

TOWN OF UNIONVILLE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

The Town Council of the Town of Unionville held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, August 15, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in Town Hall, 1102 Unionville Church Road, Monroe, NC. Mayor Simpson and all of the commissioners were present. Town Attorney Ken Helms was also present.

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

Mayor Simpson called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present.

There were no public comments.

There being no corrections to the minutes of the July 18, 2016 public hearing and regular meeting, Mayor Simpson declared them approved as reviewed by Council.

In the absence of Finance Officer Darrell Baucom, Clerk Sonya Gaddy reported that Mr. Baucom has provided the Financial Report to Council, and she has also received a bill from Collins Family Law of \$148.50 to be added to the Pending Bills to be Paid. Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Edd Little, Council unanimously accepted the Financial Report and approved payment of the pending bills including Collins Family Law for \$148.50.

Mayor Simpson asked that the Closed Session be moved to the end of the meeting time. The Council agreed to this request.

Land Use Administrator Gaddy stated that in considering Rezoning ZC-16-01 and zoning of annexed parcels in Annexation #22 along Neal Boyce Road and Deese Road last month, the motions did not include the statement of reasonableness and consistency. Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Andrew Benton, Council unanimously found that both rezoning requests are reasonable and in the public interest and are consistent with the Town's Land Use plan, adopted March, 2006.

Piedmont High School Band Booster President Cyndi Botkin addressed Council. She thanked them for their past support and stated that the band is growing, and has a higher percentage of participation than surrounding schools. Each year, some students are not able to pay their band fees. Last year, there were 12; this year there are 26. They allow everyone to participate regardless of their ability to pay. Their highest need this year is for a larger trailer. Their current trailer is 25 years old, and if this request is postponed until September, funds will be applied to next year's trailer, as it must be built first. They are trying to raise \$10,000 on a go-fund-me page; they have raised \$2,500 and have some restaurant fund raisers planned. Their

request is for \$3,000. They will request funds for graphics from Town of Fairview. Upon motion duly made by Andrew Benton, seconded by Ken Brown, Council unanimously elected to suspend their policy and donate \$3,000 to Piedmont Band Boosters tonight for a new trailer.

In considering advertising on WIXE radio station, upon motion duly made by Jaren Simpson, seconded by Ken Brown, Council unanimously agreed not to sponsor advertising.

In considering advertising on the Union County Chamber of Commerce maps, upon motion duly made by Randy Baucom, seconded by Andrew Benton, Council unanimously agreed not to sponsor advertising.

The consensus of the Council was to support the Constitution Week Proclamation.

Mayor Simpson recognized Ms. Kara Lemon and Sona Aquino regarding the Paint the Town Purple proclamation. Ms. Lemon stated that they are part of Union County healthcare professionals, who want to raise awareness regarding Alzheimer's Disease and begin another walk to end Alzheimer's in Union County. They are asking businesses and municipalities to participate in Paint Union County Purple on Thursday, September 15, 2016. They suggest that staff dress in purple, put purple bows on mailboxes and lampposts, etc. There will be a social gathering and silent auction at Treehouse Vineyards that evening, with funds donated to Alzheimer's Association. Ms. Aquino stated that they will also sponsor a free memory screening at the Senior Center. The consensus of the Council was to support the Paint the Town Purple Proclamation.

Deputy Clerk Melody Braswell stated that it is now time to determine where the light poles will be placed on the Town Hall property. The consensus of the Council is to have Randy Baucom work with Hinson Electric in placement of the poles. Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Jaren Simpson, Council unanimously agreed to erect four light poles along Unionville Road at this time, due to concern that they might shine too brightly in neighbors' houses along Unionville Church Road. Edd Little stated that Unionville American Legion wants to put flags on the poles for patriotic holidays.

Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Jaren Simpson, Council directed Clerk Gaddy to investigate Annexation #23 – Silverthorne subdivision.

Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Jaren Simpson, Council unanimously entered into Executive Session to discuss the pending contract with Unionville Volunteer Fire Department.

Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Andrew Benton, Council unanimously adjourned Executive Session.

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