

**TOWN OF UNIONVILLE
TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

The Town Council of the Town of Unionville met Monday, July 19, 2021 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 absent.

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

Mayor Baucom called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.

There were no public comments.

Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Jaren Simpson, Council unanimously approved the minutes of the April 19, 2021 annexation and rezoning public hearings and the June 21, 2021 budget and text amendment public hearings and regular meeting.

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 comparison for July, 2020 to July, 2021 is close; the Town is up in cash for 2021. To date, this is actual versus budget, although there may be other expenses that come in. The Town is favorable on all lines. In Transactions Since Last Month, he has paid the \$8,000 for the Piedmont Convenience Site; \$3,000 to Turning Point; \$1,300 to NFocus, \$1,000 for cyber liability insurance; salaries and taxes. In Pending Bills to be Paid, large items include Baucom Landscaping of \$2,150 for the quarter; interlocal property casual insurance; Unionville Community Center utilities reimbursement and NFocus February and June bills. Upon motion duly made by Jaren Simpson, seconded by Jeff Broadaway, Council unanimously approved payment of pending bills.

Mayor Baucom then recognized Mr. Andrew Friend, Executive Director of Union County Council on Aging. He stated that the Council serves all of Union County and is an advocate to allow older adults to live independently and age successfully and with dignity. This past year, they have provided pandemic relief in the form of groceries, medicines, incontinence supplies and life alert buttons, and realized a huge increase in need over the previous year. They provide day respite care for seniors with memory issues and helped 800 residents save \$773,000 on Medicare by reviewing their prescription drug plan. They are asking for \$5,000 to enable their in-home services to grow. Mayor Baucom asked how many seniors they've helping in Unionville. Mr. Friend stated approximately 20 seniors live in Unionville. Commissioner Benton asked the cost of the Life Alert buttons. Mr. Friend stated they are \$100-\$150 for a landline device, compared to Lifeline, which is \$40 per month. Upon motion duly made by Jeff Broadaway, seconded by Andrew Benton, Council unanimously approved a donation of \$5,000 for Council on Aging.

Mrs. Sheila Crunkleton, Executive Director of Union County Red Cross, addressed Council. She also introduced Board members Gary Salek and Michele Sarno. She stated that the Red Cross provides disaster assistance to anyone; there is no income qualification and no insurance qualification. Most of their responses have been virtual, due to covid. They also have need for more blood drives, as the need never ends. They are still teaching the CPR and First Aid classes but limiting them to six students. They also provide hotel stays and smoke alarms for many, as they are on call 24 hours per day. Upon motion duly made by Andrew Benton, seconded by Ken Brown, Council unanimously approved a donation of \$3,500 to Union County Red Cross.

Mayor Baucom recognized Clerk Gaddy regarding the \$250 gift basket for Union County Heritage Festival on September 18, 2021. She explained that the Town has donated gift cards from area merchants arranged in a gift basket to the festival for several years now. Upon motion duly made by Gene Price, seconded by Ken Brown, Council unanimously approved the \$250 donation of this gift basket.

Mayor Baucom reported that the Town recently had a Community Assistance Visit from North Carolina Department of Public Safety Western Planner, Terry Foxx, who reviewed the Town's Flood Ordinance. The Town currently has six residents who have flood insurance and only two are in the 100-year floodplain, all of which were built prior to 1998. He found nothing lacking but suggested that the Town partner with Union County to administer our ordinance, as they are accustomed to reviewing this. It would require an Interlocal Agreement with the county, so the clerk and mayor are pursuing that agreement with Lee Jenson.

Commissioner Jaren Simpson stated that a resident had recently contacted him with concerns regarding the all-way stop at Sikes Mill and Tom Boyd Roads. Commissioner Simpson suggested that the Town request rumble strips be installed by NCDOT at this intersection to warn oncoming traffic of the change. Upon motion duly made by Jaren Simpson, seconded by Ken Brown, Council unanimously agreed to write a letter to NCDOT requesting the rumble strips be installed at this intersection.

In other business, Deputy Clerk Braswell reported that the Land Use Survey officially closed tonight and the preliminary results indicate that 66.4% want no development, while 33.6% want some development. Most of those who want development prefer the 601/Morgan Mill Road areas, with a few suggesting Five Forks area. She will present the final numbers to Planning Board at their August 2, 2021 meeting. Commissioner Broadaway made inquiry as to the number of respondents. She stated there have been 244 responses total.

In other business, Commissioner Benton stated that the Volunteer Fire Department annually replaces two AEDs (Automated External Defibrillators) each year. One of those is still in really good shape, and they would like to donate it to Town Hall, as it was purchased with taxpayer dollars and is worth approximately \$1,500. He recommends replacement in one to two years. With the events we have in Town Hall, he feels it's a good idea to have it here

for a medical emergency. Upon motion duly made by Andrew Benton, seconded by Gene Price, Council unanimously accepted the donation of the AED.

Clerk Gaddy requested three days of vacation—Wednesday – Friday, July 28-30, 2021. No one was opposed to this request.

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