

TOWN OF UNIONVILLE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

The Town Council of the Town of Unionville held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, October 17, 2016 in Town Hall, 1102 Unionville Church Road, Monroe, NC. Mayor Simpson and Commissioners Andrew Benton, Edd Little and Jaren Simpson were present. Commissioner Ken Brown joined the meeting later. Attorney Ken Helms was present. Commissioner Randy Baucom was absent.

Everyone stood as Mayor Simpson led the prayer of invocation, since the Pledge of Allegiance had been recited during the Public Hearing earlier.

Mayor Simpson called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.

There were no public comments.

Mayor Simpson moved the Silverthorne subdivision annexation consideration to the end of the meeting in anticipation of Commissioner Ken Brown joining the meeting.

There being no corrections to the minutes of the September 19, 2016 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 stated that the Balance Sheet shows a balance of \$2,382,000 versus \$2,312,000 last year. Income is under budget \$7,000 due to franchise taxes. The Town is over on expenses due to contributions of \$12,500 to Community Center, \$15,000 and \$60,000 to the Unionville Volunteer Fire Department. The Town is under on professional fees \$5,000. Overall, expenses are over budget \$4,000 and net income is under budget \$11,000. Activity Since Last Month includes the annual Fire Department donation of \$60,000 and payments to Barbee Lawn Care, Moyer Smith & Roller and the Community Center. In Pending Bills to be Paid, the audit installment of \$2,965 to Moyer Smith Roller is the largest expense. Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Andrew Benton, Council approved payment of pending bills.

Mayor Simpson updated everyone on Commissioner Randy Baucom's progress. He is doing much better from his fall off a grain bin in August. He is now walking some, and that possibility was questionable in the beginning. He will have a lengthy recuperation period. He asked everyone to continue to keep him in their prayers.

Mayor Simpson recognized Mr. Reggie McNeil with Transforming Youth Movement, Inc. He stated that their organization operates a 501-C-3 mentoring program named "SHIFT" for at-risk and court-involved youth ages 10-17 in Cabarrus, Davidson, Forsyth, Mecklenburg and Union Counties. Mr. McNeil is seeking volunteer mentors for one-on-one or one-on-four matches for face-to-face eight-hour sessions per month with these youth. A software program

matches volunteers with youth who enjoy the same activities. Mayor Simpson made inquiry as to how they acquire their clients. Mr. McNeil stated that most of their clients come from the adjudicated process, diversion, School Resource Officers or clergy who identify them. Mayor Simpson also made inquiry as to how many youth they serve. Currently, they are slated to serve 50 youth in Union County, but they are only serving 45% of that number now. They are running an in-school program in South Providence High School and a weekend 9 am – 11 am class. Mayor Simpson made inquiry as to the qualifications of volunteers. Volunteers must pass a thorough background screening, take a twelve-hour training class and are asked to mentor at least eight hours per month. Mayor Simpson asked Mr. McNeil to provide more information to the Town Clerk.

Commissioner Brown joined the meeting after responding to a mobile home fire. He apologized for his lateness, his dress and his smell, but reported that they were able to save the home.

Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Andrew Benton, Council unanimously approved Annexation #23, Silverthorne subdivision, effective October 17, 2016. In addition, Mayor Simpson set a public hearing to apply zoning to these parcels for Monday, November 21, 2016 at 7:00 p.m., prior to the regular meeting.

Mayor Simpson recognized Ms. Aubrey Lofton, Union County Water Resources Division Director. She distributed handouts regarding the Yadkin Water Supply project, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. She stated that all of Union County's water must come from outside sources, as there are no major rivers in the county. Union County studied water supply needs since 2003. Currently, Yadkin River supplies half and Catawba River supplies half of the county's needs. An Interbasin Transfer (IBT) was finalized in 2015. Although Yadkin is more costly than Catawba, it is the best option for Union County, as Catawba provides water for Mecklenburg County. Projections call for construction to begin in 2019 and begin transferring water in 2022. Commissioner Edd Little made inquiry as to where the new plant will be constructed. Ms. Lofton stated that has not been determined yet. Mayor Simpson made inquiry as to the cost of this project. The project cost is \$180 million. Commissioner Simpson made inquiry as to the size of the pipe. It will be 36-inch pipe for first and second phases. Commissioner Brown made inquiry as to the peak day. Ms. Lofton stated it is 28.9 million gallons for 2050 projections. Mayor Simpson made inquiry as to the length of time it will take to pay for itself, based on current use. Ms. Lofton stated that they have not looked at a payback period. Mayor Simpson made inquiry as to the importance of the answer. Ms. Lofton stated that growth will come regardless their question is how to respond to the growth. Commissioner Simpson made inquiry as to whether county water will be made available to all county residents. Ms. Lofton stated that the increase in capacity does not change the distribution network. Mayor Simpson made inquiry as to whether bonds will pay for water and if usage would pay for the bond. Ms. Lofton confirmed that bonds will pay for water, but she doesn't have the answer for usage payback, but will get that information to Mayor Simpson. The county will probably raise capacity fees, nonetheless. Commissioner Benton made inquiry as to other towns partnering with Town of Norwood. Ms. Lofton confirmed that Union County and Town of Wingate will

partner with Town of Norwood. Commissioner Little made inquiry as to how the drought a few years ago affected the county's water supply. Ms. Lofton stated that Lake Tillery's worst month was in 2002, and it was nine inches below normal; at all other times it was still above Duke Energy's minimum operating level. High Rock Lake was dry during the same drought.

Mayor Simpson recognized Shea Braswell with Metrolina Christian Academy. She works with Dana Bostick, Director of Advancement, and does funding and volunteer coordination. They are requesting a contribution for their first annual clay classic tournament in November. This event will raise funds to benefit two new buildings with six classrooms of visual arts and additional family housing. The school is a ministry of First Baptist Church Indian Trail, and a 501-c-3 non-profit entity. The first building recently completed is for math and science for high school students. Phase Two will house visual arts. This is one of the fastest growing Christian schools in North Carolina, with a 98-percent enrollment filled in one day. Commissioner Simpson made inquiry as to other towns' support. Ms. Braswell stated that they sent out a mailer asking for sponsorship, and are awaiting responses. They have corporate sponsorships from Coca-Cola, Boggs Transport and other local companies. Mayor Simpson made inquiry of the Town's attorney as to whether the Town can make a donation to a religious organization not located in our town. Attorney Helms reported that being a church does not prohibit a contribution, but there are some rules the Town must follow, depending on the purpose of the contribution. He will provide a report at the November 21, 2016 regular meeting.

In other business, Clerk Gaddy reminded Council and invited everyone to the annual Christmas parade and tree-lighting on Saturday, December 3, 2016 beginning at 3:00 p.m., and requested suggestions from anyone.

Clerk Gaddy reported that Deputy Clerk Melody Braswell had a baby boy on Saturday, October 15, 2016 named Kemp Ashley Braswell, and we all wish them both well.

Commissioner Ken Brown asked that everyone keep our neighbors to the east in our prayers, as they are facing a rough time waiting for water to recede from Hurricane Matthew and beginning clean-up efforts.

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