

**TOWN OF UNIONVILLE
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

The Town Council of the Town of Unionville held its regular meeting on Monday, November 21, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in Town Hall, 1102 Unionville Church Road, Monroe, NC. Mayor Simpson and Commissioners Randy Baucom, Andrew Benton, Ken Brown, Edd Little 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 Little led the prayer of invocation.

Mayor Simpson welcomed everyone in attendance.

There being no corrections to the minutes of the October 17, 2016 public hearing and regular meeting, Mayor Simpson declared them approved as reviewed by Council.

Budget and Finance Officer Darrell Baucom reviewed the financial statements, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. Mr. Baucom noted the balances in the Certificate of Deposit, the Money Market account and the checking account. These balances are up \$140,000 from last year. Income is below budget on ad valorem and franchise taxes; zoning fees are up \$7,000. On the expense side, there is an \$11,000 variance due to contributions being more than budget. He will adjust the budget for the \$13,000 light poles. Transactions by Account shows activity since last month. The payment to Moyer, Smith Roller auditors is the largest item. Pending Bills to be Paid include Moyer, Smith Roller, \$13,000 to Hinson Electric, \$1700 to Mosca for banners and lights, \$2500 to Urban Forester. Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Edd Little, Council unanimously approved payment of pending bills.

Mayor Simpson made inquiry as to feedback regarding the light poles and banners. Commissioner Brown reported that he's heard complaints about the brightness of them. Clerk Gaddy reported that she has heard more positive than negative comments. She also reported that three of the four banners purchased have been displayed, and the Christmas banner will be up for the parade and tree lighting.

In considering applying zoning to parcels in Annexation #23, Land Use Administrator Gaddy reported that Planning Board recommends RA-40 zoning, as that is the current Union County zoning, and it fits with most of the Town. Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Ken Brown, Council unanimously applied RA-40 zoning to parcels in Annexation #23, Silverthorne subdivision.

There were no representatives to request a charitable contribution from Metrolina Christian Academy. Attorney Ken Helms provided an email with information regarding a municipality providing public funds to a private group, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. Commissioner Simpson also pointed out that this school is not located within the Town limits. Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Ken Brown, Council unanimously agreed to decline from contributing to this school at this time.

Clerk Gaddy reminded everyone of the upcoming Christmas festivities beginning at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 3, 2016.

In other business, Commissioner Brown reported that no action has been taken on the Volunteer Fire Department training tower. They will be receiving power poles as a donation from City of Monroe from locations near the Monroe Bypass. These poles will be 45-feet long, and will stand 35-feet from the ground. Commissioner Baucom advised the firefighters to wear harnesses when training.

Mayor Simpson welcomed Commissioner Baucom back, as this was the first meeting he has been able to attend since his fall from a grain bin in August.

There being no comments, Mayor Simpson declared the public hearing adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonya W. Gaddy
Town Clerk

Approved as to form:

R. Kenneth Helms, Jr., Town Attorney