

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

The Town of Unionville Town Council held its regular meeting on Monday, October 19, 2020 at 8:00 p.m. in Town Hall, 1102 Unionville Church Road, Monroe, NC. Mayor Baucom and Commissioners Andrew Benton, Ken Brown, Gene Price and Jaren Simpson were present. Commissioner Jeff Broadaway was absent. Town Attorney Ken Helms was also present.

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

Mayor Baucom welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

In Public Comments, Commissioner Brown expressed his pleasure with Board of Adjustment Alternate Chad Simpson attending the Town Council meeting.

Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Andrew Benton, Council unanimously approved the minutes of the September 21, 2020 public hearing and 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 reviewed the Balance Sheet, stating that the Certificate of Deposit matured September 24, 2020, and he was able to secure a rate of .25% for twelve months, up from .1% previously. In Profit and Loss, Budget versus Actual, significant expense items are the \$54,000 contribution to the Volunteer Fire Department for air packs, capital outlay of \$5,265 for office furniture and Piedmont Computers for the internet/website. Significant items since last month include the clerk's reimbursement for office furniture, Piedmont Computers, transfer from Money Market to the regular account due to no activity and the bank recommended these transactions. Pending Bills to Be Paid include legal fees from Helms Robison and Lee and several small invoices received today. Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Gene Price, Council unanimously approved payment of pending bills, including the four received today.

Mayor Baucom then recognized Attorney Ken Helms, who updated Council on the proposed Annexation #26, Essex Pointe subdivision. Mr. Helms has reviewed the map and has identified issues with meeting the definition of contiguity of adjoining property. In order to annex, the property must join the current Town limits and all properties must connect and may not use a corridor to determine contiguity. He has spoken with the petitioners, and they are working to secure one property in order to meet this requirement, but they need some additional time to do so. The original annexation deadline has expired; however, he recommends the Town allow 120 more days for these applicants to meet this requirement. Upon motion duly made by Ken Brown, seconded by Jaren Simpson, Council unanimously extended the annexation deadline for 120 days for Annexation #26, Essex Pointe subdivision.

In considering the annual Christmas Tree Lighting, Mayor Baucom reported that he had spoken with American Legion #535 Commander John Brewer and Mr. Brewer assured him that the Legion would support the Town's decision as to whether to hold or postpone the festivities, due to Covid-19. Mayor Baucom recommended postponing these festivities, in hopes that we will be able to have them again next year, and to still light the tree and Town Hall, as we normally do with the new lights proposed. Upon motion duly made by Jaren Simpson, seconded by Andrew Benton, Council unanimously agreed to postpone this year's Christmas festivities, and to purchase 1500 new C-7 warm white bulbs for the tree and Town Hall for approximately \$1245. Commissioner Benton also suggested we post a statement from the Town and Legion, wishing everyone a safe and Merry Christmas.

In other business, Mayor Baucom reported that he wrote a letter to NCDOT requesting flashing lights on the Stop Ahead sign and rumble strips at the upcoming intersection of Sikes Mill Road and Concord Highway, in response to Ms. Faulkenberry's request last month.

Following up on the Volunteer Fire Department emails tacked onto the Town's emails, Commissioner Brown reported that the monthly fee was too costly, therefore, the VFD will seek to secure email addresses elsewhere. There will be a link on the Town's website for the Volunteer Fire Department.

In other business, Clerk Gaddy reported that Town Hall will be closed Wednesday – Friday, October 21-23, 2020 for vacation. Also, she reported that the office furniture will be delivered near the end of the month.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sonya W. Gaddy  
Clerk

Approved as to form:

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R. Kenneth Helms, Jr., Town Attorney