

**TOWN OF UNIONVILLE
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

The Town of Unionville Town Council held its regular meeting on Monday, December 21, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in Town Hall, 1102 Unionville Church Road, Monroe, NC. Mayor Baucom and Commissioners Andrew Benton, Jeff Broadaway, Ken Brown, Gene Price and Jaren Simpson were present. Attorney Ken Helms was also present.

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

Mayor Baucom called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. He expressed the Town's condolences to the family of Commissioner Gene Price in the death of his mother-in-law, Carolyn Price.

In Public Comments, Jason Williams of Piedmont Computers thanked the Town Council for getting their new email addresses set up on their phones tonight. He also reported that the website is complete and asked the Council to view it and provide feedback to him on suggestions, changes, or corrections. The new website's address is www.unionvillenc.org. The current website, www.unionvillenc.com, will expire soon and visitors will be re-routed to the new site.

Upon motion duly made by Jaren Simpson, seconded by Gene Price, Council unanimously approved the minutes of the November 16, 2020 regular meeting.

Mayor Baucom recognized Finance Officer Darrell Baucom, who reviewed the Financial Report, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. Mr. Baucom stated that the Balance Sheet reflects the receipt of franchise taxes in December and the Town donated funds for the air packs to the Unionville VFD. Revenues are \$227,000, mostly due to franchise taxes and sales and use taxes. On the Expense side, large expenses were website design and capital outlay for office furniture. In Activity Since Last Month, we donated \$60,000 to Unionville VFD; bought new Christmas lights and had several deposits for ad valorem taxes and franchise taxes. In Pending Bills to be Paid, the largest items are Unionville VFD, Swain Law and NFocus Planning. Commissioner Broadaway made inquiry as to the two gaps below the Deputy Clerk's pay. Mr. Baucom stated he did not put anything there for IRS and Retirement due to typical Christmas bonuses. Upon motion duly made by Gene Price, seconded by Jaren Simpson, Council unanimously approved payment of pending bills.

Mayor Baucom recognized Attorney Ken Helms, who addressed the proposed annexation policy, which was tabled from last month. Mr. Helms stated that the issue is whether the Council wants to allow one property to hold up several other properties annexing into the Town, versus properties which are surrounded by the Town with no jurisdiction. Mayor Baucom inquired as to the percentage portion for boundaries. Mr. Helms stated that it would be up to the Council. Deputy Clerk Braswell asked how other county municipalities

handle this. Council asked that Clerk Gaddy contact other Union County clerks to inquire of their policies. Upon motion duly made by Jeff Broadaway, seconded by Andrew Benton, Council unanimously tabled this discussion until next month to allow staff to contact other municipalities.

In considering School Choice Week Resolution, upon motion duly made by Andrew Benton, seconded by Ken Brown, Council unanimously approved adoption of this resolution, a copy of which is appended to these minutes.

Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Andrew Benton, Council unanimously released Letter of Credit #600775170 for \$51,451.00 for road improvements in Oaks at Camden, as North Carolina Department of Transportation has confirmed the maintenance of these roads into their system.

In considering Historical Markers, Andrew Benton, distributed a photo of a plaque pedestal for a three-foot monument, of which he is recommending a smaller version, rather than the wall-mounted plaque, due to the age and condition of the wall. Also, the students would be able to read this plaque easier. Council's concerns were whether Ms. VonCannon would approve it and the necessity of frequent cleaning due to birds roosting on it. The consensus of the Council was to have Commissioner Benton seek permission from Principal VonCannon, and to seek quotes from the school. Deputy Clerk Braswell reported that she has reached out to Signs Now and will get a proof for Council's approval soon.

Mayor Baucom set a public hearing for Monday, January 18, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. for Rezoning #ZC-20-03, a rezoning from RA-40 to B-2 at the intersection of Love Mill Road and Sikes Mill Road.

Mayor Baucom set a public hearing for Monday, January 18, 2021 at 7:15 p.m. for Rezoning #ZC-20-04, a rezoning from RA-40 to CUD-LI for a tire repair facility at 1210 Sikes Mill Road.

In consideration 2021 meeting dates and times, Finance Officer Baucom requested that we change to the second Monday of the month. Commissioner Broadaway stated that he has a standing meeting that night every month and would be unavailable. Upon motion duly made by Jaren Simpson, seconded by Jeff Broadaway, Council unanimously set meeting times for 2021 to the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Andrew Benton, Council unanimously appointed Town Attorney Ken Helms, Jr., Finance Officer Darrell Baucom, Clerk/Tax Collector/Land Use Administrator Sonya Gaddy and Deputy Clerk Melody Braswell to continue in the same capacities for 2021. Commissioner Broadaway reminded Council of

transparency regarding related elected officials and staff, although an annual audit provides a clear response.

Upon motion duly made by Andrew Benton, seconded by Jaren Simpson, Council unanimously adjourned to Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

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

Upon motion duly made by Andrew Benton, seconded by Ken Brown, Council unanimously approved Christmas bonuses of \$750 for Clerk Gaddy and \$500 for Finance Officer Baucom and Deputy Clerk Braswell.

In other business, Commissioner Brown reported that the air pack upgrades have been ordered and the funds have been dispersed. He expressed his appreciation to the Town for their support of the volunteer fire department.

There being no other business, Mayor Baucom wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and adjourned the regular meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonya W. Gaddy
Clerk

Approved as to form:

R. Kenneth Helms, Jr., Town Attorney