

**TOWN OF UNIONVILLE
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

The Town Council of the Town of Unionville met at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, June 19, 2017 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 Simpson 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 May 15, 2017 regular meeting, Mayor Simpson declared them approved as reviewed by Council.

Mayor Simpson recognized Budget and Finance Officer Darrell Baucom, who reviewed the Amendments to the 2016-2017 Budget, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. These amendments bring the budget closer to actual. On the income side, the Town received \$28,000 in alcohol and beverage tax and \$10,000 more investment income, motor vehicle and sales and use taxes than anticipated, and is partly offset by lower franchise taxes. On the expense side, the Town paid \$13,500 for decorative street lights and replaced the roof on the Unionville Community Center. Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Jaren Simpson, Council unanimously approved Amendments to the 2016-2017 budget.

Mr. Baucom reviewed the monthly Balance Sheet and Income Statement, stating that \$300,000 will be transferred from BB&T to the money market account at Bank of North Carolina at .65 percent interest. He will try to obtain a higher interest rate. In Actual versus Budget, the budget has been adjusted to reflect the amendment just approved. The Town is over on franchise taxes \$1,588 and the funds balance appropriated amount is not in there. On the expense side, contributions are under budget. On maintenance and repairs, we have not received a bill from Barbee Landscape, so we might have to move things around to absorb that expense. In Transactions by Account, activity since last month is shown--\$8,000 to Union County for solid waste, \$2,000 to Council on Aging, \$5,000 to Unionville Lions Club, \$3,500 for Unionville Community Center utility reimbursements. In Pending Bills to be Paid, please add MC2 Engineering \$375, April-June Town Hall cleaning \$280, Sharp Copier \$86.92, City of Monroe \$26.25 and Palmetto Pest Control \$62.00. Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Randy Baucom, Council unanimously approved payment of pending bills including those listed above.

Mr. Baucom drew Council's attention to the proposed 2017-2018 budget with a \$.02 tax rate, \$145,000 in the fund balance and the expenses the Council discussed at the last budget workshop. Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Andrew Benton, Council unanimously approved the 2017-2018 budget ordinance, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. Upon motion duly made by Jaren Simpson, seconded by Andrew Benton, Council unanimously approved the ad valorem tax rate as \$.02/\$100 valuation. Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Ken Brown, Council unanimously approved J. B. Watson to perform the 2016-2017 annual audit.

Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Jaren Simpson, Council unanimously approved advertisement of 2016 delinquent real estate taxes in the Charlotte Observer on Sunday, June 25, 2017 for \$190.40.

Mayor Simpson set a public hearing for Annexation #25 for Monday, July 17, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Simpson recognized Ms. Barbara Faulk, with Union County Community Arts Council. Ms. Faulk thanked the Town for their past support. She also noted that this year's request will be strictly used for Unionville residents. Funding will enable UCCAC to provide art opportunities to students at Piedmont and Porter Ridge High Schools, Piedmont and Porter Ridge Middle Schools and Unionville Elementary School. They have allocated \$3,000 for schools. Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Andrew Benton, Council unanimously approved a contribution of \$1,200 for Union County Community Arts Council.

Mayor Simpson recognized Ms. Sheila Crunkleton, with American Red Cross. Ms. Crunkleton stated that this is a big year—the 100th year anniversary of service in the community. Two chapters of the Red Cross were formed in 1917 and they were brought together eventually for World War I. At that time, the “troop trains” would pull into the station, volunteers would take the soldiers home to enjoy a meal and then send them off to war the next morning. Red Cross nurses took care of soldiers. Flags in windows of homes showed their support of the Red Cross. One hundred years later, the Red Cross is still supporting military and families of deployed military. They provide disaster relief for house fires. There are no qualifications to meet for this support. They support firemen and provide 40 percent of the nation's blood supply. The Centennial blood drive will be Wednesday, July 19 at the historic Armory in Monroe. The goal is 100 units. Mayor Simpson made inquiry as to the number of times they've helped a Unionville resident this year. Ms. Crunkleton stated that they have helped at least four Unionville families this year. Commissioner Brown made inquiry as to deployments. Ms. Crunkleton stated that 34 volunteers deployed to assist during Hurricane Matthew relief. This was a real disaster, as Matthew hit the same area that was hit by Hurricane Floyd seventeen years ago. Volunteers helped flood victims in the Midwest and Louisiana. Upon motion duly made by Andrew Benton, seconded by Ken Brown, Council unanimously approved a donation of \$3,500 to American Red Cross.

