

**TOWN OF UNIONVILLE
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

The June 15, 2009 regular meeting of the Town of Unionville was held at 7:30 p.m. in Town Hall, 1102 Unionville Church Road, Monroe, NC. Mayor Simpson and Commissioners Jim Baucom, Robert Croutch and Edd Little were present. Town Attorney Ken Helms was also present.

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

Mayor Simpson called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

There being no corrections to the minutes of the May 18, 2009 regular meeting, Mayor Simpson declared them approved as reviewed.

Mayor Simpson recognized Budget and Finance Officer Darrell Baucom, who reviewed the Financial Statements, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. Mr. Baucom reported that sizeable franchise tax deposits have been received, and that one Certificate of Deposit will mature soon. On the Budget vs. Actual, the Town is favorable in franchise taxes, and under budget in landfill, sales and use, zoning, contributions and legal fees. Overall, expenses and income are less than plan by \$18,000. Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Robert Croutch, Council unanimously approved Pending Bills to be Paid.

Mr. Baucom highlighted the amendments to the 2008-2009 budget, and explained that these adjustments will bring the budget in line with actual. Amendments listed are: investment income lower due to lower interest rates, cable and franchise taxes less than estimated, zoning and sales and use tax less than estimated, donations less than estimated due to the Parks & Recreation Committee not making recommendations, payroll is more due to more hours worked, utilities are more due to the Town paying utilities the library paid when it was in operation. Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Jim Baucom, Council unanimously approved these amendments to the 2008-2009 budget.

Mr. Baucom stated that Travelers Insurance will non-renew our property and liability insurance due to the Griffin Farm and Landfill claims. He has a quote from North Carolina League of Municipalities for \$9,032, which includes general liability, employment practices liability, public officials liability, property coverage of \$166,000, computer equipment and fine arts, employee dishonesty, and \$1,000,000 liability for vehicles being driven for town business. A resolution electing to become a member of the Interlocal Risk Financing Fund of NC must be adopted and signed by the mayor. Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Jim Baucom, Council unanimously approved the resolution and participation in this program.

Upon motion duly made by Jim Baucom, seconded by Edd Little, Council unanimously approved the proposed 2009-2010 budget with the changes of \$39,700 for Zoning Administration fees and \$9,132 for liability insurance, also including a \$.02/\$100 valuation ad valorem tax rate.

In Land Use Issues, Ms. Nadine Bennett addressed Council, as Mrs. Finn was in Fairview tonight. Ms. Bennett stated that the Town had submitted its application to the National Flood Insurance Program two years ago, and has received comments from the state to make the appropriate text amendments to our Land Use Ordinance. A copy of this the amendment, the application and resolution are all appended to these minutes. Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Robert Crutch, Council unanimously approved Text Amendment ZC-09-03 to Land Use Ordinance Article XVI: Floodplains, Drainage, Stormwater Management to reflect the NC Model Ordinance language to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program, as it is reasonable and consistent with the Town's Land Use Ordinance adopted October 1, 2003 and Land Use Plan adopted March 20, 2006. Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Jim Baucom, Council unanimously approved the revised application for participation. Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Robert Crutch, Council unanimously approved the revised Resolution of Intent for the National Flood Insurance Program.

Ms. Bennett reviewed Centralina Council of Government's Scope of Services and Contract, stating that this is an estimate, based on the amount of time spent on Unionville zoning and planning in 2008/2009. Mrs. Finn will continue to have Town Hall hours two Tuesday's per month from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Robert Crutch, Council unanimously approved the Scope of Services and Contract.

Mayor Simpson recognized Susan Suarez Webster, U.S. Census Bureau Representative. Mrs. Webster stated that the 10-year census will be taking place in 2010 and the U.S. government has already begun work confirming street addresses and preparing to send out questionnaires. Every year, \$300 billion is distributed, based upon census data. This census will consist of ten questions. She would like for Unionville to encourage everyone to take part in this census by either signing the partnership agreement or forming a complete count committee. Mayor Simpson made inquiry as to any financial commitment. Mrs. Webster stated that this is up to each town, but most towns are not providing any funding. Mrs. Webster asked that this be considered at next month's meeting.

Tax Collector Sonya Gaddy presented a quote for advertisement of delinquent taxes of \$570 to run on Sunday, June 28, 2009 in the Neighbors of Union County section of the Charlotte Observer. Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Jim Baucom, Council unanimously approved this advertisement.

Council appointed Clerk Sonya Gaddy to be the town's representative for the 2009 Scattered Sites Housing Grant Program.

Upon motion duly made by Robert Croutch, seconded by Edd Little, Council unanimously approved a donation of \$1,000 to the Council on Aging in Union County.

Ms. Sheila Crunkleton, American Red Cross, addressed Council, stating that the Red Cross had helped 17,000 people in 2008. They help prevent, prepare for and respond to family disasters. Two board members, Michele Sarno and Nancy Stephen, were present. Mayor Simpson stated that the volunteer fire department had called upon them a number of times and they never failed to respond in a prompt manner. Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Jim Baucom, Council unanimously approved a donation of \$2,500 to the American Red Cross.

Mr. Arlie Rushing, a member of the Unionville Community Center Board, addressed Council. He stated that they would like to erect a band shelter for the community, which would benefit the July 4th festivities and the picnic in the park on five Thursday's in July. Also, they would like to repair or completely pave the entire parking lot, as the tree roots are buckling the existing pavement. The cost of covering the roots is \$2,200; the cost to pave the entire surface is \$8,800; the cost for the band shelter is \$7,000 - \$8,000, for a total of almost \$17,000. Mr. Rushing shared photos of the proposed band shelter. They are asking Council to appropriate monies now to do the paving and shelter prior to the July 4th festivities. Mayor Simpson made inquiry as to how much money the Board has. Mr. Rushing stated they have \$6,000. Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Robert Croutch, Council unanimously agreed to donate \$10,000 toward these projects contingent upon the property being in the Board's name. Mr. Ken Helms stated that some work has been done on that, but it should be completed very soon.

Mayor Simpson made note of the clerk's request for vacation days on July 16, 17, 20, 2009. There were no objections.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sonya W. Gaddy
Clerk

Approved as to form:

R. Kenneth Helms, Jr., Town Attorney