

TOWN OF UNIONVILLE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

The October 15, 2007 regular meeting of the Town of Unionville was held at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall, 1102 Unionville Church Road, Monroe, NC. Mayor Simpson and Commissioners Randy Baucom, Robert Crouch and Edd Little were present. Commissioners Jim Baucom and Ken Brown were absent. Attorney Ken Helms was also absent.

Mayor Simpson called the meeting to order. Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag. Commissioner Robert Crouch led the prayer of invocation.

Mayor Simpson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

There being no corrections to the minutes of the September 17, 2007 regular meeting, Mayor Simpson declared them approved as submitted.

Town Budget and Finance Officer Darrell Baucom drew Council's attention to the financial report, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. Mr. Baucom reviewed the Balance Sheet, the Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual, stating that the town is behind budget in franchise fees due to the state legislature change this summer, and the town is favorable on landfill franchise tax and contributions. Legal fees are ahead of budget due to the Griffin Farm and Landfill lawsuit. On the Transaction Detail by Account, Mr. Baucom noted the Parker Poe payment and tax deposits for 2007 ad valorem taxes. Mr. Baucom noted the Parker Poe bill and the Potter & Company bill for the audit in the Pending Bills to be Paid. Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Randy Baucom, Council unanimously approved payment of pending bills.

Mayor Simpson drew Council's attention to the speed limit ordinances recommended by North Carolina Department of Transportation, which were tabled from last month's meeting. A copy of these ordinances is appended to these minutes. Commissioner Crouch expressed concern with a 55 mph speed limit on Lawyers Road from Highway 601 to Unionville-Brief Road. Mayor Simpson stated that the two speed limits in North Carolina are 35 mph and 55 mph, and only the local governing body has authority to make a change. Mayor Simpson also stated that any speed limit means nothing without enforcement, and enforcement is a problem due to budget restraints, short-staffing, and the fact that troopers' time is largely consumed with accident investigation. Mayor Simpson further commented that without enforcement, the limit only appeals to those people who want to obey it. Only two percent of the accidents he attends are caused by speed, although speed adds to the severity of injuries—the driver's inability to control his vehicle is more often the cause of accidents. Commissioner Edd Little stated that if we don't make these changes, every speed limit will be 35 mph in the town. Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Robert Crouch, Council

unanimously approved the speed limit ordinances recommended by North Carolina Department of Transportation.

In other business, upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Randy Baucom, Council unanimously tabled the charitable contribution request from Union County Fire and Rescue Association until the November 19, 2007 meeting, at which time Commissioner Ken Brown can address it.

The next item of business was to consider a quote from Patsy Carriker for cleaning Town Hall facilities. Mrs. Carriker proposes cleaning the facilities every other week for \$70.00 per cleaning. Mrs. Carriker is not bonded, but is willing to be bonded. She cleans the Unionville Community Center, and has general health insurance. Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Robert Crutch, Council unanimously approved Mrs. Carriker's proposal.

Mayor Simpson reminded the Council of the upcoming annual Christmas Tree Lighting on Sunday, December 2, 2007. Musical suggestions from Council were "The Boys".

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sonya W. Gaddy
Clerk

Approved as to form:

R. Kenneth Helms, Jr., Town Attorney