Mayor Simpson recognized Ms. Denise Davis, with Turning Point. She stated that their statistics have increased from last year. They have worked with 1,043 victims of domestic violence this year, an increase of 400 from last year. There have been 235 child advocacy cases this year. Unionville had seven cases—four domestic violence cases with two protection orders granted; two cases did not file for protection. In one case, the perpetrator was convicted and given an 18 month probation. The victim was strangled and beaten in front of her eight-year-old and ten-year-old children. She lived in the shelter eight months and is now living violence-free. There were three child sex abuse cases; one of which became suicidal and is being treated in a mental health facility. A perpetrator was immediately arrested and is awaiting trial. Others are under investigation. Teen dating violence awareness will be taught at Piedmont High School to stop violence before it starts. They will continue to work with the victims who are children as long as necessary. Upon motion duly made by Randy Baucom, seconded by Jaren Simpson, Council unanimously approved a donation of \$2,000 to Turning Point.

Upon motion duly made by Andrew Benton, seconded by Ken Brown, Council unanimously approved Text Amendment TC-17-01, a text change to add “Event Venue” to the Land Use Ordinance in Sections 15 and 163 and the Table of Uses with a Conditional Use Permit, as it is found to be reasonable and in the public interest and consistent with the Town’s Land Use Plan adopted March, 2006.

Upon motion duly made by Andrew Benton, seconded by Jaren Simpson, Council unanimously approved Text Amendment TC-17-02, a text change to add Section 324 (e) and remove Section 326 of the Land Use Ordinance, as protest petitions are no longer allowed by recent North Carolina general statutes, as it is found to be reasonable and in the public interest and consistent with the Town’s Land Use Plan adopted March, 2006.

Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Andrew Benton, Council unanimously approved Text Amendment TC-17-03, a text change to remove references of cluster and architecturally-integrated subdivision in Section 181 and remove Section 334 of the Land Use Ordinance, as cluster subdivision and architecturally-integrated subdivisions were removed from the ordinance with Revision Number 22 on November 17, 2008, as it is found to be reasonable and in the public interest and consistent with the Town’s Land Use Plan adopted March, 2006.

Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Andrew Benton, Council unanimously approved Text Amendment TC-17-04, a text change to replace “twelve-months” with “twenty-four months” waiting period in Section 65 (a) and (c) and replace “one year” with “twenty-four months” in Section 321 (d) (1) and (2), as it is found to be reasonable and in the public interest and consistent with the Town’s Land Use Plan adopted March, 2006.

Mayor Simpson called attention to the municipal filing period of July 7-21, 2017. The Town has three positions expiring: Mayor Simpson, Commissioner Benton and Commissioner Brown.

In other business, Commissioner Brown reported that the Piedmont High School Fire Academy training program, which trains students who want to pursue a public safety or firefighter career, is well ahead of anticipated success. It is currently the top program in the state. Unionville Volunteer Fire Department has four volunteers from this program; New Salem and Fairview have a few; and Hemby Bridge has one. There is a rumor that the program is being phased out or reduced to every other year. He suggested that the Council develop a resolution in support of this program and forward it to Union County Public Schools Superintendent and Piedmont High School Principal. Currently, the volunteers are saving taxpayer money, as they are not required to hire full-time staff yet. Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Jaren Simpson, Council unanimously asked Attorney Ken Helms to draft a resolution to this effect.

Clerk Gaddy reminded everyone of the upcoming July 4th festivities, which will be held on Tuesday, July 4, 2017. Concerts in the Park begin Thursday, July 13, 2017.

Clerk Gaddy requested the week of July 3-7, 2017 for vacation. Town Council granted the request.

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