

**TOWN OF UNIONVILLE
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

The Town of Unionville Town Council held its regular meeting on Monday, September 21, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. in Town Hall, 1102 Unionville Church Road, Monroe, NC. Mayor Baucom, all Commissioners and Town Attorney Ken Helms were 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 welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

In public comments, Mr. William Harris with Unionville Elementary School presented a poster to the Town from the recent September 11th memorial program signed by students and teachers, in which the Mayor and Volunteer Fire Department participated. He thanked the Town for their support.

In other public comments, Ms. Carol Faulkenberry requested that the Town recommend to the Department of Transportation the installation of rumble strips and flashing lights on the existing "Stop Ahead" sign at the intersection of Sikes Mill Road and Concord Highway, in light of the recent four-car wreck. Another suggestion was to lower the speed limit and have the grass trimmed. She also asked where the Highway Patrol is, as they could write numerous speeding tickets in this area. Mayor Baucom stated that he will write a letter to NCDOT asking them to make improvements, as it is their responsibility.

Upon motion duly made by Andrew Benton, seconded by Jaren Simpson, Council unanimously approved the minutes of the August 17, 2020 regular meeting.

With Finance Officer Baucom out of town, Mayor Baucom reviewed the Financial Report, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. There being no questions, and upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Jeff Broadaway, Council unanimously approved the Financial Report and payment of pending bills.

In considering website design and webmaster quotes, Attorney Ken Helms advised that the Council should consider which of the three to accept, as this decision was tabled at the August 17, 2020 meeting. Copies of these quotes are appended to these minutes. Clerk Gaddy pointed out the spreadsheet that she and Finance Officer Baucom prepared, reviewing each quote. She stated that Mr. Baucom recommended CompuNetWorld, as they provide Town of Fairview's services and are the most reasonably priced. Attorney Helms stated that they are not required by statutes to award the contract to the lowest bid. Commissioner Brown asked Clerk Gaddy's opinion, and she stated she has worked well with Piedmont Computers in the past, and she likes the fact that they will update the website and the other two providers will not. Commissioner Brown asked if the Volunteer Fire Department might have a link included on the Town's website, and email addresses for some of the firefighters. The VFD would be

willing to pay for the email addresses, as that would be an extra charge. Attorney Helms advised the Council to make a decision based on the quotes as they have been presented. Upon motion duly made by Andrew Benton, seconded by Gene Price, Council unanimously approved the Piedmont Computers quote, and gave Fire Chief Ken Brown their blessing to investigate the addition of VFD emails onto the Town's contract.

In considering Ordinance #20-01, a Public Nuisance Ordinance, including wording in which any weeds or other vegetation taller than 18 inches will not be allowed on developed lots and upon motion duly made by Jeff Broadaway, seconded by Ken Brown, Council unanimously approved the ordinance, as it is reasonable and in the public interest, and is consistent with the Town's Land Use Plan dated February, 2006.

Attorney Helms stated that he has been in contact with Unionville Principal Sharyn Voncannon and she has spoken with Union County Public Schools regarding a Grounds Modification Agreement for historic markers on their property. This agreement is in the process of being written. He doesn't anticipate any issues with the markers being installed on school property. Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Jaren Simpson, Council unanimously approved the Signs Now quote for the aluminum auditorium wall marker.

In considering Annexation #26, Essex Pointe Subdivision, Mr. Lance Dunn addressed the Council, stating that they would rather be a part of Unionville than just Union County. There are 10 lots in the subdivision who are petitioning for annexation and five lots which have chosen not to petition. He stated that Kenneth Baker's Unionville property joins the neighborhood. Clerk Gaddy stated that there is a question concerning the private roads in the subdivision, which the Town has never dealt with in the past. Ms. Kelly Benton stated they are next door to Unionville and want to be in Unionville; not City of Monroe. Ms. Mary Ross stated that it would be a tax benefit for the Town. Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Jaren Simpson, Council unanimously directed Clerk Gaddy to investigate this annexation, working with Attorney Helms for legal advice.

Upon motion duly made by Andrew Benton, seconded by Jaren Simpson, Council unanimously adopted the Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation. It will be displayed in Town Hall during the month of October, and a copy sent to Turning Point Women's Shelter.

Clerk Gaddy stated that the U.S. Census determines funding for emergency services, roads, and local governments, and the bureau is asking us to encourage residents to respond. It was the consensus of the Council to share this information on our website and Facebook page.

Land Use Administrator Gaddy engaged Council in a discussion of interpretation of the Land Use Ordinance Sections 211 and 220, as she has also discussed this with Planning Board recently. The consensus of the Council was the same as the Planning Board. A new parcel may have two parcels served by easements out of it, after that new parcel is formed out of the

parent parcel. Attorney Helms suggested that a text amendment would clarify the intent of the ordinance.

The consensus of the Council was to table discussions regarding the Christmas tree lighting until the October 19, 2020 regular meeting.

Attorney Helms addressed the Records Retention Schedule and Deputy Clerk Braswell stated that Stanly Community College has had recent dealings with a NC Record Retention specialist, and she will invite her to come and speak to the Council and give her best advice.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sonya W. Gaddy
Clerk

Approved as to form:

R. Kenneth Helms, Jr., Town Attorney