

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

The Town Council of the Town of Unionville met on Monday, December 18, 2017 in Town Hall, 1102 Unionville Church Road, Monroe, NC. Mayor Baucom and all 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 Baucom called the meeting to order and welcomed Mr. Gene Price's family.

Clerk Gaddy administered the oaths of office to Commissioners Ken Brown and Gene Price. Mayor Baucom welcomed Commissioner Price to the Board.

There were no public comments.

There being no corrections to the minutes of the November 20, 2017 regular meeting, Mayor Baucom declared them approved as reviewed by Council.

Mayor Baucom recognized Budget and Finance Officer Darrell Baucom, who reviewed the financial statements, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. Mr. Baucom stated that the Town's audit has been completed and we should receive a report soon. The Town has cash of \$2,638,000 in their accounts. Income is below budget \$530 due to mortgage ad valorem taxes that haven't been received yet. Franchise taxes reflect half the month of December budget. For the entire month, the Town is \$4,000 under budget. On the expense side, the Town is under budget \$12,500 on contributions, and also under budget on accounting consulting and elections, but the elections expense is included tonight. Overall, the Town is ahead of budget \$26,000 through mid-December. In Transactions by Account, the large items were lobbying fees and Mayor Simpson's retirement event. Pending Bills to be Paid include \$3,200 for Roger Melton Painting, \$5,200 for elections expense, \$625 for NFocus Planning. Please add \$88.81 for City of Monroe, \$156.80 for Duke Energy, \$1,260 for Helms Robinson Lee Attorneys and \$280 for DeAnna Rorie for Town Hall cleaning. Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Edd Little, Council unanimously approved payment of pending bills including the ones listed here.

Clerk Gaddy reported that the item to amend audit contracts was not needed, as the audit was submitted to the state on time.

In setting 2018 meeting dates and times, the consensus was to keep the same schedule—third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Jaren Simpson, Council unanimously approved all of the previous personnel appointments, except Mayor Pro-Tem. Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Andrew Benton, Council appointed Ken Brown as Mayor Pro-Tem. Ken Brown opposed the motion.

In considering the names of three new roads in Unionville created by the Monroe Expressway, the consensus was to approve the proposed names—Blue Jay Road, Heath Davis Road and Poplin Road.

Mayor Baucom stated that he attended the American Legion Post #535's Christmas banquet and reported that the Legion is coming along good with their fundraising. He suggested that there are probably some other ways to help out the Legion instead of purchasing a brick right now. He suggested that the Council table this consideration at this time. There was no opposition.

Upon motion duly made by Jaren Simpson, seconded by Edd Little, Council approved Clerk Gaddy's vacation for December 20, 21, 22 and 27, 2017.

In other business, Mayor Baucom drew Council's attention to the dangerous intersections at Tom Boyd and Sikes Mill Roads and Old Camden and Morgan Mill Roads. He suggested that the Town write a letter to NC Department of Transportation asking that rumble strips be installed to increase awareness of the upcoming stop signs. Upon motion duly made by Jaren Simpson, seconded by Andrew Benton, Council unanimously asked Attorney Ken Helms to write a letter to this effect, including statistics regarding the high rate of accidents.

Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Andrew Benton, Council unanimously agreed to enter into Executive Session to consider a personnel issue.

Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Jaren Simpson, Council closed Executive Session.

Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Andrew Benton, Council unanimously approved Christmas bonuses for Clerk Gaddy of \$750, Finance Officer Baucom of \$500 and Deputy Clerk Braswell of \$500. Each employee expressed their appreciation.

There being no other business, Mayor Baucom wished everyone a Merry Christmas and declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonya W. Gaddy  
Clerk

Approved as to form:

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R. Kenneth Helms, Jr., Town Attorney