

**TOWN OF UNIONVILLE  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

The Unionville Town Council held its regular meeting on Monday, May 21, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. in Town Hall, 1102 Unionville Church Road, Monroe, NC. Mayor Larry Simpson and all Commissioners were present. Town Attorney Ken Helms was also present.

Everyone 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 April 16, 2012 regular meeting minutes, Mayor Simpson declared them approved as reviewed by Council.

Mayor Simpson recognized Budget & Finance Officer Darrell Baucom, who reviewed the financial reports, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. Mr. Baucom stated that the cash balance has been reduced due to a Certificate of Deposit maturing during the month. The Town has a .6 rate for 12 months and added funds to it to equal \$1 million. In Budget vs. Actual, franchise and sales & use taxes are ahead of budget; contributions are less than budget; maintenance and repairs are over budget and legal fees are under budget. Mr. Baucom made inquiry as to the solid waste interlocal agreement, and Commissioner Edd Little said that Union County will send a bill for Unionville's share. Mr. Baucom reported that overall, the Town is under budget \$60,000 and ahead of plan on income \$74,000. Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Ken Brown, Council unanimously approved payment of pending bills.

Mr. Baucom highlighted the Profit & Loss Budget Overview for 2012-2013, highlighting no changes in income; expenses include contributions to Unionville VFD of \$60,000 and \$10,000 to Parks & Recreation; Dues and Subscriptions, Health and Liability insurances and Maintenance and Repairs trend as normal. He did not include cost-of-living or merit increases, although NC League of Municipalities reports 2.67 and 2.65 increases, respectively. Overall fund balance is \$131,000, indicating revenues will exceed expenses by that amount. Upon motion duly made by Randy Baucom, seconded by Ken Brown, Council unanimously approved cost-of-living increases of 2.67 and merit increases of 2.65 for employees. Mayor Simpson set a public hearing for June 18, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. to hear public comments regarding the 2012-2013 budget.

In considering Text Amendment TC-12-01, Board of Adjustment appointments and terms, upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Edd Little, Council unanimously approved the text amendment, including the statement of reasonableness and consistency. In keeping with the requirements of this text amendment, and upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Randy Baucom, Council unanimously set the term as alternate for Shane Rhodus as a three-year term, expiring November, 2014. Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Jaren Simpson, Council unanimously set the term as alternate for Andrew Benton as a two-year term, expiring November, 2013, as he has served as alternate for a few years. All successive alternates will serve three-year staggered terms.

In considering Text Amendment TC-12-02, Parking Regulations – Section 291 (e), upon motion duly made by Randy Baucom, seconded by Ken Brown Council unanimously approved the text amendment, including the statement of reasonableness and consistency.

In considering municipal speed limit ordinances of 25 miles per hour for Smith Field Drive and Cori Jon Drive, upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Randy Baucom, Council unanimously approved these speed limits.

In considering Planning Board members and alternates, upon motion duly made by Randy Baucom, seconded by Ken Brown, Council unanimously appointed Andrew Benton to a second three-year term as Planning Board member, expiring May, 2015. Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Robert Crutch, Council unanimously appointed Shane Rhodus to a three-year term as Planning Board member, expiring May, 2015. Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Ken Brown, Council unanimously appointed Michele Sarno to a three-year term as Planning Board alternate, expiring May, 2015.

Mayor Simpson recognized Barbara Faulk with Union County Community Arts. She has requested a contribution of \$1,000. She stated they are very active in the schools and will soon dedicate a garden on the Piedmont High School campus. She thanked the Town for last year's donation and stated that all the monies will come back to the residents of Unionville. Mayor Pro-Tem Randy Baucom made inquiry as to last year's donation. Darrell Baucom reported that \$1,000 was given. Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Jaren Simpson, Council unanimously approved a \$1,000 donation to Union County Community Arts.

