

**TOWN OF UNIONVILLE  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

The Town Council of the Town of Unionville met at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, May 16, 2016 at Town Hall, 1102 Unionville Church Road, Monroe, NC. Commissioners Andrew Benton, Ken Brown and Edd Little were present. Mayor Larry Simpson, Mayor Pro-Tem Randy Baucom and Commissioner Jaren Simpson were absent. Attorney Ken Helms was also present.

Attorney Ken Helms instructed the commissioners that a quorum is not present to consider issues regarding annexation and rezoning, however, a quorum is present to consider certain business. He advised the commissioners to elect a chairman to preside over this meeting. Upon motion duly made by Andrew Benton, seconded by Edd Little, the Council unanimously elected Commissioner Ken Brown to preside over this meeting.

Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag, after which Commissioner Edd Little led the prayer of invocation.

Chairman Brown welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

There were no public comments.

There being no corrections to the minutes of the April 18, 2016 regular meeting, Commissioner Brown declared them approved as reviewed by the Council.

Chairman Brown recognized Budget and Finance Officer Darrell Baucom, who reviewed the Financial Statements, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. Mr. Baucom drew Council's attention to the money market account balance of over \$1,000,000 and the actual balance of \$2,384,000 including a transfer of \$200,000 effective May 16, 2016. To avoid a fee of \$7.50/month due to no activity in the money market account, he made this transfer. In the Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual, income is below budget \$487. On the expense side, the Town is less than budget on legal fees and contributions. In Transactions by Account, recent transactions are Barbee Lawn Care, Arc of Union and the Unionville Lions Club. Pending Bills to be Paid include legal fees, the \$200,000 transfer to the money market account, \$8,000 for Piedmont Convenience Site for 2014-2015 and Worker's Compensation Insurance of \$1,512.

Finance Officer Baucom reviewed the Profit and Loss Budget for 2015-2016 overview with Council. He stated that page 2 includes the assumptions used and ½ percent interest on the money market and Certificate of Deposit accounts. It assumes an ad valorem rate of \$.02/\$100 valuation on real estate, personal property and vehicles, and considers deferred farm-program properties. Franchise taxes on page 11 are kept flat, as recommended by the state, using \$260,000. Sales tax of 3.75% increases shows use to \$29,000. He budgeted \$10,000 for zoning,

and recommends any excess in the fund balance be put into the savings or money market accounts. In expenses, contributions of \$85,000 include \$60,000 for Unionville Volunteer Fire Department and \$25,000 for other contributions. The payroll increase included is 4.66%, as NC League of Municipalities suggests this amount for cost of living and merit increases. He did not include expenditures for Board of Elections, as there are no terms expiring in 2016. The accounting figure includes the annual audit. The consulting figure includes the Forestry Service for \$2,489. Legal fees are estimated at \$1,000 per month. For zoning administration, he used what was estimated by Centralina Council of Governments, although the Town will begin their contract with NFocus on July 1, 2016, which is an as-needed basis. A retirement total of 12.98% of salary is paid by the Town for the Clerk's benefit. Solid Waste Cost Sharing of \$8,000 is for the Piedmont Convenience Site. Travel, utilities, and others are based on recent trends. He will provide the 2016-2017 Budget next month showing a \$02/\$100 valuation for ad valorem taxes.

Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Andrew Benton, Council unanimously approved the Financial Report. Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Andrew Benton, Council unanimously approved payment of pending bills. Chairman Brown set a public hearing to consider the 2016-2017 Budget for Monday, June 20, 2016 at 7:15 p.m. prior to the regular meeting. Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Andrew Benton, Council unanimously approved the audit contract of \$8,750 with Moyer, Smith, Roller for 2016-2017.

