

**TOWN OF UNIONVILLE
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

The Town Council of the Town of Unionville met at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, March 18, 2019 at Unionville Town Hall, 1102 Unionville Church Road, Monroe, NC. Mayor Baucom and Commissioners Andrew Benton, Edd Little, Gene Price and Jaren Simpson were present. Commissioner Ken Brown 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 Little led the prayer of invocation.

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

There were no public comments.

Upon motion duly made by Jaren Simpson, seconded by Andrew Benton, Council unanimously approved the minutes of the February 18, 2019 regular meeting with one correction. In the sixth paragraph, the last line should read “approved payment of pending bills”.

Mayor Baucom recognized Budget and Finance Officer Darrell Baucom for the financial report, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. Mr. Baucom reported that the checking balance and savings balances total \$2,824,000, as the Town received a franchise tax payment during the month. Total income is under budget \$6,821, primarily due to franchise taxes being lower than budgeted. Recent contributions were \$60,000 to American Legion and \$15,000 to Unionville Volunteer Fire Department. Payroll expense is over budget. Overall, the Town is over budget by \$58,000, which leaves the Town \$65,000 short of budgeted income to date. Transactions by Account reflect the \$15,000 for the Fire Tower. In Pending Bills to be Paid, the most significant item is Helms Robison & Lee attorneys for legal fees of \$2,689 for December through February. Upon motion duly made by Gene Price, seconded by Edd Little, Council unanimously approved payment of pending bills.

In considering Planning Board appointments, upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Andrew Benton, Council unanimously appointed Craig Rushing to a second term as member. Upon motion duly made by Andrew Benton, seconded by Gene Price, Council unanimously appointed Ken Trull to a second term as member. Upon motion duly made by Jaren Simpson, seconded by Edd Little, Council unanimously appointed alternates Scott Barbee and Barry Baucom to second terms.

Clerk Gaddy reported that she has received several complaints from residents and non-residents about the litter along several of the Town’s roads. She has contacted North Carolina Department of Transportation and asked them to address these issues. They are currently working in other parts of the county. Clerk Gaddy recommended that the Town support Litter Sweep 2019, which is a NCDOT program asking volunteers to clean trash from

roads anytime between April 13 through 27, 2019. This program is separate from the Adopt-A-Highway program. The DOT will provide trash bags, vests and gloves to volunteers. The Council agreed to support this idea. Information will be sent to those who have expressed an interest and will be posted on the Town's website. Mayor Baucom will also write a letter to NCDOT requesting assistance.

The next item of business was to consider two quotes for a new desk for the Clerk's office, as directed by Council several months ago. Upon motion duly made by Jaren Simpson, seconded by Edd Little, Council unanimously approved the Tucker double pedestal desk and credenza from Amazon.com, along with expert assembly, and a glass top cut to fit.

Mayor Baucom reported that there has been an episode at Town Hall over the weekend in which a resident left some notes addressing Clerk Gaddy and trash bags on the doors and railings regarding the trash on the roads. Union County Sheriff's Deputies were called, and the perpetrator has been issued a no-trespass for the Town Hall property. He sees this as a wake-up call and considers this incident and the one last fall as confirmation that a security system is needed at Town Hall at this time. Upon motion duly made by Jaren Simpson, seconded by Andrew Benton, Council unanimously approved the ADT Security System, three outdoor cameras—one at each door, and two interior cameras—one in the meeting room and one in the Clerk's office, a monitoring system with door release from the Clerk's office and a panic button. A quote is appended to these minutes. Fire protection can be added later.

In other business, Council reviewed the Hazard Mitigation actions. Upon motion duly made by Gene Price, seconded by Andrew Benton, Council approved all these actions as ongoing and used the same rating. They also made comment that Piedmont High School would be a much safer Emergency Shelter, as Porter Ridge High School experiences flooding issues readily, and Piedmont has two exit points along Sikes Mill Road and Love Mill Road.

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