Mayor Simpson recognized Pamela Caskey with United Family Services. She stated that today six siblings from Unionville had forensic and medical exams due to sexual assault or child abuse. In a recent trial, attorneys used evidence from their forensic interview and medical exam to sentence a sex offender to 190 years in prison. Ninety-seven percent of victims know, love and trust their offender. UFS provides support and counseling through the judicial process. This year, United Family Services received their second national accreditation and was used as a national model. Upon motion duly made by Randy Baucom, seconded by Ken Brown, Council unanimously approved a \$1,000 donation to United Family Services.

Mayor Simpson noted that Council will consider requests from Council on Aging and American Red Cross at their June 18, 2012 regular meeting.

Mayor Simpson recognized Lions Club member Jim Walker, who distributed information to Council, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. Mr. Walker asked the Town for a donation of \$5,000 to assist with the cost of the annual July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration. He reported that this club is one of 64 clubs in six or seven counties which has won a community service award for the last several years. They are a member of Lions International, the world's largest service organization, totaling 1.3 million members. Locally, they spend \$18,000 providing services and goods to the community through a kidney/pancreas transplant patient, cancer and other patients, eyeglass recipients, school teachers, Piedmont High School athletes, Don Price scholarship recipients, veterans, roadside cleanup, vision van, Boy Scouts and more. They have been in Unionville for 42 years. This year, they must pay musicians and sound equipment operators for the July 4<sup>th</sup> festivities. Commissioner Randy Baucom made inquiry as to the loss of some sponsors. Mr. Walker confirmed that fact. Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Randy Baucom, Council unanimously approved a donation of \$4,000 to the Unionville Lions Club for the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration.

In considering Town Hall renovations, Commissioner Jaren Simpson reviewed the two quotes presented by Hildreth Construction and Brandon Helms Construction. He stated that Mr. Hildreth believes the damage to be from water issues and not termite infestation. Mayor Pro-Tem Randy Baucom spoke with Brandon Helms and he stated that his quote includes removing existing siding and installing flashing to correct this issue. His quote also includes a layer of plywood under new vinyl flooring where the existing vinyl floor is, although the price on his quote does not include flooring. Upon motion duly made by Randy Baucom, seconded by Robert Crutch, Council unanimously awarded the renovation contract to Brandon Helms Construction, due to the \$4,000 lower price and the floor needing replacement. A copy of both quotes is appended to these minutes. Council asked Clerk Sonya Gaddy to present three flooring estimates of a 15-year warranty product at the June 18, 2012 meeting.

Commissioner Edd Little reported that he and Mayor Simpson met with Fairview Mayor Libby Long and Commissioner Jerry Clontz, along with Ed Goscicki and Cindy Coto from Union County recently. He reported that the county requests that the Town create a master plan directing them to our most desired locations for water and sewer in Unionville. The county will install a central line for Unionville. The timeframe for this project is at least two years. They will need a Land Use Plan from the Town locating the center of town and where we request the line to be installed. Attorney Ken Helms suggested that the Town schedule a work session to begin discussions and that the Town might hire a consultant to advise the Town on this matter. Mr. Little also reported that the county has appropriated \$500,000 for non-water-customers within 1,000 feet of existing water lines to make application and the county will pay for water lines to be run to these homes up to 6,000 feet from existing water lines. The cost over 1,000 feet will be \$25/foot. This will be on a first-come-first-served basis up to \$500,000 annually. Applications will be available sometime in June or July.

Mayor Pro-Tem Baucom filled in for Mayor Simpson, who responded to a fire call with Commissioner Ken Brown. Mayor Pro-Tem Baucom drew Council's attention to the Unionville American Legion baseball team's schedule.

Mayor Pro-Tem Baucom drew Council's attention to the taxable value estimates for 2012-2013.

In other business, Clerk Gaddy reported that Griffin Oil Company came and removed the old oil drum from behind Town Hall at no cost to the Town.

Clerk Gaddy also requested vacation days on Wednesday, June 13 and Thursday, June 14, 2012. Council agreed with these vacation days.

There being no other business, and upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Robert Croutch, Council unanimously adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonya W. Gaddy  
Clerk

Approved as to form:

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R. Kenneth Helms, Jr., Town Attorney