

TOWN OF UNIONVILLE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

The November 15, 2010 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, Randy Baucom, Robert Croutch and Edd Little were present. Commissioner Ken Brown was absent. Town Attorney Ken Helms was also present.

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

Mayor Simpson welcomed everyone, especially the young folks, and called the meeting to order.

There being no corrections to the minutes of the October 18, 2010 regular meeting and executive session, Mayor Simpson declared the approved as reviewed by Council.

Mayor Simpson recognized Budget and Finance Officer Darrell Baucom, who reviewed the financial report, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. Mr. Baucom referred to the Balance Sheet and noted that the Town has a cash balance of \$89,000 in the money market account. On the income side, ad valorem taxes are under budget and on the expense side, contributions are over budget due to the Piedmont High School scoreboard; maintenance and repairs are over budget due to the floor reinforcement and landscaping; office expenses are over budget due to the new file cabinet; legal fees are under budget and overall income is under budget by \$7,760. Mr. Baucom reported that Don Rushing installed a water pressure reduction valve that lowered the water pressure from 130 p.s.i. to 70 p.s.i. Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Randy Baucom, Council unanimously agree to pay pending bills. Commissioner Edd Little reported that the state is considering withholding some of the franchise taxes the Town receives, therefore, the Town should carefully consider what we are paying out. Mr. Baucom reported that franchise taxes make up 60 – 65 percent of the Town's budget.

Mayor Simpson recognized Mr. Ron Williams, with Piedmont High School Band Boosters. Mr. Williams reported that the county and state are withholding funds from the Piedmont High and Middle Schools' band programs. They have an immediate need for a tuba and are requesting \$4,000.00. Mr. Williams also reported that Piedmont students pay \$200 in band fees and some other schools require \$1200 - \$2000 per student in band fees. Upon motion duly made by Randy Baucom, seconded by Robert Croutch, Council unanimously approved a donation of \$1,000 to the Piedmont High School Band Boosters. This may be reviewed at a later date.

There being no one to represent Unionville American Legion Post #535, Mayor Simpson skipped agenda item number 7.

Mayor Simpson recognized Mrs. Martha Helms, with Unionville PTO. Mrs. Helms stated that Unionville Elementary School has the oldest and most outdated computer lab in the school system, and the PTO planned last summer to replace 30 computers with the first ever invest-in-a kid program. The program asked that supporters give \$60 per child and is their one

and only fundraiser. This program raised \$22,047.46, \$3,103.98 short of the \$25,151.44 needed to replace the computers. The PTO also buys agendas for the students at a cost of \$3,000 and will not have the money necessary to do this if they purchase the computers. The PTO is requesting funds of \$4,144.18 to cover the shortfall and prizes of \$1,040.20. Mrs. Helms reported that the annual barbecue had a shortfall of \$6,000. Barbecue funds provide teacher assistants, literacy teachers and upgrades to barbecue equipment. Unionville principal Sharyn VonCannon will be here in December when Council will vote on this issue.

Mayor Simpson noted the request from Unionville Lions for any amount, and stated that the vote will be taken on this issue in December. Upon motion duly made by Randy Baucom, seconded by Edd Little, Council unanimously approved a resolution recognizing the Unionville Lions Club. A copy of this is appended to these minutes.

Mayor Simpson recognized Clerk Sonya Gaddy, who updated Council on the upcoming Christmas parade and tree lighting. The American Legion will have A Deeper Shade of Blue to sing under the shelter from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 4, 2010. There will be vendors, games and photos with Santa in the Community Center during this time also. The parade will begin at 4:00 p.m. and the tree lighting at 5:00 p.m. The consensus of Council was to ride in a vehicle in the parade rather than on a float.

Clerk Sonya Gaddy drew Council's attention to the stockings placed at their seats and explained that these are from the Union County Christmas Bureau to be filled for needy children in the area this year. They should be returned by December 10, 2010.

Clerk Sonya Gaddy requested her final eight days of vacation on November 19 & 24, December 6, 16, 17, 22, 27 and 30, 2010.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sonya W. Gaddy
Clerk

Approved as to form:

R. Kenneth Helms, Jr., Town Attorney