

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

Town of Unionville Town Council met at 7:30 p.m. in Town Hall on Monday, December 20, 2021. Mayor Baucom and Commissioners Benton, Broadway, Price, Chad Simpson and Jaren Simpson were present. Town Attorney Helms was also present.

The local Boy Scout troop was in attendance working on badges. Mayor Baucom welcomed them and asked them to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag, after which Commissioner Broadway led the prayer of invocation.

Mayor Baucom called the meeting to order and opened the floor for public comments. Resident LaNae Haigler addressed Council requesting that Town meeting minutes be available to review on the Town website in a timely manner. The latest minutes on the website are from August. She also asked about the Town's Board of Adjustment, stating that she only learned of this board last night. Land Use Administrator Gaddy stated that a Board of Adjustment has been in place since the Town approved zoning in 2003, and she stated she will have the most recent minutes included on the Town's website.

Resident Tim Keziah congratulated Commissioner Chad Simpson on his win, stating that his father and grandparents were good people.

Upon motion duly made by Jaren Simpson, seconded by Gene Price, Council unanimously approved the minutes of the November 15, 2021 public hearing and regular meeting.

Mayor Baucom recognized Finance Officer Baucom, who reviewed the Financial Statements, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. He stated that the Town is ahead in cash \$250,000 on the Balance Sheet compared to last year. In Budget vs Actual, the Town received \$107,000 for the ARF funding; total income is \$357,000. On the expense side, the Town has spent \$176,000 versus annual budget of \$300,000 and we are half-way through the year. In Activity Since Last Month, most deposits are for ad valorem taxes and refunds are for overpayments and farm-deferred taxes. Pending Bills to Be Paid includes Helms Robison Lee legal fees, Code Enforcement of \$1,400 and Board of Elections for \$6,443. Upon motion duly made by Gene Price, seconded by Jeff Broadway, Council unanimously approved payment of pending bills.

Attorney Ken Helms recommended moving the webmaster consideration to the last item of business. The Board agreed with this recommendation.

Mayor Baucom recognized John Brewer of American Legion Post #535, who introduced Miss Unionville 2022, Miss Riley York. She introduced herself and told about her interests and shared her speech of what patriotism means to her, which she quoted during the competition. She looks forward to representing the Town in the next year. Mr. Brewer also expressed his appreciation for Pageant Coordinator, Julie Gregg.

In considering the Board of Adjustment Alternate vacancy left by Chad Simpson's election to Town Council, and upon motion duly made by Jaren Simpson, seconded by Andrew Benton, Council unanimously appointed Jerry Adams as Board of Adjustment alternate for a three-year term.

Mayor Baucom recognized Mike Weeks, President and Kimberly Olsen, Treasurer of Piedmont High School Marching Band. Mr. Weeks stated that the middle school and high school bands need new instruments, as several are very old. A new sousaphone costs \$12,000 and they need six replaced. Half of their budget comes from band dues and half from fund raising. Commissioner Benton made inquiry if there were any band members who did not have an instrument. Mr. Weeks stated that all band members have instruments at this time. They competed in six competitions and took three Grand Champions this year. Commissioner Price made inquiry of Fairview's donation. They will visit them in January. Upon motion duly made by Jeff Broadaway, seconded by Andrew Benton, Council unanimously approved a donation of \$10,000 which will provide the sousaphone. Commissioner Broadaway appreciates their participation in the annual Christmas parade and their mini concert during the parade each year.

Upon motion duly made by Gene Price, seconded by Chad Simpson, Town Council unanimously approved the School Choice Week Proclamation for all children to have access to the highest education possible, a copy of which is appended to these minutes.

Upon motion duly made by Jeff Broadaway, seconded by Jaren Simpson, Council unanimously set meeting dates and times for the third Monday in each month at 7:30 p.m. for 2022.

Upon motion duly made by Jaren Simpson, seconded by Gene Price, Council unanimously appointed the following for 2022:

Town Attorney – Ken Helms, Jr.  
Budget & Finance Officer – Darrell Baucom  
Clerk, Tax Collector, Land Use Administrator – Sonya Gaddy  
Deputy Clerk – Melody Braswell

In reviewing the Personnel Policy change, upon motion duly made by Jaren Simpson, seconded by Andrew Benton, Council unanimously approved the addition of 25 days of annual leave per calendar year after 20 years of service to the Town effective January 1, 2022.

In considering webmaster quotes, Attorney Helms provided copies of quotes from six agencies, copies of which are appended to these minutes. Upon motion duly made by Jaren Simpson, seconded by Jeff Broadaway, Council unanimously awarded the contract to Seedspark, as they have taken over most of Piedmont Computers' business accounts, and should be most familiar with the Town's needs.

Upon motion duly made by Andrew Benton, seconded by Gene Price, Council unanimously adjourned into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation with their Attorney.

Upon motion duly made by Andrew Benton, seconded by Jeff Broadaway, Council unanimously adjourned Executive Session.

Upon motion duly made by Jaren Simpson, seconded by Gene Price, Council unanimously approved Christmas bonuses of \$750 to Clerk Gaddy and \$500 each to Finance Officer Baucom and Deputy Clerk Braswell.

In other business, Commissioner Price congratulated and thanked the Unionville Volunteer Fire Department for visiting neighborhoods with decorated fire trucks and Santa Claus again this year. He was appreciative of WBTV for recognizing the firemen on the local news station.

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