

**TOWN OF UNIONVILLE  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

The Town Council of the Town of Unionville held its regular meeting on Monday, October 17, 2022 in Town Hall, 1102 Unionville Church Road, Monroe, NC. Mayor Baucom and Commissioners Andrew Benton, Gene Price, Chad Simpson and Jaren Simpson were present. Commissioner Jeff Broadaway was absent. Town Attorney Ken Helms was also present.

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

Mayor Baucom called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

There were no public comments.

Upon motion duly made by Gene Price, seconded by Jaren Simpson, Council unanimously approved the minutes of the September 19, 2022 regular meeting and Executive Session.

Mayor Baucom recognized Finance Officer Darrell Baucom, who reviewed the Financial Report, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. Mr. Baucom referred to the Balance Sheet, and noted that the certificate of deposit renewed on September 24, 2022 at a one percent interest rate for six months, anticipating a higher rate in March, 2023. The current total is \$3,250,000. Operating items exclusive of grants include franchise taxes of \$50,000 and a transfer of the ARP revenue replacement funds for salaries for the third quarter. Other significant items are dues and subscriptions, insurance and consulting fees for Town Hall renovations. In Transactions Since Last Month, a donation of \$3,000 was sent to Turning Point and \$237,000 was transferred to the CD. Pending Bills include Wolf Trail Engineering of \$3,600, legal fees, Palmetto Extermination and Baucom Lawn of \$2,500 for third quarter lawn maintenance, which is up from \$2,350. He noted the Grant versus Budget form, which is required each month, and reflects receipt of the SCIF grant of \$250,000 and \$7,200 has been spent. The Volunteer Fire Department grant of \$50,000 has been received but has not been requested. Upon motion duly made by Gene Price, seconded by Chad Simpson, Council unanimously approved payment of pending bills.

Mayor Baucom reported that Mr. Joel Barham of Piedmont Recreation Association has approached the Town and requested that we voluntarily annex the 32-acre Noel Williams Park on Zebulon Williams Road. Attorney Ken Helms reported that this would be a satellite or non-contiguous annexation, as this property does not border the existing Town limits. Currently, the Town does not meet the criteria for such annexations, such as our tax rate is not high enough. There is a possibility that the Legislature could enact a local bill to allow us to be non-compliant, however, the Town must make that request. Upon motion duly made by Andrew Benton, seconded by Gene Price, Council unanimously approved a request for the State Legislature to put

a Bill in place to allow the Town to proceed with the voluntary annexation. Attorney Helms will contact Representative Dean Arp to begin this process, which may take several months.

Mayor Baucom referred to the Charitable Contribution Request from Piedmont Breast Cancer Walk, noting that Mrs. JoAnn Connell made her presentation last month. Upon motion duly made by Jaren Simpson, seconded by Chad Simpson, Council unanimously approved a donation of \$2,000 to Piedmont Breast Cancer Walk.

Mayor Baucom recognized Unionville Community Center President, Cheryl Monroe, who referred to the Union County Urban Forester's report and recommendations after thoroughly reviewing the entire Community Center property. He identified and numbered all of the trees and provided photos, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. He recommends removing four trees and pruning seven trees, along with soil work and blocking off traffic from certain areas around existing trees. She will call a meeting of the Community Center Board to review this report and contact companies to prioritize these recommendations and discuss the financial responsibility. Mayor Baucom made inquiries to using turf grass where there is no grass currently growing. The dead tree behind the pavilion is on Union County Public Schools property and will be taken down by them at some point. Ms. Monroe has the most recent survey of the property. She will report back to the Town following the Board meeting. Attorney Helms made inquiry as to a boundary survey of the property. Ms. Monroe has a copy of that survey.

Clerk Sonya Gaddy reported that American Legion Post #535 has asked the Town to make recommendations of displaying the name of the meeting hall as Town of Unionville Hall. Some options would be a plaque or words on the wall. This consideration was tabled until the November 21, 2022 regular meeting.

Clerk Gaddy also reminded everyone of the upcoming Christmas parade and tree lighting on Sunday, December 4, 2022 beginning with entertainment at 3:00; parade at 4:00 and the tree lighting following the parade. She asked for volunteers if anyone is interested.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sonya W. Gaddy  
Clerk

Approved as to form:

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R. Kenneth Helms, Jr., Town Attorney