

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

The Town Council of the Town of Unionville met on Monday, October 18, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. in Town Hall, 1102 Unionville Church Road, Monroe, NC. Mayor Baucom and Commissioners Andrew Benton, Gene Price and Jaren Simpson were present. Town Attorney Ken Helms was also present. Commissioners Jeff Broadaway and Ken Brown were absent.

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

During Public Comments, resident Tim Keziah asked if he could ask questions regarding the agenda items. Mayor Baucom stated that this time is for comments, rather than questions.

Upon motion duly made by Jaren Simpson, seconded by Gene Price, Council unanimously approved the minutes of the September 20, 2021 regular meeting.

Mayor Baucom recognized Finance Officer Darrell Baucom, who reviewed the Financial Statements, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. Mr. Baucom stated that the Balance Sheet reflects that the Certificate of Deposit has been renewed and will mature in September 24, 2022. The new rate is .15%, down from the previous rate of \$.25%. The Town currently has over \$300,000 in regular checking. The Profit and Loss Budget versus Actual reflects funds received from the American Rescue Act of \$107,000, which must be used for special purposes. Income for the year is \$189,000 and expenses are \$130,000, so the Town is \$59,000 to the good. Transactions Since Last Time indicate payment to Harper's Electric for the two television screens, hardware and other reoccurring expenses. Pending Bills to Pay include the \$60,000 donation to Unionville Volunteer Fire Department, \$2,867 to Union County Urban Forester, \$1,424 for NFocus August and September bills and \$2,150 to Baucom Lawn Maintenance. Upon motion duly made by Gene Price, seconded by Jaren Simpson, Council unanimously approved payment of the bills.

Mayor Baucom recognized Attorney Ken Helms, who stated that the Town has received two bids for webmaster, design and hosting, however, only one bid was timely submitted, and one bid came in past the deadline of Friday, October 15, 2021. Town Council directed Attorney Helms to open the timely bid and Deputy Clerk Braswell made copies for the Council. Upon motion duly made by Andrew Benton, seconded by Jaren Simpson, Council unanimously agreed to table this bid until the November 15, 2021 meeting in order to review it more thoroughly.

Mayor Baucom recognized Unionville Community Center Board President Cheryl Monroe, who stated that she had spoken with Betty Hinson and discussed the possibility of the Town providing some landscaping, pressure washing and fill dirt at the Community Center. She asked if the Council had an amount not to exceed, as there are many things that could be

done to upgrade the center. Mayor Baucom stated that Phil Simpson has provided a quote for the landscape work at Town Hall, and could possibly do the same at the Community Center. Mayor Baucom asked Ms. Monroe to provide a wish list of things they would request at the Community Center for the Council to consider at the November 15, 2021 meeting.

Clerk Gaddy stated that the Christmas parade is scheduled for 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 4, 2021. The tree lighting will take place shortly thereafter. Broadway Bob from Unionville Elementary School will perform prior to the parade, and the Porter Ridge High School Chorus will perform for the tree-lighting ceremony. The Miss Unionville Pageant will take place Friday, December 3, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at Benton's Cross Roads Church and the coordinator, Julie Gregg is requesting a representative from the Town to serve as an interview judge on Thursday, December 2, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. for the Miss Unionville candidates. Former Mayor Larry Simpson agreed to serve in this capacity.

Land Use Administrator Gaddy reviewed Text Amendment TC-20-03, stating that this pertains to Section 220 of the Land Use Ordinance. Currently, the wording allows only two lots served by easements out of the parent parcel, but this text amendment would allow two lots served by easements out of any lot. Mayor Baucom set a public hearing for Monday, November 15, 2021 at 7:15 p.m. prior to the regular meeting.

Representatives from the Piedmont Marching Band will attend the November 15, 2021 meeting.

In other business, resident Tim Keziah asked why Union Flora and Refined Outdoors did not go through the rezoning process for a landscape business on Ridge Road near Duncan Road. Administrator Gaddy was not aware of the landscape business but stated that it probably falls under the farm-deferred program, and she has not received a signed written complaint about this property. Mr. Keziah stated that he would provide a formal complaint.

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