Chairman Brown recognized Ms. Barbara Faulk, with Union County Community Arts Council. She thanked Town of Unionville for their support over the years. Since 1980, the Arts Council has been supporting Union County residents, and all of the funds donated by Unionville go directly back into programs for the Town's residents. This year, they supported Piedmont High School professional art shows, a Shakespeare recitation contest, and a \$500 grant for an art project led by Ms. Tracy Price. They also supported Porter Ridge Middle School with a \$500 grant for a clay art show. All the elementary schools have professional art shows, a mime show and a holiday show. Students rode buses to Wingate University to attend a children's theatre. Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Andrew Benton, Council unanimously approved a donation of \$1,200 to Union County Community Arts Council.

Chairman Brown recognized Ms. Linda Smosky of Union County Council on Aging. She thanked the Town for their past support. She distributed a handout to Council, and stated that things are changing for older adults. They are living longer and growing in numbers. The fastest-growing age is over 85. In 2018, it is projected that over 90 of 100 counties will have more over-60-year-olds than below-17-year-olds. They have programs to help seniors with their health insurance and Medicare. They pair up volunteers with seniors who need yard work and small repairs. Last year, they assisted 615 residents in the 28110 zip code, three of which were in Unionville. They are also working with 13 caregivers in Unionville. They plan to open an adult day care in the former dentist's office next door to their office. Upon motion duly made by Andrew Benton, seconded by Edd Little, Council unanimously approved a donation of \$2,000 for Union County Council on Aging.

Chairman Brown recognized Ms. Sheila Crunkleton from Union County Red Cross. She reported that the Red Cross is available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week for assistance. They will respond to any family, with no income requirement, and all are treated the same. Now, if a family cannot use their home, they give them a choice of hotels and they help the family with booking. Before, the Red Cross had direct-billing from the hotel. They teach CPR in schools, day-cares and for the elderly. Their new initiative is to reduce fire fatalities by partnering with local fire departments and supplying smoke alarms with a 10-year lithium battery. They would like to work with Unionville VFD to install these in our area. Finance Officer Baucom reported that the Town made a \$2,500 donation to Red Cross last year.

Due to the lack of a quorum, the Council did not consider the rezoning or annexation issues.

Chairman Brown recognized Deputy Clerk Melody Braswell, who reviewed the estimates for five light poles on Town Hall property. Four would be along Unionville Road in front of Town Hall, and one along Unionville Church Road beside Town Hall. The Hinson Electric quote of \$14,300 includes purchase and installation—not including upkeep and maintenance of lights. Also, the Town must seek approvals from North Carolina Department of Transportation. Aaron Tarlton prepared this quote, based on poles installed in Town of Wingate. The Duke Energy quote includes equipment and all maintenance. The quote of \$5,696 per light totals \$28,480 for five light poles. The monthly usage fee is \$19.86 per month per light. Duke Energy would be responsible for any damage or maintenance if the pole was damaged. If, however, the pole was repeatedly damaged and they suggested moving the pole, the Town would be responsible for that move. Their lead time is three months. On both quotes, all of the poles include banner brackets. Chairman Brown made inquiry as to whether Hinson Electric would run the power line from the building. Ms. Braswell confirmed that. She also said she had asked both Duke Energy and Hinson Electric why we should choose them. Duke's answer was that the Town would not be responsible for maintenance, and it will be a turn-key situation. Hinson Electric has installed these poles in Wingate recently, and recommends them for a small-town look. Commissioner Edd Little suggested obtaining a quote from Trull's Power Line Company, as he has had experience with them erecting lights on Unionville Elementary's Little League field.

Mr. Acklam with Samuel F. Keziah Unionville American Legion Post #535 was not present, however, Clerk Gaddy reminded everyone of the Ground Dedication on Saturday, May 28, 2016 at 3:00 pm. Commissioner Edd Little reminded everyone of the state tournament in Wingate University on July 27-31, 2016.

In considering the roundabout mowing quote from Barbee Lawn Care of \$40 per month, and upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Andrew Benton, Council unanimously approved this quote.

There being no other business, and upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Andrew Benton, Council unanimously adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonya W. Gaddy  
Clerk

Approved as to form:

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R. Kenneth Helms, Jr., Town Attorney