

TOWN OF UNIONVILLE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

The Town Council of the Town of Unionville held its regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, November 21, 2011 in Town Hall, 1102 Unionville Church Road, Monroe, NC. Mayor Simpson and all Commissioners were present. Attorney Ken Helms was also present.

Everyone stood and 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 and amended the agenda to begin with Item #5, as the Council's term expired prior to the beginning of this meeting.

Clerk Sonya Gaddy administered the Oaths of Office to Randy Baucom, Edd Little and Jaren Simpson, noting that tonight is the first meeting of the new Council.

Mayor Simpson recognized Commissioner Jim Baucom, stating that Mr. Baucom served on the founding board for the Town of Unionville. Liberal annexation laws at the time could have jeopardized our community. Other towns wanted Unionville, so some of the men began exploring the option of re-chartering the Town. Senator Aaron Plyler assisted in the re-chartering. The founders submitted five names for commissioners and Jim Baucom was one of those names. Mayor Simpson quoted a philosopher, stating "you can't plan for the future if you don't know the past". The Town had history on the Council with Jim. Jim could be considered the Social Services Director for this area if you saw his accounts receivable. Another great philosopher said, "he would rather be wrong doing right than right doing wrong". This fits Jim Baucom. He made tremendous contributions to this Board with his insight, and his knowledge of history; he had his finger on the pulse of the community. He knows what's going on in the Town. It is with deepest regret that we see him discontinue his service on the Town Council. He quoted Bob Hope, "thanks for the memories". Mayor Simpson presented Mr. Baucom with a plaque for his years of service, which read "In Appreciation of Mr. Jimmy L. Baucom for his unselfish service to the citizens of the Town of Unionville as Town Commissioner, having served on the re-chartered Town Board from 1998 – 2011". Mayor Simpson then recessed the regular meeting for a short reception in Mr. Baucom's honor.

In considering appointments to the Board of Adjustment to fill Jim Baucom's and Jaren Simpson's positions, Commissioner Edd Little nominated Jaren Simpson to fill Jim Baucom's position and Shane Rhodus to fill Jaren Simpson's position. Commissioner Randy Baucom seconded and made a motion that nominations be closed. Upon motion duly made by Randy Baucom, seconded by Ken Brown, Jaren Simpson and Shane Rhodus were unanimously approved by as Board of Adjustment member and alternate.

There being no corrections or additions to the minutes of the October 17, 2011 regular meeting, Mayor Simpson declared them approved as reviewed by Council.

Mayor Simpson recognized Budget & Finance Officer Darrell Baucom, who reviewed the Financial Statements, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. Mr. Baucom stated that the Balance Sheet shows the BB&T and CD balances. In Actual versus Budget, the Town is under budget on ad valorem taxes and over budget on franchise and sales & use taxes. Overall, the Town income is under budget \$10,000. On the expense side, the Town is under budget on contributions and under budget by \$6,000 for election expenses. The Town is also under budget \$22,000 in legal fees but Mr. Baucom anticipates more bills coming in soon. Overall, the Town is favorable to budget \$39,000. Activity since last month includes Barbee Lawn Care for Town Hall and Unionville Community Center and normal payroll expenses. He called Council's attention to Pending Bills to be Paid through October 31, 2011, including the fourth installment to Moyer, Smith & Roller, auditors and legal expenses to Parker Poe. He stated that the CD's will mature in December, 2011 and May, 2012. Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Edd Little, Council unanimously approved payment of pending bills.

Mayor Simpson set a public hearing for a Griffin Farm and Landfill franchise application for a C&D landfill for Tuesday, December 20, 2011 at 6:00 pm in Piedmont High School auditorium.

Mayor Simpson set a public hearing for Annexation #19 for Michael and Lisa Young's property at 3415 Morgan Mill Road for 7:00 pm on Monday, December 19, 2011 and a public hearing to apply zoning to this property for 7:15 pm on Monday, December 19, 2011 prior to the December regular meeting.

Mayor Simpson reminded everyone of the upcoming Christmas parade and tree-lighting on Saturday, December 3, 2011 beginning at 4:00 pm. Clerk Gaddy volunteered for the Council to ride in her Suburban through the parade. Commissioner Ken Brown invited Council and their spouses to the Unionville Volunteer Fire Department Christmas party the same evening at 7:00 pm at the Fire Department.

Mayor Simpson recognized Neal Spear, Union County Fire Marshal. Mr. Spear introduced a Memorandum of Agreement with North Carolina Emergency Management to consider allowing the state to apply for federal grant money on the Town's behalf in order to hire a contractor who will write a regional hazardous mitigation plan. This would require no out-of-pocket funds for Unionville, as it would be fully funded by federal grant monies. There are no significant advantages or disadvantages for the municipalities. The advantages are for to the state and FEMA. Mayor Simpson made inquiry as to the number of organizations the plan would go through prior to the Town's review. Mr. Spear stated that Union County would partner with Stanly and Cabarrus Counties for a regional plan. The three counties must agree upon and sign the plan. In possibly two more years, another plan would be brought to each jurisdiction for approval and adoption. Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Randy Baucom, Council unanimously agreed to approve this Memorandum of Understanding.

In other business, Clerk Sonya Gaddy requested six vacation days: Wednesday, November 30; Wednesday, December 7; and Tuesday-Friday, December 13-16, 2011. The Council agreed to these vacation days.

There being no other business, Mayor Simpson declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonya W. Gaddy

Approved as to form:

R. Kenneth Helms, Jr., Town Attorney