

**TOWN OF UNIONVILLE
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

The Town Council of the Town of Unionville held its regular meeting on Monday January 20, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. in Town Hall, 1102 Unionville Church Road, Monroe, NC. Mayor Baucom and Commissioners Benton, Broadaway, Brown, Price and Simpson were all present. Town Attorney Ken Helms was also present.

Everyone stood and recited the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag, after which Commissioner Simpson led the prayer of invocation.

Mayor Baucom called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present.

In Public Comments, resident Tony Taylor addressed Council, stating that he owns a property along Village Lake Drive in the Town, which he anticipates developing into five lots. He appreciates the effort Unionville has put forth in considering the Interlocal Agreement with City of Monroe for utilities for this area. Currently, City of Monroe has approved it, and they are awaiting Town of Unionville's decision.

In considering the minutes of the December 16, 2019 regular meeting, upon motion duly made by Jaren Simpson, seconded by Jeff Broadaway, Council unanimously approved the minutes.

Mayor Baucom then recognized Finance Officer Baucom, who reviewed the Financial Report, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. Mr. Baucom stated that former Commissioner Edd Little had performed the task of reviewing the Bank Reconciliation Detail, and the Council should appoint someone to do that each month. Upon motion duly made by Randy Baucom, seconded by Jaren Simpson, Council unanimously appointed Jeff Broadaway to review the monthly bank reconciliation. Mr. Baucom stated that on the Balance Sheet, the cash balance continues to grow. On the next page, income is above budget \$5300 and all lines are favorable except Investment Income, which will be received in June. Ad valorem taxes are less than projected due to timing. In Expenses, the Town is over budget on contributions due to the student government and band contributions. Insurance is under budget and maintenance and repairs is under budget. Office supplies are over budget and Professional fees are under budget. In Activity Since Last Month, the Board of Elections bill was \$5,554. Other items are standard. In Pending Bills, we have the quarterly payment to Baucom Lawn Maintenance and the audit fee to J.B. Watson and Company. Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Gene Price, Council unanimously agreed to pay pending bills.

In considering the Interlocal Agreement with City of Monroe, Mayor Baucom stated that this process began a year ago. He and Andrew Benton met with City of Monroe on behalf of landowners on Village Lake Drive for sewer and water service. The result is this Interlocal Agreement, which we received a few months ago. We sent it to City of Monroe, then it went to the Union County Commissioners for changes, and now it's back on our plate. Attorney

Helms stated that he looked over the City of Monroe draft several months ago and has looked at this draft. The only substantive change is that the last draft included overall approval by Town of Unionville Town Council overall and it has been taken out of the last draft. He spoke with Larry Faison and asked him why. Since Town of Unionville does not provide water or sewer or any utilities, the process is too cumbersome. The process goes through City of Monroe and Union County and they will notify Town of Unionville. Town of Unionville's zoning still applies. This agreement allows City of Monroe and Union County to extend services and they notify Town of Unionville. This agreement would last five years. This agreement requires a 90-day written notice to terminate the agreement. Mayor Baucom stated that this applies to an area where the city and county have infrastructure in place. Attorney Helms agreed and added if they are close. It is a monetary decision by City of Monroe and Union County. Mayor Baucom again stated that the only change is that they will notify us if approved. Town of Unionville's zoning will still apply. Upon motion duly made by Andrew Benton, seconded by Jaren Simpson, Council unanimously adopted the Interlocal Agreement.

In considering the Public Nuisance Ordinance, Mayor Baucom inquired if this ordinance would apply to the entire Town. Land Use Administrator Gaddy stated that it would apply to the entire Town. She also advised that the Council could start with only a few items and others later, if desired. Attorney Helms stated that this has the potential to be weaponized, and since the Town has been asked to address garbage and abandoned appliances, he advised that they not rush into it; think long and hard about the citizens and each of these offenses. The consensus of the Council was to have N-Focus prepare a draft including Items #4, 6, 7, 8, 10 and 12 and requiring a signed written complaint for investigation. A copy of this document is appended to these minutes.

The next item of business was to consider Planning Board appointments. Upon motion duly made by Jaren Simpson, seconded by Jeff Broadaway, Council unanimously appointed Matt Price as Planning Board member. Upon motion duly made by Jaren Simpson, seconded by Jeff Broadaway, Council unanimously appointed Steve Outen as Planning Board alternate.

Resident Tony Taylor again thanked the Town for the Interlocal Agreement on behalf of the folks in the area.

In considering a Board of Adjustment alternate, and upon motion duly made by Andrew Benton, seconded by Gene Price, Council unanimously tabled this decision until next month.

Clerk Gaddy reported that the Town's current webmaster, Webbuilding Solutions, will be phasing out their operations at the end of the year 2020, so the Town will need to seek another webmaster. Finance Officer Baucom reported that Town of Fairview pays \$225 per month for their website and emails for the Council and staff. Council asked Clerk Gaddy to seek a recommendation from Piedmont Computers.

In other business, Ken Brown reported that he recently attended a site visit with NC Department of Transportation representatives and Union County Transportation Representative

Bjorn Hanson at Morgan Mill Road and Old Camden Road. They were shocked at the number of accidents that take place at this intersection. Their recommendation is to install a four-way stop as soon as possible, and plan for a roundabout in 3-5 years. There will be two public forums seeking input. They are also asking for partnership from Town of Unionville. This is one of eleven projects in Union County, but this is the only one planned for Unionville.

Upon motion duly made by Jaren Simpson, seconded by Ken Brown, Council unanimously agreed to enter into Executive Session regarding the recent Town audit.

Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Gene Price, Council unanimously adjourned Executive Session.

In other business, Deputy Clerk Braswell recommended that the Town enlist the Piedmont High School Electronics Class to design an electronic pole Christmas tree for 2020. For a 20-foot tree, the base would need to be approximately 14 feet. She also suggested that we spruce up the landscaping around Town Hall. The Council will consider these items at a later date.

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