

**TOWN OF UNIONVILLE  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

The Town of Unionville Town Council met at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, November 18, 2013 at Town Hall, 1102 Unionville Church Road, Monroe, NC. Mayor Simpson and Commissioners Randy Baucom, Robert Croutch, Edd Little and Jaren Simpson were present. Commissioner Ken Brown was absent. Town Attorney Ken Helms was also present.

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

Mayor Simpson welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

There were no public comments.

There being no corrections to the minutes of the October 21, 2013 regular meeting, Mayor Simpson declared them approved as reviewed by the 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 reported that Moyer, Smith and Roller has completed the audit with a clean opinion and Tom Moyer will address Council at the December 16, 2013 regular meeting. Mr. Baucom stated that checks are now printed on the computer, which provides a more official look. On the Balance Sheet, the cash balance is \$160,000 plus the Certificates of Deposit. The income is below budget by \$6,800 mostly due to ad valorem taxes. Expenses are below budget \$24,000 due to elections, audit and contributions. Overall, the Town is favorable to budget \$17,000. The Transactions by Account report shows activity since last month of Parker, Poe, Adams & Bernstein, Barbee Lawn Care and Moyer, Smith, Roller. Pending Bills reflect another audit installment, and invoices from Shawn Collins, American Solutions for Business and Helms, Robinson and Lee. Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Robert Croutch, Council unanimously approved payment of pending bills.

Mayor Simpson recognized Scott Barbee of Barbee Lawn Care. Mr. Barbee gave updates on the soil testing by Union County Urban Forester Bill Smith. Mr. Barbee has completed the recommendations of lime and fertilizer applications for fall, 2013, and will finish distribution in spring, 2014. He stated that several trees have died in previous years, and he has quotes from four arborists to raise the canopy to 25-30 feet on 14 trees, remove and grind stumps of two trees in front of Town Hall and fill holes with dirt. Copies of these quotes are appended to these minutes. This will increase sunlight to the ground level. Mr. Barbee also suggests that dirt be brought in to raise the earth 4-6 inches in the future. Upon motion duly made by Randy Baucom, seconded by Edd Little, Council unanimously awarded the contract to Dave Smith Tree Experts for \$1,800.00. Commissioner Edd Little requested that Mr. Smith also remove a dangerous dead limb from a tree at the Unionville Community Center at the time he does the work at Town Hall.

Mayor Simpson recognized Jim Rowe and Keith Simpson from Sam F. Keziah American Legion Post #535. They stated that the annual Christmas parade will begin at 4:00 pm on Saturday, December 7, 2013 on C. J. Thomas Road and end at Unionville Elementary School again this year. Mr. Rowe provided preliminary sketches with road blocks. They have hired three sheriff deputies to circulate and support the road blocks. The parade will include Piedmont High School's marching band and Air Force Jr. ROTC members, among others. Commissioner Jaren Simpson stated that there was some confusion last year as to where the entries lined up. Mr. Rowe stated that they will be in constant contact with one another this year to avoid the confusion. Attorney Ken Helms made inquiry as to the insurance coverage of the post. Mr. Rowe stated they have \$2 million coverage with Prudential through the Baucom Agency, which covers the parade. Mr. Rowe also stated that Lee Mullis is willing to ride Mayor Simpson in his 2005 red Corvette if so desired.

Mayor Pro-Tem Randy Baucom conducted the remainder of the meeting, as Mayor Simpson responded to a fire call.

There being no other business, and upon motion duly made by Jaren Simpson, seconded by Robert Crutch, 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