

TOWN OF UNIONVILLE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

The Town Council of the Town of Unionville met Monday, August 21, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. in Unionville Volunteer Fire Department #22, 3229 Concord Highway, Monroe, NC 28110. Mayor Baucom and all Commissioners 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 Jaren Simpson led the prayer of invocation.

Mayor Baucom welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. There were no public comments.

Upon motion duly made by Jaren Simpson, seconded by Gene Price, Council unanimously approved the minutes of the July 17, 2023 public hearing and regular meeting.

Mayor Baucom recognized Budget and Finance Officer Darrell Baucom, who reviewed the Financial Report, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. Mr. Baucom reported that there are no changes on the Balance Sheet. The Town has received \$14,229 in interest income. As it's early in the fiscal year, there is little activity. Total income received is \$30,931. Expenses shows \$33,998, so there is a bit of excess, which is typical at the first of the year. This is largely due to insurance and urban forester. In Activity Since Last Month, \$31,200 was paid to Miles McClellan; \$8,000 for Piedmont Waste site, \$2,500 for lawn maintenance for the quarter--which is a re-issue of a previous check, Interlocal Risk of \$6,552 for 2023-2024 insurance and Stonehaven Sight and Sound for new audio/visual equipment at Town Hall. Upon motion duly made by Gene Price, seconded by Andrew Benton, Council unanimously approved payment of pending bills including Stonehaven Sight and Sound.

Mayor Baucom recognized Matthew Rea with Union County Transportation regarding the critical intersection update. He distributed power point copies to the Council, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. He is here to discuss analysis and to obtain municipalities' input. They have done two of these—2016 and 2019 and it's a joint effort with the county and municipalities. They had 3,000 residents' responses on a recent survey; 132 residents from Unionville. The main focus of the survey was safety concerns. He responded to the question asked previously as to whether they take the future into consideration and stated that this is actually one of the factors in determining which intersections are recommended for upgrades. The intersection of Unionville Brief/Unionville Indian Trail Road/C J Thomas Road has been included in the Top 15 list. The next step is for Union County Board of Commissioners to approve the list and present it to CRTPO in October. Upon motion duly made by Jeff Broadaway, seconded by Andrew Benton, Council approved inclusion of this intersection in the Top 15 list with four votes. Attorney Ken Helms will provide a resolution to this effect. Upon motion duly made by Andrew Benton, seconded by Jeff Broadaway, Council unanimously approved \$4,000 to be set aside for this project to partner with Union County for 2025.

Mayor Baucom recognized Mr. Andrew Ansley, Union County Emergency Management Director. He stated that the Emergency Operations Plan has been in effect since 1976 and promotes civil preparedness in all hazard instances in Union County. They aid during times of disaster and provide direction for the unincorporated county. Each municipality is responsible for their own areas, but they assist. Each year the Emergency Operations Plan is reviewed by Union County and alternative years by North Carolina. Upon motion duly made by Andrew Benton, seconded by Jaren Simpson, Council unanimously adopted the Union County Emergency Operations Plan.

Mayor Baucom recognized Linda Robinson, American Legion Auxiliary President, regarding the Unionville Heritage Festival. She thanked the Town for providing funding for this festival, which will be held in three weeks. The vendor fair of 64 vendors is sold out; there will be food trucks, slushies, ice cream; two bands will play and Broadway Bob will perform. There will be a silent auction of 25 items and a raffle of multiple items and an Antique Tractor Show. The Piedmont and Porter Ridge JROTC will run children's games. The school cafeteria will house Heritage Hall—a history of schools, the town, churches, families, etc. There will be a Scavenger Hunt with a \$50 Visa gift card prize and a Mr. and Miss Heritage Day children's contest. Mayor Baucom agreed to speak at the opening ceremony, and they invited other Commissioners to also speak.

Upon motion duly made by Gene Price, seconded by Jeff Broadaway, Council unanimously applied RA-40 zoning for Annexation #27, Piedmont Recreation Association, as Planning Board recommended RA-40 zoning.

Upon motion duly made by Jeff Broadaway, seconded by Jaren Simpson, Council unanimously approved Annexation #28, owned by Hamada Eldin, 10.7 acres located on Morgan Mill Road. Upon motion duly made by Gene Price, seconded by Jaren Simpson, Council unanimously applied RA-40 zoning for this annexation, as Planning Board recommended RA-40 zoning.

Upon motion duly made by Jaren Simpson, seconded by Gene Price, Council denied the motion to install new ceiling fans and light kits in Town Hall, as the vote was three against and two in favor.

Turning Point representatives will attend the September 18 meeting for their request.

Upon motion duly made by Jeff Broadaway, seconded by Andrew Benton, Council unanimously approved the donation of a \$250 gift card basket from Unionville businesses to the Union County Heritage Festival.

Mayor Baucom recognized Ms. Sheila Crunkleton with American Red Cross. She stated that they are always preparing for disasters and Unionville has been generous with them in the past. They help those in need no matter the income level when there is a fire or a disaster with counselors, nurses, case workers, etc. They are 90 percent volunteer led. They will be opening a blood donation site in Indian Trail on September 11 to collect platelets. There were only two new sites approved nationally—Chicago and Indian Trail. They will supply smoke alarms with 10-year lithium batteries to fire departments and they will install in neighborhoods if needed. Red Cross also manages disaster shelters and works under the guidance of Emergency Management in disasters. When asked by Commissioner Broadaway, Ms. Crunkleton stated that they partner with restaurants and NC Baptist Men for cooking; also with Salvation Army and World Health Kitchen. They are a 501-C-3 non-profit agency and are asking for a \$3,500 donation at the September 18 meeting.

Upon motion duly made by Jaren Simpson, seconded by Andrew Benton, Council unanimously approved Lana Kirkpatrick as Planning Board alternate, as there were no other nominations and Planning Board recommended Mrs. Kirkpatrick.

Upon motion duly made by Gene Price, seconded by Jaren Simpson, Council unanimously entered into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation with their attorney.

Upon motion duly made by Gene Price, seconded by Andrew Benton, Council unanimously closed Executive Session.

In other business, Clerk Gaddy displayed the American Legion donation sign and reported that we now have a building permit for Town Hall. She also stated that Wolf Trail Engineer Doug Buchanan forwarded a request for soil and concrete testing. Commissioner Broadaway suggested that Mr. Buchanan provide cost estimates and table this consideration until the September 18 meeting.

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