

**TOWN OF UNIONVILLE
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

The Unionville Town Council held its regular meeting on Monday, August 17, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. in Town Hall, 1102 Unionville Church Road, Monroe, NC. Mayor Randy Baucom and Commissioners Andrew Benton, Jeff Broadaway, Gene Price and Jaren Simpson were present. Town Attorney Ken Helms was also present. Commissioner Ken Brown was absent.

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

Mayor Baucom welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

There were no public comments.

Upon motion duly made by Jeff Broadaway, seconded by Gene Price, Council unanimously approved the minutes of the July 20, 2020 public hearings regarding Public Nuisance Ordinance #20-01, Text Amendment #20-01, Text Amendment #20-02, Rezoning #ZC-20-01 and the minutes of the July 20, 2020 regular meeting.

Mayor Baucom recognized Finance Officer Darrell Baucom, who reviewed the Financial Report, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. Mr. Baucom stated that on the Balance Sheet, the cash balance is \$38,000, which is low, but the Town should be fine. He expects income from ad valorem taxes to begin in August. In Budget versus Actual, the significant item is sales and use taxes on the income side. In Expenses, there were three contribution amounts and paid dues and liability insurance. Consulting items include Urban Forester Program and Legal fees for the Keziah lawsuit and normal legal representation. Payments last month include Interlocal Agreement, N-Focus, NCLM membership dues, Urban Forester program, Unionville Community Center utilities, Unionville Volunteer Fire Department for half of the airpicks, Baucom Lawn Maintenance, Turning Point, Council on Aging, American Red Cross and Helms Robison & Lee for legal fees. In Pending Bills to be Paid, nothing is over \$1,000 except salaries and payroll taxes. Upon motion duly made by Gene Price, seconded by Andrew Benton Council unanimously approved the payment of pending bills.

Mayor Baucom recognized Mrs. Ashley Pyle, representing Piedmont High School Band Boosters. She would like to get the Town's approval for the band to conduct a 5K run through the town on October 31, 2020. Mayor Baucom stated that the roads are under the jurisdiction of North Carolina Department of Transportation and she should also notify Union County Sheriff's Department. Attorney Helms stated that it's difficult to know what the COVID-19 regulations will be at that time. The consensus of the Council was that they are not opposed to the run; they suggested that it might be allowed at a later date. Jeff Broadaway suggested that Mrs. Pyle contact Ginger Walle with Heart for Monroe, who organizes a run for her non-profit organization each year. He will share her contact information with Mrs. Pyle.

Mayor Baucom recognized Mrs. Kathie Price, who has been serving on the agriculture sub-committee for Union County Vision 2050. This is one of six planning sub-committees in Union County. Their task is to provide input into various scenarios or visions that may aid in the development and planning of future land use in Union County. They consider what Union County will look like in the year 2050. One concern is the lack of reliable broadband internet services in rural areas, as tractors and large equipment depend on receiving necessary data. Another issue in Union County is a dependable workforce. Jobs are available in many areas. They established a vision: "Preserving Rural Character" and are planning for the future. On August 6th, each sub-committee gave a presentation to the Union County Commissioners. We can watch it on the county's website. County planners Lee Jensen and Bjorn Hansen will take the six committees' suggestions and compile for the Commissioners to vote on. Mayor Baucom thanked Mrs. Price for this informative report.

In considering Public Nuisance Ordinance #20-01, Land Use Administrator Gaddy reported that she, Mayor Baucom and Code Enforcement Officer John Ganus had met and discussed adding language regarding tall grass to this ordinance. Mr. Ganus has provided that language for Council's review in Item #1 in the Nuisance Ordinance, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. Mayor Baucom set a public hearing for 7:15 p.m. on Monday, September 21, 2020 prior to the next regular meeting for this ordinance.

Attorney Ken Helms opened the three sealed bids for Webmaster and web hosting quotes. Clerk Gaddy made copies for the Commissioners to review them. Finance Officer Darrell Baucom stated that one quote provides a one-time charge and no monthly maintenance charges broken out. Mayor Baucom asked him to follow up so the Council can make a comparable decision. Council tabled this decision until the September 21, 2020 regular meeting.

Mayor Baucom recognized Deputy Clerk Melody Braswell, who presented four quotes for four historical markers. These markers are proposed to be erected on Unionville Road near the cannery, the sidewalk wall, the wall honoring the bell tower and Union Institute near where the school sat, all on the Unionville Elementary School property. Attorney Helms will contact Sharyn VonCannon, Unionville's principal and Union County Public Schools and discuss an agreement with them, allowing these markers to be owned by the Town, but erected on school property.

Clerk Sonya Gaddy reported that Council approved a new desk, credenza and hutch earlier last year for a total of \$2,769, but those items were never ordered. She is proposing a new desk, chair, credenza and hutch, two bookshelves and a lateral file for her office, totaling \$5,197 to replace the previously-approved furniture. Upon motion duly made by Gene Price, seconded by Jeff Broadaway, Council unanimously approved this purchase.

Mayor Baucom presented the Constitution Week Proclamation, declaring Constitution Week as September 17-23, 2020. Upon motion duly made by Jeff Broadaway, seconded by Jaren Simpson, Council unanimously approved this proclamation. It will be displayed in Town Hall during Constitution Week.

In other business, Deputy Clerk Braswell reported that she has developed a Records Retention Schedule recently. It must be approved before the Town can discard or destroy any of the Town's records. She will resend it to Attorney Helms for review and recommendation to the Town Council.

There being no other business, Mayor Baucom declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonya W. Gaddy
Clerk

Approved as to form:

R. Kenneth Helms, Jr., Town Attorney