

## **TOWN OF UNIONVILLE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

The Town Council of the Town of Unionville held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, September 19, 2016 in Town Hall, 1102 Unionville Church Road, Monroe, NC. Mayor Simpson and Commissioners Andrew Benton, Ken Brown, Edd Little and Jaren Simpson were present. Commissioner Randy Baucom was absent. 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 called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present.

Mayor Simpson gave the public a time for comments, but there were none.

There being no corrections to the minutes of the August 15, 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 \$2,469,000 versus \$2,315,000 last year. Income is \$7,000 less than budget, primarily due to franchise taxes. Expenses are less than budget by \$67,000, mostly in contributions and professional fees. Activity Since Last Month includes a payment of \$2,125 to Helms Robison and Lee attorneys and \$3,000 to Piedmont High School Marching Band. Pending Bills are normal except Moyer, Smith Roller auditor payment of \$1,400 and Barbee Lawn Care of \$2,228. Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Edd Little, Council unanimously approved the financial statements, and directed Mr. Baucom to pay pending bills.

Mr. Rex Edwards, with Unionville Community Center reviewed their request for \$12,500 toward the new roof they recently installed, which cost a total of \$18,500. He stated that there were several leaks and it had been patched numerous times over the years. Snyder Roofing and Construction installed the roof at a total cost of \$19,300. Mayor Simpson made inquiry as to how they made up the \$7,000 difference. Mr. Edwards stated that it had come out of their budget. Mayor Simpson made inquiry as to the rental of the building. Mr. Edwards stated that the fee is \$75 for a half day and \$150 for a full day. He also stated that they contribute to the Lions Club, Scouts and the Christmas parade. Commissioner Simpson made inquiry as to the ownership of the building and land. Attorney Ken Helms stated that it is owned by a non-profit corporation named Unionville Community Center Planning Board. Commissioner Simpson made inquiry as to the Town's payment of the utilities. Finance Officer Baucom stated that the Town reimburses the Community Center once a year for utilities. Commissioner Brown made inquiry as to the lawn maintenance. Mr. Baucom confirmed that the Town pays for lawn maintenance at the Community Center. Commissioner Little made inquiry as to whether this is a

budget item. Mr. Baucom stated that it is not, but the budget may be amended, as the Town has the amount requested. Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Ken Brown, Council unanimously approved a donation of \$12,500 for the roof at the Community Center.

Mayor Simpson recognized Mrs. Christina Helms, Union County Board of Education member and Mr. Sam Basden, Union County Schools Interim Assistant Superintendent for Auxiliary Services. They presented a power point presentation regarding the \$54 million school bond, which will be on the November 8, 2016 ballot. Currently, the county has 53 schools and 42,000 students. It has a 92% graduation rate, and was awarded \$111.2 million in scholarships in 2016. This year, Piedmont High School has been rated an A+ school. The last three bonds (in 2000, 2004 and 2006) provided 23 new construction projects. This year, the election is for \$54 million in school bonds. These funds will increase capacity for six schools, including Piedmont High School, and sustain growth through 2025-2026, as well as replace the existing transportation facility, which was built in 1980, from Venus Street to Goldmine Road. Currently, there are only six bays at the facility, and they need sixteen to comply with Department of Public Instruction standards. Some 400 buses transport 31,000 students around 29,000 miles. The breakdown is included in the flyer appended to these minutes. The tax impact will be \$.16/\$1000 valuation, thus \$16 on a \$100,000 house. The bond funds will only be used for capital projects. Commissioner Little made inquiry as to the outstanding amount of the three previous bonds. Mrs. Helms did not have the answer and said she would provide it. Mayor Simpson made inquiry as to whether the price-per-foot is the same in all schools, and Mr. Basden stated that each project is different, so they will not be the same. Mayor Simpson made inquiry as to how the price-per-foot compares to private industry. Mr. Basden stated that he would provide that information to Mayor Simpson.

In considering Annexation #23 on Silverthorne Drive, Mayor Simpson set a public hearing for Monday, October 17, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. prior to the regular meeting.

In discussing four light poles along Unionville Road, Deputy Clerk Melody Braswell stated that Hinson Electric recommends placing them where the red flags are located. He also recommends using Metro Tech to plow the lines for minimal landscaping damage. She also called the Council's attention to the three quotes from Mosca Design, Camel City Posters and Andark Graphics, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Andrew Benton, Council unanimously approved the price of \$13,512 for four light poles along Unionville Road. Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Jaren Simpson, Council unanimously approved the purchase of hardware and four sets of banners—Town Seal, Barbecue, Christmas and Patriotic from Mosca Designs for a total of 16 banners. Mrs. Braswell also stated that Mr. Scott Barbee has agreed to install and change the banners for the Town.

In other business, Commissioner Ken Brown asked that the Town distribute the Volunteer Fire Department contribution at this time.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Mayor Simpson declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonya W. Gaddy  
Clerk

Approved as to form:

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R. Kenneth Helms, Jr., Town Attorney