

**TOWN OF UNIONVILLE
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

The Town of Unionville Town Council held its regular meeting Monday, January 21, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. in Town Hall, 1102 Unionville Church Road, Monroe, NC. Mayor Baucom and all Commissioners were present. Town Attorney Ken Helms was also present.

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

Mayor Baucom welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Andrew Benton, Council unanimously approved the minutes of the December 17, 2018 public hearing, regular meeting and executive session.

Mayor Baucom recognized Budget and Finance Officer Darrell Baucom to review the financial report, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. Mr. Baucom stated that the Balance Sheet shows a cash balance of \$2,792,000, which is strong. In the Profit and Loss statement, Budget vs. Actual shows the Town is under budget \$3,633 due to lower franchise fees. In expenses, the Town is unfavorable by \$50,000, as the American Legion donation was not in the budget. Significant items paid were J.B. Watson \$9,150 for the annual audit and the Unionville Volunteer Fire Department donation of \$60,000. In Bills to be Paid, unusual items are Urban Forester of \$2,489 and Baucom Lawn and Landscape of \$1,500. Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Gene Price, Council unanimously approved payment of pending bills.

Attorney Ken Helms reviewed items tabled at the December 17, 2018 meeting. The first consideration was to require that Planning Board members not be allowed to enter into a contractual relationship with the Town. He found no prohibition by state statutes. It is Council's decision, as Planning Board is an advisory board. Mayor Baucom stated concerns that if the fire department required paid staff, those employees couldn't serve on the Board. There being no other comments and no motion, the issue failed.

Mr. Helms then addressed the issue of disallowing "doughnut holes" and setting time frames for voluntary annexations. He suggested that the Town should provide a clear definition for parcels which do not desire annexation if they adopt this policy. Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Gene Price, Council unanimously set a time limit of 90 days from the time a voluntary annexation application is submitted until the application is complete.

Clerk Gaddy drew Council's attention to an email from Bjorn Hansen, Union County Transportation Planner, regarding funding for 2019 critical intersection analysis update. A copy of this email is appended to these minutes. Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Jaren Simpson, Council unanimously agreed not to budget funds for this project.

In considering the Union County fire funding letter, Commissioner Brown reported that three other municipalities have already selected the 80/20 funding. He added that the 80/20 arrangement is not perfect, but he feels that it is the best scenario. In this option, Union County provides 80 percent of funds, and Unionville provides 20 percent. This option results in a six-cent tax in the Unionville fire district. The fire fee is not designed to support paid staff and replacement fire trucks. Their next truck will be \$750,000. Union County requires that each fire department give permission to levy this tax. If they don't pick one of the solutions, they will be required to levy the tax themselves. This system will go into effect fiscal year 2020-2021. Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Jaren Simpson, Council unanimously approved the 80/20 funding option. Attorney Ken Helms will draft a resolution for review at next month's meeting.

In considering a replacement postage meter, upon motion duly made by Andrew Benton, seconded by Jaren Simpson, Council unanimously approved the Neopost IS-350.

Mayor Baucom stated that Ms. Norma Ward will present to the Council next month requesting funding for Music for a Cure. Last year the Town gave them \$300.00.

Upon motion duly made by Andrew Benton, seconded by Gene Price, Council unanimously approved the School Choice Week Proclamation.

In considering auditors for 2019-2020, and upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Edd Little, Council unanimously approved J. B. Watson and Company for a price of \$8,400 plus \$125 per hour for accounting purposes, which is the same price as this year.

Mayor Baucom invited Council and staff to attend Senator Todd Johnson's meeting on Thursday, January 24, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at South Piedmont Community College. Commissioner Benton and Clerk Gaddy agreed to attend the meeting.

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