

## **TOWN OF UNIONVILLE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

The regular meeting of the Town of Unionville Town Council was held at Town Hall, 1102 Unionville Church Road, Monroe, NC at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, September 17, 2012. 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 Crutch led the prayer of invocation.

Mayor Simpson called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.

There were no comments from the public.

Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Ken Brown, Council unanimously approved minutes of the August 20, 2012 regular meeting.

Mayor Simpson recognized Darrell Baucom, Town Budget and Finance Officer, who reviewed the financial statements, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. He called Council's attention to the cash balance before payment of bills this month. He noted on page 3, the Town is almost \$2000 ahead of budget on income; contributions are \$72,000 under budget and professional fees are under budget by \$15,000. The town has not received a bill for the solid waste cost sharing for last year or this year. As of September 15<sup>th</sup>, the Town is \$100,000 favorable to budget. In Transactions Detail, key items are Moyer, Smith & Roller for the audit, Parker Poe for legal bills through May 31, and a franchise tax deposit of \$62,000. In pending bills, the Parker Poe bill is the largest. He asked to add bills from Shawna Collins, Charlotte Observer for delinquent taxes, and Moyer, Smith & Roller for the audit. Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Robert Crutch, Council unanimously approved payment of pending bills, including the additional ones listed above. Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Jaren Simpson, Council unanimously approved a donation of \$60,000 to Unionville Volunteer Fire Department.

Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Robert Crutch, Council unanimously approved Text Amendment TC-12-03, to allow flashing signs to change messages every 10 seconds in Section 281(e)(3), along with the statement of reasonableness.

Mayor Simpson recognized Mr. Nick Frantz of Palmetto Exterminators, who reviewed the estimate for termite and pest services at Town Hall. He stated that pest services are \$75 for the initial treatment and \$68 quarterly, which equals \$276 per year. Termite services would be \$610 with an annual renewal of \$174. Their quote is for \$94 per quarter to do both. Ken Brown made inquiry as to the type of application they would use. He recommends treating termites over a five-year period with a soil application. He has not seen active termites, only evidence of termites. Commissioner Randy Baucom made inquiry as to powder-post beetles. Mr. Frantz is continuing to investigate areas in the next four weeks and will come back next spring, as the beetles will go dormant over the winter. Commissioner Jaren Simpson made inquiry as to their warranty. Mr. Frantz stated that their warranty covers full damage repair to the structure up to \$250,000 and would hire a contractor to do the work. Commissioner Baucom made inquiry as to how long our rate would be \$95 per quarter. Mr. Frantz stated that there is no lock-in and the Town would have the freedom to cancel if they were not pleased.

Mayor Simpson inquired of our current contract. It is currently with Union Exterminating and has not expired. Town Clerk Gaddy stated that Union Exterminating treated Town Hall for pests today for \$80. Upon motion duly made by Randy Baucom, seconded by Ken Brown, Council unanimously agreed to award pest and termite control to Palmetto Exterminators. Town Clerk Gaddy will send a letter to Union Exterminating.

Mayor Simpson recognized Melinda Plue with ARC of Union County. Her assistant distributed information to Council. She stated that they are one of eighteen agencies that United Way helps. They also secure grants for funding. They have helped 27 Unionville residents in the last year who have autism, cerebral palsy, etc. to lead independent lives. There is no charge for their service. Mayor Simpson made inquiry as to how many Union County residents they assist. Ms. Plue stated that they helped 425 last year. Upon motion duly made by Randy Baucom, seconded by Ken Brown, Council unanimously approved a donation of \$500 to ARC.

Ms. Patti Freeman and Ms. Gidget McDaniel, Justice for All Coalition, represented Mr. Jeff Gerber, who was attending the Union County Commissioners meeting. They were responsible for Jessica's Law and Unborn Victims of Violence Law and are now taking on Kilah's Law, in honor of Kilah Davenport, a three-year-old girl from Fairview who was abused by her step-father. Sentencing guidelines for child abuse is currently 44-96 months in prison, a Class C felony, which is the same as abusing an animal. They are working to change this to a Class 1 Felony which allows a maximum sentence of 25 years to life for this crime. They are trying to reach 100 towns by January. The public may go on [www.change.org](http://www.change.org) to sign the petition. Their goal is 5,000 signatures, and they are half-way there. Ms. McDaniel read the resolution, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. Upon motion duly made by Randy Baucom, seconded by Edd Little, Council unanimously approved this resolution supporting Kilah's Law.

In other business, resident Kathy Oropesa addressed Council regarding the Five Forks intersection proposal for a round-about. Since North Carolina Department of Transportation engineer Mr. Barry Moose's visit in April, 2012, nothing has happened. Since then, Mr. Moose has retired. Funding was not available. She suggested that the Town get state representatives and Town of Fairview representatives involved. The consensus was to ask the new NCDOT engineer to meet with Unionville and Fairview officials to discuss the progress of the round-about.

There being no other business, and upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Jaren Simpson, 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