

TOWN OF UNIONVILLE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

The Town Council of the Town of Unionville met at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, May 19, 2014 in Town Hall, 1102 Unionville Church Road, Monroe, NC. Mayor Simpson and all Commissioners 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 Crutch led the prayer of invocation.

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

There being no corrections to the minutes of the April 29, 2014 regular meeting, Mayor Simpson declared them 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 cash balance at BB&T is up due to the maturation of the Certificate of Deposit on May 7, 2014. The rate at Bank of North Carolina is .5 percent versus the rate of .45 percent at BB&T, so he will move this account into a money market at Bank of NC. On Page 3, the Income side is favorable to budget \$3,578 due mostly to motor vehicle taxes. Expenses are under budget due to lower legal fees and contributions. In total, Town expenses are under budget \$31,000 and income exceeds budget by \$35,000. In Transactions by Account, significant items are Barbee Lawn Care for several months, the Urban Forester Program participation of \$2,244 and Odyssey of the Mind contribution. In Pending Bills, significant items include Community Center utilities of \$4,138, Duke Energy of \$123.94 and Old Republic security bond of \$48.58. The other Certificate of Deposit matures on December 17, 2014. Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Edd Little, Council unanimously approved payment of pending bills.

Mr. Baucom recommended reviewing the 2014-2015 budget at the end of the meeting.

Mayor Simpson recognized Ms. Linda Smosky with Council on Aging of Union County. She thanked the Town for their past support. They are in the process of applying for grants, and their budget is down about two percent based on the population in the county and the number of citizens 60 years old and over and at the poverty level. Mayor Simpson inquired as to the amount donated last year. Mr. Baucom confirmed that the Town contributed \$1,200 last year. Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Robert Crutch, Council unanimously approved a contribution of \$1,200 to Council on Aging of Union County.

Mayor Simpson recognized Ms. Pam Caskey, Regional Director for Safe Alliance. Ms. Caskey distributed information to the Council. Safe Alliance provides hope and healing for victims of sexual assault. In 2014, they have worked with 13 children and 22-25 parents in the Unionville area. She invited everyone to a tour of their facility on Thursday, May 29 from 8:30 until 9:30 a.m. She thanked the Town for their recent proclamation, which was displayed at their center. Mayor Simpson made inquiry whether evidence is admissible in court. Ms. Caskey

stated that a mandated reporter can be charged with a misdemeanor if they fail to report child abuse. Anyone can be subpoenaed as a witness. Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Robert Crutch, Council unanimously approved a donation of \$1,000 to Safe Alliance.

Unionville resident and Judge Hunt Gwyn spoke on behalf of Union County Drug Treatment Court Foundation, a 501-C3 foundation. He stated that their organization began in October, 2010 as a way to reduce chronic repeat Drinking-While-Impaired drivers. This program is completely federally-funded, with some requests to local municipalities and the ABC Board. A repeat offender will come to court every two weeks, take three substance-abuse-treatments each week, submit to drug and alcohol testing, and attend classes. The options are participation in this program or serving prison time. It typically takes one year for an offender to advance out of the program. This program costs approximately \$4,600 per person, and they allow up to 25 participants at a time. They currently have 18 in this program. Rev. Ken Thompson, pastor of Bethlehem Presbyterian Church in Fairview, addressed Council. He is on the Foundation Board because his third child was involved in a fatal car wreck in 2010 in which his girlfriend was driving while intoxicated, and his son never woke up. This program is helping save innocent lives, and helping addicted drivers clean up their lives. It is not offered to convicted violent felons, convicted controlled substance abusers, those with severe mental health problems or anyone who is not a Union County resident. Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Jaren Simpson, Council unanimously approved a donation of \$500 to Union County Drug Treatment Court Foundation.

Mayor Simpson recognized Mr. Jim Walker of the Unionville Lions Club. He thanked the Town for their past support of the entertainment during the July 4th celebration, and is asking for their sponsorship for 2014. He asked that the Town put the \$5,000 for July 4th Entertainment in their budget for 2015. Unionville Lions Club keeps 75-80 percent of the funds raised in this community. They work closely with students in need at Unionville Elementary School, Piedmont Middle and the Piedmont High School Leo Club. Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Ken Brown, Council unanimously approved a donation of \$5,000 for July 4th entertainment to the Unionville Lions Club.

Ms. Lisa Bradden, Volunteer Coordinator for Turning Point, addressed Council. Turning Point supports women and children who have been abused in Union, Anson and Stanly Counties. Last year they helped 319 women and children victims, responded to 199 crisis calls, served 267,000 meals and provided 738 hours of counseling for women and children. After one year of their services, 87 percent of women are living in a violence-free home. Currently they are working with 31 women and 162 children. She invited Council to take a tour of their facility. Upon motion duly made by Randy Baucom, seconded by Robert Crutch, Council unanimously approved a donation of \$1,500 to Turning Point.

Mayor Simpson reminded Council of the meeting with North Carolina Department of Transportation on Wednesday, May 28, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in Town Hall regarding closing the Five Points intersection during roundabout construction. The intersection will be closed beginning June 23, 2014 and construction will last approximately six weeks.

In other business, Commissioner Ken Brown stated that the newest Unionville Volunteer Fire Department truck will be available for Council to ride on during the July 4th parade.

Clerk Gaddy reminded Council of her upcoming vacation Monday, May 26 through Tuesday, June 3, 2014. Town Hall will be closed during that time.

In other business, Mayor Pro-Tem Randy Baucom suggested revisiting the quote from Dave Smith regarding tree removal and dead-wood removal on the Community Center property. The consensus was to have Mr. Smith remove the two dead pine trees and remove the dead wood in the trees across the street prior to the July 4th festivities. They will discuss the remainder of the quote at the August 18, 2014 regular meeting.

Budget and Finance Officer Darrell Baucom reviewed the 2014-2015 preliminary budget, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. This budget is based on a \$.02/\$100 valuation ad valorem tax rate. 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 \$8,000 per year for the Budget and Finance Officer payroll. Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Jaren Simpson, Council unanimously approved a 5 percent payroll increase for the Clerk/Tax Collector/Land Use Administrator. The consensus of the Council was also to include additional funds for Christmas decorations. Mr. Baucom reported that office supplies are \$1,600 under budget currently, which will allow for decorations. Mayor Simpson set a budget public hearing for Monday, June 16, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. prior to the regular June 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