

**TOWN OF UNIONVILLE
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

Town of Unionville's Town Council met on Monday, February 18, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. in Town Hall, 1102 Unionville Church Road, Monroe, NC. Mayor Randy Baucom and all commissioners were present. Town Attorney Ken Helms was absent.

Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag, after which Commissioner Jaren Simpson 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 Jaren Simpson, seconded by Ken Brown, Council unanimously approved the minutes of the January 21, 2019 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 the Town's cash balance has not changed; it is still \$2,787,000. In Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual, there is a difference of \$726, which is very close. In Expenses, Contributions are unfavorable by \$50,000 due to the American Legion Post donation. Legal fees are under budget. Overall, the Town is \$46,000 under budget in net income. Unusual recent items are Baucom Lawn Care (\$1,500) and Urban Forester Program (\$2,489). The rest are normal amounts. This month, the unusual item is N-Focus for Code Enforcement of \$562. Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Jaren Simpson, Council unanimously approved payment of the pending bills.

Ms. Norma Ward was not present, so no action was taken on the request for charitable contributions for Music for a Cure.

Mayor Baucom recognized Mr. Everette Medlin, Chairman of the Unionville Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors. Mr. Medlin thanked the Town for allowing him to speak. He commended the Council personally for the donation to American Legion Post #535. Years ago, the Town donated \$15,000 for a fire training facility. The department supplied \$5,000 towards a \$20,000 wood structure anchored by power poles which would be 2-3 floors tall. Resident Dean Arp designed and sought approval from the County Inspections Department. Board member Charlie Griffin suggested that the wood structure is not as safe as a metal structure. He located a three-story training tower made of hot-dipped galvanized steel with grain bin-type floors, with height and weight stability, anchored in the ground with concrete. Mr. Arp will assist in inspections if funding is secured. The pole structure total cost is \$25,000; the metal structure total cost is \$47,000. Mr. Medlin is asking if the Town Council would consider donating an additional \$15,000 toward the metal structure rather than the wood structure. Commissioner Ken Brown added that, although wood poles are free, it would be a nightmare to construct and utilize the wood structure. The metal structure is maintenance-free

and more drills can be rehearsed on it. There is only one other metal tower in the county—in Monroe, and everyone can't go there to practice. The metal structure will be easier on the eye, longer-lasting, an invaluable training apparatus and much safer than the pole structure. Commissioner Benton made inquiry as to the overall height. Mr. Medlin stated it will be approximately 45 feet tall. Commissioner Simpson made inquiry as to securing access to the tower. Mr. Medlin stated that security measures will be taken on the ground to avoid unauthorized access. Mr. Medlin stated that the Unionville Volunteer Fire Department is rated in the top five departments in the county, and is highly regarded, due to measures such as this training tower. Upon motion duly made by Jaren Simpson, seconded by Edd Little, Council unanimously approved a donation of \$15,000 for the metal training tower. Commissioner Ken Brown recused himself from voting.

Mayor Baucom noted the Planning Board recommendations for appointments.

Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Ken Brown, Council unanimously approved Deer Urban Archery Season January 11 – February 16, 2020.

In other business, Commissioner Brown asked permission to purchase a new Santa Claus suit, as Santa makes several visits each year to our neighborhoods and rides in the Christmas parade and his suit is old and worn. The VFD made a deal that they would purchase a suit for Santa if he would come to Unionville. Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Jaren Simpson, Council unanimously approved the purchase of a new suit for up to \$500.00.

In other business, Mayor Baucom stated that Mr. Lloyd King's driveway, which is on Community Center property, has been used for Community Center and Word of Grace Church events and needs repairs. He asked that the Town split the cost of \$300 with him equally. Upon motion duly made by Gene Price, seconded by Andrew Benton, Council unanimously approved payment of \$300 toward scraping and a load of rock for Mr. King's driveway.

Clerk Gaddy pointed out that the Town Hall lot also needs some rock spread across it. The consensus of the Council was to have Mayor Baucom speak to the same company to provide a load of rock for the Town Hall lot at the same time he spreads rock for Mr. King.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Approved as to form:

Sonya W. Gaddy
Clerk

R. Kenneth Helms, Jr., Town Attorney