

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

The Town Council of the Town of Unionville met on Monday, November 20, 2023 in Unionville Volunteer Fire Department #22, 3229 Concord Highway, Monroe, NC at 7:30 p.m. 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 Gene Price led the prayer of invocation.

Mayor Baucom welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

Clerk Gaddy administered the Oaths of Office to newly-elected Commissioners Jeff Broadaway, Gene Price and Jaren Simpson.

Mayor Baucom then called for any public comments. There were none.

Upon motion duly made by Andrew Benton, seconded by Chad Simpson, Council unanimously approved the minutes of the October 16, 2023 regular meeting.

Mayor Baucom referred to the Financial Statements, as provided by Finance Officer Darrell Baucom, who was absent. A copy of this statement is appended to these minutes. There being no comments, and upon motion duly made by Gene Price, seconded by Jaren Simpson, Council unanimously approved payment of pending bills.

Mayor Baucom recognized Mr. Mike Pyle, Piedmont High Marching Band Booster President. He thanked the Town for their time and reviewed the band's needs. The band has been part of the community and Jody Lukac has been the director for 25 years. He instills excellence and hard work in the students and has never denied participation due to funds. The band receives \$2,363 from Union County Public Schools for middle and high school students. Their operating budget is \$77,650 and take in \$47,250 in dues, with a shortfall of \$30,000. They have asked for corporate and individual fund raising. They play at the Cancer Walk, the Union County and Unionville Christmas parades, the sixth-grade introduction into middle school, home football games and competitions. They ask for the Town's continued support, as they need instruments totaling \$28,000. Commissioner Benton made inquiry as to the cost per student and the number of students whose dues are paid. Mr. Pyle stated that only Mr. Lukac has that information and he protects the privacy of students by not sharing it with the boosters. Annual dues are \$450 per student. Dues from 105 band students equals \$47,000. They have had fundraisers including a barbecue, cookie dough sales and doughnut sales. They have also received sponsorships for the trailers. Commissioner Simpson made inquiry as to their approach to other municipalities. They visited Town of Fairview last week. Mayor Baucom stated that budget talks usually begin in May and they would consider this request at that time. Mr. Pyle understood and stated that they typically came at this time of year, but he will come back in May.

Mayor Baucom stated that the annual contribution budget is \$110,000 and we are at \$101,000 now.

In other business, Clerk Gaddy updated Council regarding the annual Christmas parade and tree lighting on Sunday, December 3, 2023 and referred to the schedule, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. Everything will take place at the Community Center this year, as Town Hall is under construction. Carolina Homestead Band will play at the gazebo from 2:30 – 3:30 pm, after which we will recognize the Miss Unionville winners and the Unionville Person of the Month nominees. Unionville Elementary Broadway Bob will also perform prior to the parade. After the parade, Porter Ridge High School Chorus will perform during the tree lighting. Santa will have photos made with individuals and groups, as provided by Morgan Helms Photography. We will give away license plates and free refreshments inside Unionville Community Center.

Mayor Baucom set a public hearing for Text Amendment #TC-23-01, an amendment for accessory structures, for Monday, December 18, 2023 at 7:15 p.m. prior to the regular meeting.

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