

**TOWN OF UNIONVILLE  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

The Town Council of the Town of Unionville held their regular meeting on Monday, August 21, 2017 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 Little led the prayer of invocation.

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

There being no corrections to the minutes of the July 17, 2017 public hearing and regular meeting minutes, Mayor Simpson declared them approved as reviewed by Council.

Mayor Simpson recognized Budget & Finance Officer Darrell Baucom, who reviewed the annual audit, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. Mr. Baucom reported that Tom Moyer was unable to attend the meeting tonight, as his wife is ill, so Mr. Baucom reviewed the annual audit, stating that it is a clean audit and there was an unqualified opinion reflected in the audit with no recommendations. He noted that the Town gave the Volunteer Fire Department \$400,000 for a new fire truck in 2015-16. The Town has \$2,503,000 in cash and a net position of unrestricted funds totaling \$2,430,000 with capacity for some projects. Expenditures were \$12,000 under budget. Miscellaneous is unfavorable to budget, but when combined with training it is good. The town's ad valorem tax collection percentage is 98.05%. The motor vehicle collection percentage is 100%. There are no instances of noncompliance, deficiencies or weakness, therefore, the Town has a clean report.

Commissioner Simpson made inquiry as to the extra 1.7% of taxes uncollected. Mr. Baucom referred to the Schedule on Page 35 which includes prior balances. Losses are written off after ten years. Attorney Helms stated that the Town recently piggybacked with Union County when they foreclosed on a property, and we hope to continue to do so, as the expenses do not justify the collections typically. Commissioner Simpson made inquiry as to the delinquent taxpayers. Tax Collector Gaddy stated that most of the delinquencies are by the same residents, and they pay interest and advertising fees when delinquencies are collected.

Mr. Baucom then reviewed the monthly financial statement, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. He stated that the Town has \$2,578,000 in checking. The Town is not quite on budget in income, and expenses are favorable to budget \$22,000. Activity since last month includes property and casualty insurance, League of Municipalities, cyber insurance, payroll and taxes. Pending Bills to be Paid include Barbee Lawn & Landscaping, DeAnna Rorie cleaning and Parker Poe Lobbyist (\$5000 for two quarters plus \$500 to register). Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Jaren Simpson, Council unanimously approved payment of pending bills.

In considering RA-40 zoning for Annexation #25, Emerald Pointe Court and a portion of one lot on Baucom Deese Road, upon motion duly made by Andrew Benton, seconded by Edd Little, Council unanimously applied RA-40 zoning to these parcels.

In considering the NFocus contract, only a portion of the contract was shared with the Council, therefore, the consensus was to table this decision until next month when the entire contract can be reviewed.

Mayor Simpson recognized Ms. Shelley Holt, with Piedmont High School Band Boosters, who read a letter and thanked Council for their past support. She is a band mom of a rising senior and rising freshman. Mr. Lukac and Ms. Vitulli lead the Piedmont Marching Band. Statistics show that musicians perform better on standardized tests and have decreased instances of drug and alcohol use. Band fees are required for instrument repair or replacement, transportation and contract labor. Union County requires that four drivers be paid \$15 per hour to drive the students to competitions and away games. Although some families can't pay the fees, no students are turned away. They perform during football games and Unionville and Union County parades, in addition to their competitions. They appreciate the Town's past contribution, and ask that the Town continues the partnership. Immediate desires are to wrap the trailers professionally and replace old instruments. Town of Fairview contributed \$2,500 and they are asking for \$7,500 from Unionville. Commissioner Brown made inquiry as to the number of students in band. There are 142 band members. Commissioner Baucom made inquiry as to other fund raisers. They will sell cookie dough, Krispy Kreme doughnuts and have a McAllister's night. Commissioner Little made inquiry as to contract labor. Those are college band students and professional teachers who help with the different band sections. Commissioner Benton made inquiry as to the number of members who can't afford the fees. There are around 15. Mayor Simpson made inquiry as to the color guard and UCPS' contribution. The color guard members also pay band fees and have had a couple of car washes. UCPS contributes approximately \$100-\$200 for district band. Commissioner Baucom made inquiry as to the operation of the trailer. Three-four trailers will be pulled by parents' trucks, one of which was contributed by the Town last year. In the future, they would like to purchase a box truck. Mayor Simpson made inquiry as to band fees. Each student pays \$400 or \$600 total if there are two in one family. Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Jaren Simpson, Council unanimously approved a donation of \$2,500 to Piedmont Band Boosters.

Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Ken Brown, Council unanimously approved the "Paint the Town Purple" resolution in recognition of Alzheimer's disease.

Upon motion duly made by Andrew Benton, seconded by Randy Baucom, Council unanimously approved the Constitution Week resolution recognizing September 10-17.

Attorney Helms presented a resolution for The Oaks at Camden North Phase, which was approved last month.

Clerk Gaddy drew the Council's attention to four roads which have been created due to the Monroe Expressway construction that will affect Unionville residents—at Deese Road, Willis Long Road and two on Poplin Road. Three public meetings will be held in September to accept recommendations for these road names. The Town will send letters to the eight Unionville addresses affected by these changes.

Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Andrew Benton, Council unanimously agreed to adjourn to Executive Session to meet with their attorney.

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

In other business, Clerk Gaddy directed Council's attention to an email from John Brewer stating that he has been nominated for State American Legion Commander of the Year. He is asking the Council to consider writing recommendation letters for him as such. Council asked Clerk Gaddy to write those letters and send them to Mr. Brewer.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sonya W. Gaddy  
Clerk

Approved as to form:

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R. Kenneth Helms, Jr., Town Attorney