Lions Club regarding the Community Center planting recommendations.

Mrs Betty Hinson represented Unionville Lions Club. She addressed Council asking if there were any questions from her presentation at the June 17, 2013 meeting regarding their request for \$5,000 for July 4th entertainment. She reported Concerts in the Park will be held on Thursday nights July 11- August 8, 2013. Mayor Pro-Tem Randy Baucom made inquiry as to the amount the Town donated last year. Darrell Baucom reported that the Town gave \$4,000 last year. Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Randy Baucom, Council unanimously approved a donation of \$5,000 to Unionville Lions Club.

Mr. Terry Greene addressed Council, representing Piedmont Old Cats Club, which supplements Piedmont High School Booster Club. He distributed their request for a baseball field tarp, football zone reactor and defensive chute and a multi-sport end zone video system, totaling \$12,074, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. Coach Ron Massey, head football coach, also addressed Council and stressed the importance for this equipment. Mayor Pro-Tem Randy Baucom made inquiry of Town of Fairview's contribution. Mr. Greene reported that they bought a gator last year and irrigated the baseball outfield. Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Robert Crutch, Council unanimously approved a donation of \$12,074 for these items.

In connection with the baseball and wrestling programs at Piedmont High School, and upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Jaren Simpson, Council unanimously agreed to erect "Welcome to Unionville" signs at Morgan Mill Road and Baucom-Deese Road highlighting Piedmont's state championship in wrestling and also on Concord Highway and Baucom-Deese Road highlighting Piedmont's state championship in baseball at a cost of \$200-\$300 per sign.

Ms. Sheila Crunkleton addressed Council on behalf of American Red Cross. She asked Unionville resident Michele Sarno to address Council. Ms. Sarno thanked the Town for their past support and reported that the Red Cross has been providing food, shelter, clothing and emergency services to those affected by the recent storms in Stanly and Montgomery Counties. They held a Red Cross Camp at Unionville Elementary for 110 children to learn first aid and disaster preparedness last year and will hold it at Unionville again this year in August. Upon motion duly made by Randy Baucom, seconded by Robert Crutch, Council unanimously approved a donation of \$2,500.00.

In other business, Clerk Gaddy reminded the Council of the upcoming July 4th festivities, reporting that the float we've ridden on in the parade the past several years is not available this year. Everyone agreed to work on this situation.

Mayor Simpson noted the dates and term expirations for election filings.

Council was not opposed to Clerk Gaddy's vacation request of July 3 and 5, 2013.

Town resident Bob Lorelli addressed Council, stating that the wedding center near his house is annoyingly loud on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights. Attorney Ken Helms suggested that he go through the correct process to issue that complaint. Land Use Administrator Sonya Gaddy will discuss this with him later, but stated that the Town has no noise ordinance in place.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sonya W. Gaddy
Town Clerk

Approved as to form:

R. Kenneth Helms, Jr., Town Attorney