

TOWN OF UNIONVILLE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

The Town Council of Town of Unionville met at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, May 15, 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 Edd Little led the prayer of invocation.

Mayor Simpson welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

Pastor Henry from Word of Grace Bible Church addressed Council. He reported that they purchased the white church across from Town Hall in January and have been restoring it. They are exhausted financially and physically. During the renovation, they found the date of 1835 on the church bell. The 70 church members have a conservative Baptist background and believe in no drinking, no smoking, no tobacco and one wife for life. There are fifteen nationalities represented in their congregation. His grandparents spent 22 years in jail in Russia due to their faith. In 1989, he moved to the USA and the Soviet government took his citizenship away. He's been here 27 years, and is now a U.S. citizen. The church has received a warm welcome here, including their barbecue fundraiser recently. He invited everyone to join them for their grand opening on Sunday, June 4, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. and invited Mayor Simpson to speak. They will serve a meal of Russian food at the Unionville Community Center after their service.

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

Mayor Simpson recognized Budget and Finance Officer Darrell Baucom, who reviewed the Financial Report, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. The checking balance is over \$2.5 million. In Budget vs. Actual, the Town is ahead in income by \$11,000 due to investments and zoning. Franchise taxes are below, but offset by other positives. Expenses are under budget \$3,900 due to legal fees, offset by higher payroll expenses due to monthly health insurance. Overall, the Town is \$2,300 favorable to budget. Activity Since Last Month includes payments to Helms Robison & Lee of \$666 and Worker's Compensation of \$1,440. Items to be Paid included Piedmont Convenience Site of \$8,000 for 15-16 fiscal year, surety bonds for the tax collector and finance officer of \$1,000 and NFocus of \$625. Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Jaren Simpson, Council unanimously agreed to pay pending bills.

Mr. Baucom then reviewed the 2017-2018 Proposed Budget. Income of \$269,000 includes \$145,000 into the fund balance and an increase in investment income of \$18,000. The Certificate of Deposit rate is 1% and the Money Market rate is \$.65%. He recommends an ad valorem tax rate of \$.02/\$100 valuation. Franchise fees remain flat from last year. Sales and use taxes anticipated are \$31,800. Expense items include contributions of \$85,000; \$73,000 for payroll, \$12,000 for legal; \$8,000 for solid waste and \$9,870 for utilities.

Mayor Simpson set a budget public hearing for Monday, June 19, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Jaren Simpson, Council unanimously approved the Resolution to Direct Clerk to Investigate Annexation #25, Emerald Pointe, dated May 15, 2017.

Mayor Simpson recognized Ms. Linda Smosky with Council on Aging in Union County. Ms. Smosky thanked the Council for their past support on behalf of the 20-member staff and Board of Directors. They are able to help those who are turning 65 and going on Medicare, as they realize it's not so simple. The COA has volunteers to install grab bars in bathrooms, to shampoo and bathe the elderly and to loan out walkers and shower stools. A growing need is for adult diapers. Mayor Simpson made inquiry as to the number of Unionville residents they help. Ms. Smosky reported that they help approximately 15 percent of residents in the 28110 zip code. Upon motion duly made by Randy Baucom, seconded by Jaren Simpson, Council unanimously donated \$2,000 to Council on Aging in Union County.

Mayor Simpson recognized Mr. Jim Walker with Unionville Lions Club. Mr. Walker is asking for support of the July 4th festivities. He thanked the Council for their past support, and stated that the Lions Club tries to give back to the community by paying utility bills, medical bills and providing children's eyeglasses. They gave \$150 each to ten Unionville Elementary School students for Christmas including shoes, socks, clothes and one toy each. They are planning five Concerts in the Park beginning Thursday, July 13, 2017. Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Edd Little, Council unanimously donated \$5,000 to the Unionville Lions Club for the July 4th celebration.

Upon motion duly made by Jaren Simpson, seconded by Edd Little, Council unanimously appointed Andy Fowler to the Planning Board for a three-year term.

Mayor Simpson set public hearings beginning at 7:15 p.m. on Monday, June 19, 2017 for Text Amendments TC-17-01, TC-17-02, TC-17-03 and TC-17-04.

Budget and Finance Officer Baucom reported that Moyer, Smith & Roller will no longer perform municipal audits, so he recommends J. B. Watson in Wadesboro. Their fee is the same as Moyer, Smith & Roller's.

Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Jaren Simpson, Council unanimously adjourned to Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sonya W. Gaddy
Clerk

Approved as to form:

R. Kenneth Helms, Jr., Town Attorney