

TOWN OF UNIONVILLE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

The Town of Unionville Town Council met at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, March 16, 2015 in Town Hall, 1102 Unionville Church Road, Monroe, NC. Mayor Simpson and Commissioners Randy Baucom, Ken Brown, Edd Little and Jaren Simpson were present. Town Attorney Ken Helms was also present. Commissioner Robert Crutch was present in the audience.

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

Mayor Simpson called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present.

There were no public comments.

There being no corrections to the minutes of the February 23, 2015 public hearing and regular meeting, Mayor Simpson declared them approved as reviewed by Council.

Mayor Simpson recognized Budget and Finance Officer Darrell Baucom, who reviewed the financial statements, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. The Balance Sheet shows a deposit of franchise taxes for \$58,000 and the balances in the money market account, checking and Certificate of Deposit. In Actual vs. Budget, total income is under budget \$318,000 vs. the budget of \$321,000. In expenses, the Town is over budget on contributions and under budget on legal fees and solid waste cost sharing. Overall, the Town is above budget \$25,000. In activity since last time, bills included annexation fees, public hearing notice, a donation of \$3,000 to Piedmont High School Marching Band, and franchise and sales tax deposits. He requests additions to Pending Bills of \$94 to Palmetto Exterminators, \$150 to Collins Family Law, \$250 for postage and \$162.63 to City of Monroe for natural gas. Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Ken Brown, Council unanimously approved payment of pending bills including the ones listed above.

Mayor Simpson stated that the Town enjoys being able to do some things, such as support youth groups, but tonight is a difficult night for the Town. One of the founding commissioners has stepped down. He has contributed more than he will ever know. One of the greatest boasts one can make is that he gave back to his community. Robert Crutch fits that description well. He represented all members of this community, after having spent serious thinking about the issues. He kept an open mind, and the Town needs more people like Robert Crutch. He is a leader in his church, and is always there—whether it's yard work or church work to be done. This community is indebted to him for his service. With great pride, Mayor Simpson presented a plaque from the Town which read, "In Appreciation of Mr. Robert L. Crutch for his unselfish service to the citizens of Town of Unionville as Town Commissioner, having served on the re-chartered Town Board from 1998 – 2015". Mr. Crutch thanked the Town and his friends and family for supporting him tonight. He didn't expect to resign, but he couldn't help it. He thanked the Town for the plaque, and will cherish it. Mayor Pro-Tem

Randy Baucom stated that he has served the Town with Mr. Crutch for 16 years, and has always found him to be a man of the utmost honesty and integrity. The crowd gave Mr. Crutch a standing ovation.

Upon motion duly made by Jaren Simpson, seconded by Ken Brown, Council unanimously appointed Shane Rhodus to a three-year Board of Adjustment alternate position.

Upon considering the open Parks and Recreation Committee applicant, Mayor Pro-Tem Baucom stated that Mr. Golden does not live within the Town of Unionville limits, and, therefore, would not be eligible.

Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Ken Brown, Council unanimously appointed Melody Braswell as the Town's Deputy Clerk.

Upon motion duly made by Jaren Simpson, seconded by Randy Baucom, Council unanimously set zoning of RA-40 on all parcels within Annexation #20 – Old Camden Road and Olive Branch Roads, except parcel number 09075001C, located at 3821 Olive Branch Road. Council unanimously set LI zoning on this parcel for an auto repair shop.

Mayor Simpson recognized Tina Sagartz with Union County Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association. Ms. Sagartz stated that Union County Heritage Festival will take place April 11 and 12, 2015 at the Union County Agricultural Center. She thanked the Town for donating a gift basket filled with certificates from Unionville area businesses as a door prize last year, and asked if the Town would make a donation this year. All sponsors will be listed on their website. Upon motion duly made by Randy Baucom, seconded by Jaren Simpson, Council unanimously agreed to donate a gift basket of area business certificates with an approximate value of \$250.

Upon motion duly made by Jaren Simpson, seconded by Ken Brown, Council unanimously agreed to meet in Executive Session to discuss the legal interpretation of the Centralina Council of Governments contract and to discuss a personnel issue.

Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Jaren Simpson, Council unanimously adjourned Executive Session.

Upon motion duly made by Jaren Simpson, seconded by Edd Little, Council unanimously appointed Ken Trull to fill Mr. Crutch's vacated commissioner position until the regular election in November, 2015.

Mayor Simpson again recognized Mr. Robert Crutch, and presented his desk plate to him. He invited everyone in attendance to enjoy a reception in honor of Mr. Crutch.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sonya W. Gaddy
Clerk

Approved as to form:

R. Kenneth Helms, Jr., Town Attorney