

TOWN OF UNIONVILLE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

The Town Council of the Town of Unionville met at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, February 22, 2016 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 United States flag, after which Commissioner Edd Little led the prayer of invocation.

Mayor Simpson welcomed everyone in attendance and opened the floor for public comments. There were no comments.

Budget and Finance Officer Darrell Baucom noted corrections to the financial portion of the January 18, 2016 regular meeting minutes. Upon motion duly made by Randy Baucom, seconded by Edd Little, Council unanimously approved the minutes of the January 18, 2016 regular meeting with the financial corrections.

Mayor Simpson recognized Budget and Finance Officer Darrell Baucom for a review of the Financial Statements, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. Mr. Baucom noted the cash balance of \$2,353,000 versus \$2,257,000 last year. On Page 3, Income is above budget by \$6,776 mostly due to franchise and ad valorem taxes. Expenses are under budget \$7,241 primarily due to legal fees. In Transactions by Account, there is nothing unusual. The Board of Elections expense of \$4,684.79 is non-recurring. Please add the following bills to Pending Bills to be Paid: tax refunds, City of Monroe for gas, Piedmont Computer Services, Duke Energy, Hinson Mechanical and Patsy Carriker for cleaning Town Hall. Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown seconded by Edd Little, Council unanimously approved payment of Pending Bills including the ones listed here.

Land Use Administrator Gaddy reviewed the NFocus Planning contract. Attorney Ken Helms noted that the hourly rate is \$125 per hour and this contract may be terminated with a 60-day notice. There are restrictions if the Town should hire an NFocus employee, the Town must pay three months of their gross salary. The consensus of the Council was for Mr. Helms to take a closer look at the contract and report back next month.

Upon motion duly made by Jaren Simpson, seconded by Randy Baucom, Council unanimously approved a \$250 gift basket of Town vendors to be donated to Union County Heritage Festival sponsored by Master Gardeners of Union County for a give-away on April 9 and 10, 2016 at Union County Agricultural Center. Clerk Gaddy will prepare and deliver the basket.

Upon motion duly made by Jaren Simpson, seconded by Edd Little, Council unanimously approved participation in Urban Archery Season 2017 January 14 – February 18, 2017.

Mayor Simpson set a public hearing for Monday, March 21, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. to hear public comments regarding TC-15-01, which increases the number of Board of Adjustment alternates from two to three.

In considering the appointment of Planning Board expiring terms, and upon motion duly made by Randy Baucom, seconded by Ken Brown, Council unanimously appointed Ken Trull and Craig Rushing as members to replace the expiring terms of Gene Price and Michelle Sarno. Commissioner Baucom stated that a few residents had expressed an interest in serving as an alternate, therefore, the alternate appointment was tabled until the March 21, 2016 meeting.

Mayor Simpson noted the Planning Board 2016 chairman and vice-chairman as information only.

In other business, Commissioner Ken Brown requested that the Town help provide CPR classes for residents. The cost is \$1,019 for instructor materials, one adult and one child mannequin. Volunteers from the fire department will instruct the classes. He proposes to offer three classes the first year and then two each year thereafter. Classes would be free to residents and the Council could make a decision regarding non-residents. This is a valuable skill to know. Recently a gentleman on Sikes Mill Road performed CPR and it was very valuable to the patient. The one-time class lasts 2-4 hours at the local Unionville Volunteer Fire Department. Each class can have up to 30 students. Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Randy Baucom, Council approved the purchase of these materials for CPR classes.

In other business, resident James Aldridge addressed Council making inquiry as to a donation of land for a park in the Unionville Community by Mrs. Morgan. Town Attorney Ken Helms stated that an offer has not been made; information has simply been shared with the Council regarding the acquisition of land for a park, but no action has been taken. The Town is currently in the preliminary discussion of this issue; no formal offer or action has been taken, and there are no current discussions ongoing. Mr. Helms stated that should an offer be made and if there were any negotiations regarding the price of land, this would be conducted during a Closed Session of the Council. However, residents would know about the possibility of an offer as far as purchasing property. A resident made inquiry as to a housing development on Mrs. Morgan's land if the park isn't approved. Land Use Administrator Sonya Gaddy confirmed that she has not received any requests for a housing development at this time. Mr. Aldridge made inquiry as to the cattle being moved from the property. Mr. Helms stated that this is private property and the Town has no control over the sale of her property and the moving of cattle. A resident stated that Mrs. Morgan wants the Town to purchase her property for a park and use her home as a museum. Commissioner Jaren Simpson stated that we have had no offers to that effect.

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