

# October Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes

The Town of Unionville held its regular meeting on Monday, October 20, 2025 at 7:30 p.m. in Unionville Town Hall, 1102 Unionville Church Road, Monroe, NC. Mayor Randy Baucom and Commissioners Andrew Benton, Gene Price, Chad Simpson and Jaren Simpson were present. Attorney Ken Helms was also present. Commissioner Jeff Broadaway was absent.

## Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag

Boy Scout Troop 169 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## Invocation

Mayor Pro-Tem Andrew Benton led the invocation.

## Welcome and Call to Order

Mayor Randy Baucom welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially noting the presence of Troop 169. The meeting was called to order.

## Public Comments

Mayor Baucom called for public comments. There were no public comments.

## Unionville Persons of the Month – Oren and Daisy Simpson

Mayor Baucom recognized Daisy Simpson as the Unionville Person of the Month on behalf of the town. He expressed appreciation for her and Mr. Oren's donation of the farmstead model, which will be on display in Town Hall. Mayor Baucom presented Mrs. Simpson with a plaque as a token of appreciation.

Mrs. Simpson acknowledged that her granddaughter, Candice, had given permission for the donation. Mayor Baucom noted that the gift represented a lot of time, hard work, hand carving, and talent.

## Consideration of the minutes of the September 15, 2025 regular meeting

Jaren Simpson made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2025 regular meeting and Andrew Benton seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

## Financial Report – Darrell Baucom

Finance Officer Darrell Baucom presented the financial report, noting the town continues to have a strong cash position. He reported income of approximately \$166,000, primarily from ad valorem taxes, franchise taxes, sales and use tax, and investment income.

Total expenses were approximately \$154,000, with the majority being personnel, park maintenance, and professional fees. Mr. Baucom reviewed the significant transactions since the last meeting, including payroll amounts, reimbursement of expenses, payments to NFocus for code enforcement, and payments for the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO).

Mr. Baucom presented the pending bills to be paid, which included salaries, retirement contributions, payroll taxes, September enforcement expenses to NFocus, UDO payment, legal fees, reimbursement to the park, and payment to MC2 Engineering for plat and SUP review.

Motion to pay the bills was made by Gene Price and seconded by Jaren Simpson. The motion passed unanimously.

## Consideration of appointment of Board of Adjustment alternate Matt Price

Motion to appoint Matt Price as the Board of Adjustment alternate was made by Jaren Simpson and seconded by Andrew Benton. The motion passed unanimously.

## City of Monroe Interlocal Agreement – Ken Helms

Attorney Ken Helms presented information on the interlocal agreement between Unionville and Monroe concerning utilities. He explained that the previous agreement had expired, and a new agreement was being proposed.

The agreement establishes a process whereby property owners in Unionville whose property is near Monroe city limits can request water and sewer services from the City of Monroe if Union County does not supply those services. Applications must be approved by the county, the City of Monroe, and Unionville. If approved, Monroe would inform the property owner of fees and requirements for service.

Attorney Helms clarified that Unionville would not be giving up any zoning authority, and property owners would still need to comply with all Union County ordinances. He noted that the agreement arose from a situation at Village Lake, where four lots had county water but needed to access a Monroe sewer line.

Motion to renew the interlocal agreement with the City of Monroe was made by Andrew Benton and seconded by Gene Price. The motion passed unanimously.

## Request for Charitable Contribution – Piedmont Breast Cancer Walk

Motion to approve a charitable contribution of \$3,000 to the Piedmont Breast Cancer Walk was made by Jaren Simpson and seconded by Chad Simpson. The motion passed unanimously.

## Discuss Unionville Christmas parade and tree lighting ceremony Sunday, December 7, 2025; Mosca Design quotes; location of festivities

Deputy Clerk Melody Braswell presented information about the upcoming Christmas parade and tree lighting ceremony scheduled for December 7, 2025. She sought direction from the Council regarding the location of the

event, noting challenges from the previous year when Santa had to walk between different locations, resulting in losing some children in the shuffle.

Ms. Braswell confirmed that a photographer had been secured for the event. After discussion about logistics and traffic concerns, Council discussed where to hold the tree lighting ceremony.

Motion to set up the tree lighting ceremony at Town Hall using a flatbed trailer was made by Andrew Benton and seconded by Gene Price. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Braswell also presented quotes from Mosca Design for Christmas decorations, including options for a pop-up Christmas tree (14-foot, 17-foot, and 21-foot options) and over-globe wreaths for light posts. After discussion, the Council decided to stay with their current setup for this year.

No motion was made, therefore the Council took no action on this proposal.

## Annexation #30 – 4001 Olive Branch Road – Certificate of Sufficiency; Set Public Hearing

Town Clerk/Tax Collector/Land Use Administrator Sonya Gaddy reported that the applicant has provided all required information for Annexation #30, which involves one residence on two separate lots on Olive Branch Road. She certified that they were on track to set a public hearing for the next meeting.

Motion to proceed with the annexation process was made by Gene Price and seconded by Jaren Simpson. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Baucom set a public hearing for November 17, 2025, at 7:15 p.m.

## Other Business

Councilman Gene Price brought up plans for the country's 250-year celebration in 2026. He explained that they had been discussing ideas for the past six months, being careful not to detract from the Lions Club's Fourth of July event.

Councilman Price proposed holding a concert the last Saturday in June 2026 (June 27th), potentially at Noel Williams Park to accommodate parking. The event would include food trucks, entertainment, and possibly prizes for the best float or floats in the next year's parade.

He noted that they considered fireworks but had concerns about safety. Councilman Price emphasized the need to move forward with booking entertainment soon, as well as coordinating with the Sheriff's Department and other logistics.

Motion to begin exploring entertainment options for the 250-year celebration was made by Andrew Benton and seconded by Chad Simpson. The motion passed unanimously.

## Adjournment

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

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