

TOWN OF UNIONVILLE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

The Town Council of the Town of Unionville met Monday, April 17, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. in Town Hall, 1102 Unionville Church Road, Monroe, NC. Mayor Simpson and Commissioners Randy Baucom, Andrew Benton, Ken Brown and Jaren Simpson were present. Commissioner Edd Little 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 Simpson led the prayer of invocation.

Mayor Simpson welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. There were no public comments.

Hearing no corrections to the minutes of the March 20, 2017 public hearing and regular meeting minutes, Mayor Simpson declared them approved as reviewed by Council.

Mayor Simpson recognized Budget and Finance Officer Darrell Baucom, who reviewed the financial reports, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. Mr. Baucom stated that the cash balance on the Balance Sheet shows less than last year due to contributions and various things. In Actual versus Budget, the Town is ahead of budget income by \$9,000, mostly due to zoning fees and investment income and under budget on franchise taxes. On the expense side, the Town is \$800 favorable to budget, mostly in legal fees and dues and subscriptions; payroll totals are higher. In Pending Bills to be Paid, Worker's Compensation Insurance for next year is the only unusual bill. Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Jaren Simpson, Council unanimously approved payment of pending bills.

Mayor Simpson recognized Ms. Luanne Sherron, Vice-President of Key Accounts and Government Relations with Union Power Cooperative. She stated that she has been with the Coop for 27 years, and her parents lived in Unionville for 15 years off Baucom Deese Road. Union Power supports Unionville by helping with the July 4th parade. They have 73,000 meters in five counties; Union being the largest. There are 1,500 meters in Town of Unionville, and she shared a map indicating those locations with Mayor Simpson and Clerk Gaddy. In 2013 there were 1,300 meters, so they are growing. She also shared a *Carolina Country* magazine, which is sent out monthly to their members, along with an eight-page newsletter. Union Power has a sophisticated system to report power outages and to renew power quickly. Commissioner Brown made inquiry as to a program to change over lighting to LED lights. Ms. Sherron said there is a commercial LED lighting rebate program based on lumens. Vice-President of Marketing & Communication Carrie Stroud should be contacted for further information. Mayor Simpson made inquiry as to the percentage of savings of LED bulbs. Ms. Sherron doesn't have the exact figure, but reported that companies who rely heavily on lighting have reported significant decreases in their monthly bills as a result of changing to LED bulbs. Union Power doesn't change the lights, but when a customer shows them the invoice denoting the change, they verify it and issue a rebate. Tomorrow is "Thank A Lineman Day" in North Carolina, so she asked the community to offer thanks to those workers.

In considering Planning Board recommendations for vacated board member positions, upon motion duly made by Andrew Benton, seconded by Ken Brown, Council unanimously appointed Joe Medlin to a second three-year term and Gene Price to a three-year term as Planning Board members.

Mayor Simpson reminded everyone of the American Legion Post 535 fish fry this Saturday night.

In other business, Attorney Ken Helms reported that Union County's attorney, Ligon Bundy, has contacted him regarding the county foreclosing on a property which has delinquent Unionville taxes of approximately \$300. He asked if the Town would like to be included as a plaintiff or a defendant. Mr. Bundy needed a decision prior to tonight's meeting, so Mr. Helms contacted Mayor Simpson, and the decision was made to have Unionville included as a plaintiff, so there will be no expense to the Town. These taxes will be paid through the foreclosure process. Mayor Simpson made inquiry as to what position the Town would be in the process of payment. Mr. Helms reported that the Town should be second in line for payment behind Union County, if there are no federal taxes involved.

Clerk Gaddy made mention of the Town of Fairview park grand-opening Saturday, the new fee schedule, the Heritage Festival Saturday and municipal elections filing beginning July 7 and ending July 21, 2017. Open seats are Mayor and Commissioners Benton and Brown. She also asked for Monday and Tuesday, April 26 and 27, 2017 as vacation. There was no opposition.

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