

**TOWN OF UNIONVILLE  
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING**

The Town Council of the Town of Unionville met at 7:15 p.m. on Monday, June 27, 2016, in Town Hall, 1102 Unionville Church Road, Monroe, NC. Mayor Simpson, Mayor Pro-Tem Randy Baucom, Commissioners Edd Little, Andrew Baucom, Ken Brown, and Jaren Simpson were present. Town Attorney Ken Helms was absent.

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 asked if anyone had any questions regarding the budget proposed in the budget public hearing. Ken Brown asked if there was a vote needed for the \$15,000 contribution for the fire department. Darrell said that since the budget had not yet been approved, it could be added to the budget with no vote required. Ken asked the other Commissioners for their thoughts on adding this contribution to the budget. Edd, Randy, and Jaren all agreed that if it would support having a well-trained volunteer base, then it would be worth the investment to the department. Ken thanked the Commissioners for their support. Edd Little asked who would be building the structure. Ken confirmed that the volunteers would be building the tower off to the side of the department. He stated there would be a 12'x12' area with platforms and a series of stairs for access. Darrell Baucom asked what the department would do to deter children from accessing the tower. Ken said that had been a topic of conversation and the department was exploring ways to secure the stairs from being accessed by children and visitors. Mayor Simpson said that if no one objected, the additional \$15,000 contribution would be added to the budget. Mr. Baucom increased proposed contributions to \$100,000, decreasing the appropriated fund balance to \$131,579, and increasing the total income and expenditures to \$270,171. Mr. Baucom clarified that there would be no need to vote or make an amendment to the budget.

Andrew Benton brought up Piedmont High School's desire to replace a trailer. The school is attempting to raise \$10,000 and have currently raised about \$2,000 towards their goal through a Go Fund Me account. This would be an enclosed, double axel trailer that is primarily used by the band to transport equipment to and from events. Andrew would like to ask the Town to consider contributing \$3,000 towards this need, contingent upon the school raising the additional \$7,000. Mr. Baucom said that we had a surplus this past year of about \$3,000 for contributions, so there would be no need to adjust the budget for 2016-2017. Mayor Simpson said that it would need to be presented and voted on at a separate meeting, once the school has raised the contingent funds. Randy Baucom clarified that the money would not be appropriated until it has been requested by the school after the additional funds have been raised.

Mr. Baucom's budget includes an ad valorem tax rate for 2016-2017 be \$.02/\$100. Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Andrew Baucom, Council unanimously adopted the 2016-2017 budget, a copy of which is appended to these minutes, and agreed to the \$.02/\$100 tax rate for 2016-2017.

There being no other business and upon motion duly made by Jaren Simpson, seconded by Randy Baucom, the Council unanimously agreed to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved as to form:

Melody S. Braswell  
Deputy Clerk

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R. Kenneth Helms, Jr., Town Attorney