

TOWN OF UNIONVILLE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

The September 20, 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 all Commissioners were present. Town Attorney Ken Helms was also present.

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

Mayor Simpson welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Edd Little, Council unanimously agreed to enter into Executive Session to consult with their attorney, Ken Helms regarding the Griffin Farm and Landfill lawsuit matter.

Upon motion duly made by Randy Baucom, seconded by Edd Little, Council unanimously adjourned Executive Session.

Hearing no corrections to the minutes of the August 16, 2010 regular meeting and executive sessions, Mayor Simpson declared them 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 reported that we recently received franchise taxes of \$63,000 from the state, thus the Town is favorable to budget \$26,000 for the half-month and \$33,000 overall. Regarding activity for the month, Barbee Lawn Care invoiced several months at once, and we have begun to receive ad valorem taxes, along with \$63,000 in franchise taxes. He stated that the Town is over budget on contributions and under budget on legal fees. Mr. Baucom noted the pending bills to be paid, and highlighted the fireproof safe, legal fees and payroll. He stated that the Certificates of Deposit mature in December, 2010 and April, 2011. Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Edd Little, Council unanimously approved payment of pending bills. Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Edd Little, Council unanimously agreed to distributed budgeted funds of \$60,000 to the Unionville Volunteer Fire Department.

In considering the charitable contribution request from Union County Community Arts Council of \$1,250, Council reviewed the letters from Barbara Faulk, Tracy Price, Ed Davis and Rick Greene. Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Randy Baucom, Council unanimously approved a donation of \$500.00.

In considering Text Amendment TC10-03, Mr. Wayne Duncan of Lakeview Baptist Church addressed Council, requesting this change to Section 281 of the Land Use Ordinance to allow LED signs to display "community service related issues" throughout the Town. Commissioner Ken Brown inquired as to the total price of the sign. Mr. Duncan stated that this sign will cost the church \$35,000 to \$40,000, including the software and computer. Land Use

Administrator Sonya Gaddy reviewed the six recommendations from her staff report. Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Randy Baucom, Council unanimously approved the text amendment, including the six recommendations from staff and contingent on Attorney Ken Helms' definition of "community service related information", as this amendment is found to be reasonable and consistent with the recommendations of the Town's adopted comprehensive plan, the Town of Unionville Land Use Plan (adopted March 20, 2006) and the Town of Unionville Land Use Ordinance (effective October 1, 2003). A copy of the staff report is appended to these minutes.

Mayor Simpson recognized Mr. Carl Clark with Local Government Federal Credit Union. Mr. Clark thanked Council for allowing him to speak to them. He explained that the credit union caters to municipalities and their families in North Carolina. All full-time and part-time employees, elected officials, committee members, volunteers and firefighters are eligible. They are located in the State Employee's Credit Union on Dickerson Boulevard in Monroe. They provide commercial lending and an RFP option. The minimum for a savings account is \$25. If this amount is maintained, you will be a member of the credit union for life. He works out of the Charlotte branch if anyone has any questions in the future.

In considering the Parks & Recreation Committee's expiring terms of John Fagala and Kevin Little, and upon motion duly made by Randy Baucom, seconded by Robert Crouch, Council unanimously appointed them to another three-year term.

Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Jim Baucom, Council unanimously agreed to enter into Executive Session with its attorney, Ken Helms, regarding a personnel matter.

Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Robert Crouch, Council unanimously adjourned Executive Session.

In considering the purchase of an updated laminated county map, and upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Ken Brown, Council unanimously approved the purchase of this map for \$189.50 plus shipping costs.

In other business, Clerk Sonya Gaddy requested vacation days of Monday, September 27, and Thursday-Monday, October 21-25, 2010. Council approved these vacation days.

Clerk Gaddy also presented a plaque from the Census Bureau, recognizing our partnership with them during the most recent census. Town Hall was used as a testing site.

Clerk Gaddy noted the athletic passes received from Union County Public Schools for the elected officials.

Clerk Gaddy reported that Union Extermination recommends that the old windows and wood be removed from the basement of Town Hall, as the termite prevention has been completed.

Clerk Gaddy noted the American Legion baseball packet and the charitable request from Piedmont High School Marching Band. The request will be included on the November 15, 2010 agenda.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sonya W. Gaddy
Clerk

Approved as to form:

R. Kenneth Helms, Jr., Town Attorney