

**TOWN OF UNIONVILLE
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

The Town Council of the Town of Unionville met at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, March 17, 2014 in Town Hall, 1102 Unionville Church Road, Monroe, NC. Mayor Simpson and Commissioners Randy Baucom, Ken Brown, Robert Croutch, Edd Little and Jaren Simpson 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 Robert Croutch led the prayer of invocation.

Mayor Simpson called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.

There were no public comments.

There being no corrections to the minutes of the February 17, 2014 regular meeting, Mayor Simpson declared the m approved as reviewed by Council.

Mayor Simpson recognized Budget & Finance Officer Darrell Baucom, who reviewed the Financial Report, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. Mr. Baucom stated that the Balance Sheet shows a cash balance of \$169,000. This includes a \$58,000 franchise tax payment. In Income versus Budget, the Town is ahead of budget due to sales & use tax, and hold harmless and motor vehicle taxes. Expenses are ahead of budget due to legal fees, election expenses and contributions. The most significant activity since last month is the \$58,000 franchise tax deposit. Please include two ad valorem tax refunds of \$15 and \$5 in the pending bills. Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Edd Little, Council unanimously approved payment of pending bills including the two tax refunds.

In considering the expiring terms of Planning Board members Andy Fowler, Todd Loving and Ken Trull, and upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Jaren Simpson, Council unanimously approved Planning Board's recommendations of Todd Loving, Joe Medlin and Jim Walker as Planning Board members. Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Jaren Simpson, Council unanimously approved extending the deadline for alternate applications until the April 21, 2014 regular meeting.

Mayor Simpson recognized Ms. JaneyDoerner, with Literacy Council of Union County. Ms. Doerner stated that the non-profit literacy council is located in downtown Monroe, and trains volunteers to teach adult students to read, write and speak English. The majority of their students are non-English speakers, and many adults are embarrassed to come to them for help. Their goal is to help adults to be functional in their reading--such as grocery-store shopping and helping children with homework. Last year they served 200-250 students, and had 120 volunteers. Students are tutored once a week for two hours at the Literacy Council or churches or libraries. Everyone learns at a different pace. Students must live or work in Union County, but the tutors are from all over. Budgeting comes from United Way, federal funding, North Carolina Community College system but the majority of funds come from donations from individuals such as memorials and honorariums. They request funds from all 13 municipalities in Union County, but all do not contribute. Ms. Doerner stated there are very few students from Unionville; one comes to her mind; however, there are several tutors from Unionville. Most of their students live in Monroe. Commissioner Simpson made inquiry as to the non-profit status and employees. Ms. Doerner stated that they have five employees—the director, English Adult Basic Education

facilitator, English as a Second Language Facilitator and assistant and one person who is paid with Council on Aging funds. The Literacy Council is open Monday through Wednesday 8 am – 8 pm; Thursday 12 noon – 8 pm and closed on Friday. There is no charge to the students, but recently the Council has asked for a \$20 donation for training, if the student is able to pay. This helps pay for the students' books. Upon motion duly made by Randy Baucom, seconded by Ken Brown, Council unanimously approved a donation of \$500 to The Literacy Council.

In considering Urban Archery Season for 2015, the unanimous consensus of Council was to participate in this program. The dates for Urban Archery Season are January 10 - February 14, 2015.

The consensus of the Council was to send Clerk Gaddy to Clerk Academy on Friday, April 25, 2014 in Davidson, NC. The cost is \$75.00.

There was no opposition to the Clerk's request for vacation days on Thursday and Friday, May 8 and 9, 2014 and Tuesday, May 27 – Tuesday, June 3, 2014.

In other business, Commissioner Brown stated that the Unionville Volunteer Fire Department will consider changing its bylaws to increase the number of board members by three people. The Fire Department would like to have a representative from the town on the Board, preferably a Council member. He asked the Council to consider this request and be prepared to discuss it at the April 21, 2014 regular meeting.

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