

## **TOWN OF UNIONVILLE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

The Town Council of the Town of Unionville held its regular meeting on Monday, May 18, 2020 both in Town Hall, 1102 Unionville Church Road, Monroe, NC and virtually, in compliance with Governor Cooper's Executive Order. Mayor Randy Baucom and Commissioners Andrew Benton, Ken Brown and Gene Price, Attorney Ken Helms and Finance Officer Darrell Baucom attended the meeting virtually via a Zoom meeting. Commissioners Jeff Broadaway and Jaren Simpson attended the meeting in Town Hall, along with Deputy Clerk Melody Braswell and Clerk Sonya Gaddy. This meeting was streamed live on the Town's Facebook page and on Youtube, and the public was given opportunity to call in with their comments and post comments on Facebook.

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

Mayor Baucom called the meeting to order.

In considering the minutes of the April 20, 2020 regular meeting, Finance Officer Darrell Baucom made a correction. The minutes should read "the total of all checking accounts and Certificate of Deposit is over \$3,000,000" and "N.C. House Representative Dean Arp". Upon motion duly made by Jeff Broadaway, seconded by Ken Brown, Council unanimously approved the minutes with these two corrections.

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 Certificate of Deposit matures in June. The current rate is 2.12 percent, but the best rate he has found is approximately one percent. He highlighted the \$54,000 donation to the Unionville Volunteer Fire Department for air pack upgrades last month, which will require an amendment to the 2019-2020 budget. The Town is ahead on ad valorem taxes, and favorable in professional fees and solid waste cost sharing. Transactions by Account include Baucom's Lawn Care, Zurich Insurance and Union County Urban Forester payments. Pending Bills include \$1,000 for Sonya's and Darrell's bonds and salaries. Upon motion duly made by Jaren Simpson, seconded by Ken Brown, Council unanimously approved payment of pending bills.

Finance Officer Baucom then reviewed the proposed 2020-2021 budget and assumptions, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. Mayor Baucom set a public hearing for the budget on Monday, June 15, 2020 at 7:15 p.m., prior to the regular meeting. Attorney Helms stated that we must be prepared to be six feet apart in Town Hall, or the meeting might be a virtual meeting, depending on Governor Cooper's Executive Order this Friday. Commissioner Brown offered the use of the Volunteer Fire Department in order to have more space, although he will be out of town that night.

Mayor Baucom drew the Council's attention to the Piedmont High School Ten Outstanding Seniors and male and female athletes of the year, as recommended by school administration and staff.

The consensus was to recognize these seniors with a plaque or trophy, at the same time the school has other awards presentations.

In considering the construction of a roundabout at the intersection of Morgan Mill and Old Camden Roads, Council reviewed the 20 responses, 19 of which recommended the roundabout. Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Gene Price, Council unanimously approved a resolution for Option #1, the construction of a roundabout at this intersection, as this is the most dangerous intersection in Town. Attorney Helms will prepare the resolution for the Town.

Clerk Gaddy reported that Unionville American Legion Post #535 is striving to complete their building and estimate it will require approximately \$200,000 to do so. They would like to host a Miss Unionville pageant and Car Show on the day of the Christmas parade and tree lighting as fund raisers. They have checked with Principal Sharyn VonCannon about using the school's gymnasium and parking lot, and she has agreed. They are seeking the blessing of the Town for these events. Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Gene Price, Council unanimously approved the Miss Unionville pageant and Car Show on the first Saturday in December.

Turning Point will make a presentation at the June 15, 2020 meeting.

There were no public comments via phone, Facebook or YouTube.

In other business, Commissioner Brown had a conversation with the assistant county manager regarding the fire fee moving toward a fire tax. This tax would equal approximately \$100 per parcel, approximately \$.045/\$100 valuation, which is about the same as the existing fee for many properties.

Land Use Administrator made inquiry as to Planning Board's regular meeting on Monday, June 1, 2020. They have two text amendments to consider and seek the approval of the Council to hold this meeting. Upon motion duly made by Gene Price, seconded by Ken Brown, Council unanimously directed Planning Board to hold their June 1, 2020 meeting, as it is an essential part of governmental operations.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sonya W. Gaddy, Clerk

Approved as to form:

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R. Kenneth Helms, Jr., Town Attorney