

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

The Town Council of the Town of Unionville met on Monday, November 15, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. in Town Hall, 1102 Unionville Church Road, Monroe, NC. Mayor Baucom and Commissioners Andrew Benton, Jeff Broadaway, Ken Brown, Gene Price and Jaren Simpson were present. Town Attorney Ken Helms was also present.

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

Mayor Baucom welcomed everyone present and recognized Commissioner Ken Brown, who has responded to more than 450 emergency calls in the community in 2021 as a first responder and volunteer fire fighter and Unionville's Fire Chief. These responses were 24 hours per day; seven days per week. He has a heavy workload and, as a result, elected not to run for re-election as Commissioner. We hate to see him go but appreciate his work in the Volunteer Fire Department and the 23 years of service to the Town as a Commissioner. Mayor Baucom asked his wife, Liv, to join him and presented him with the Unionville Person of the Month award and a wooden plaque of appreciation from the Town. Mr. Brown thanked the Town and stated that he has enjoyed serving the citizens of Unionville. Mayor Baucom recessed the Town meeting for a brief reception in honor of Mr. Brown and his years of service to the Town. N.C. House Representative Dean Arp counted it an honor and privilege to come and recognize Ken tonight. He has served this community a long time and there is no one finer than Ken. He believes tough service is in your DNA, as displayed by your service in the fire department, the U.S. Navy and Town Council. He appreciates your leadership and your family, as there has been a cost borne to your family for your service. Twenty-three years of service with your character and reputation are rare today, but it gives him hope that he's done it. On behalf of the State of North Carolina, he says "thank you" to Ken Brown for his service. Former Mayor Larry Simpson also recognized Ken for his service and thanked him for his loyalty.

Mayor Baucom reconvened the regular meeting and asked for any other public comments. There were none.

Clerk Sonya Gaddy administered the Oaths of Office to Mayor Baucom and Commissioners Andrew Benton and Chad Simpson. Mr. Simpson took his place at the table with the rest of Town Council, where he was welcomed by Town Council.

Upon motion duly made by Jeff Broadaway, seconded by Jaren Simpson, Town Council unanimously approved the minutes of the October 18, 2021 regular meeting.

Mayor Baucom recognized Finance Officer Darrell Baucom for a review of the financial report, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. Mr. Baucom stated that there is not much change in checking. The Certificate of Deposit renewed and will expire September 24, 2022 at a rate of .15%. Total Income was \$228,000--\$107,000 was from the American

Recovery Fund and another \$107,000 will come at the end of the fiscal year. On the Expense side, the Town donated \$60,000 to Unionville Volunteer Fire Department last month. Other expenses include payroll, consulting fees and zoning fees. Total Expenses are \$141,000, including \$87,000 income over expenses. In Activity Since Last Month, we paid \$2,800 for Urban Forester; \$60,000 to Unionville VFD and \$2,150 for Baucom's Lawn Maintenance. Pending Bills include \$1,231 to Southdata for tax bill postage and ad valorem tax refunds totaling almost \$1,000. Upon motion duly made by Gene Price, seconded by Andrew Benton, Council unanimously approved payment of pending bills.

Mayor Baucom recognized Attorney Ken Helms, who reminded Council that the webmaster decision was tabled to have a chance to review the one quote received on time. The Council is not obligated to accept this quote but needs to make a decision at the December 20, 2021 meeting, as Piedmont Computers will no longer service our website after December 31, 2021. Upon motion duly made by Andrew Benton, seconded by Jeff Broadaway, Council unanimously rejected this one bid and re-advertise three weeks prior to the December 20 meeting and entertain quotes received by 5:00 p.m. Friday, December 17, 2021 at the December 20, 2021 meeting.

Mayor Baucom recognized Cheryl Monroe regarding the Unionville Community Center repairs. Ms. Monroe referred to the list of repairs requested, which was generated after consulting with the Community Center Board, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. The consensus of the Council was to have staff acquire quotes for various work at the December or January meetings for Council's consideration.

Clerk Gaddy reminded Council about the upcoming annual parade and tree lighting on Saturday, December 4, 2021 and the Miss Unionville pageant Friday, December 3, 2021 at Benton's Cross Roads Baptist Church. It was suggested that the Town hire a professional photographer to take photos of residents with Santa Claus. Morgan Helms Photography has given a price of \$275 for these photos. Upon motion duly made by Jeff Broadaway, seconded by Gene Price, Council unanimously approved the hiring of Morgan Helms for photos after the tree lighting.

In considering Text Amendment #TC-20-03, Commissioner Broadaway made inquiry as to the two-acre minimum for lots with no road frontage in RA-40 zoning. No one knew the reason for the wording of the amendment in 2008. Upon motion duly made by Jeff Broadaway, seconded by Andrew Benton, Council unanimously deferred a decision on this text amendment until the December 20, 2021 meeting, and directed Land Use Administrator Gaddy and Attorney Helms to investigate the conditions of the original wording of the Ordinance in an effort to maintain consistency.

There being no one present from Piedmont Band Boosters, the consensus of the Council was to table this decision until the December 20, 2021 meeting.

Clerk Gaddy reported that the free television Spectrum has been providing will expire December 1, 2021. Continuance of this service will increase the rate from \$145.69 to \$282.95 per month. Upon motion duly made by Jaren Simpson, seconded by Jeff Broadaway, Council unanimously elected to discontinue television service only through Spectrum and continue internet service with them.

In other business, upon motion duly made by Jeff Broadaway, seconded by Jaren Simpson, Council unanimously elected Andrew Benton as Mayor Pro-Tem, upon the retirement of former Commissioner Ken Brown.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sonya W. Gaddy  
Clerk

Approved as to form:

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R. Kenneth Helms, Jr., Town Attorney