

Town Council Budget Public Hearing

Meeting Minutes

June 15, 2026, 7:00 PM

1102 Unionville Church Road, Monroe, NC 28110, US

The Town Council of the Town of Unionville held a public hearing on Monday, June 15, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in Town Hall, 1102 Unionville Church Road, Monroe, NC. Mayor Baucom, Jeff Broadaway, Lana Kirkpatrick, Jaren Simpson, and all staff were present. Absent were Mayor Pro Tem Andrew Benton and Gene Price.

OPENING PROCEEDINGS

Welcome and Call to Order

The public hearing was called to order shortly after 7:00 PM. Clerk Melody Braswell confirmed that Darrell Baucom, Finance Officer, had signed up to speak.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Finance Officer Darrell Baucom presented an overview of the proposed Fiscal Year 2026–2027 budget, directing the Council to Tab 4 of the meeting packet. He reported that the proposed budget reflects total revenues and expenditures of \$1,129,500, with \$453,000 appropriated from the fund balance.

On the expenditure side, Finance Officer Baucom highlighted the following significant items:

- A \$500,000 placeholder for capital outlay designated for park improvements and related commitments.
- Payroll expenses of \$125,000.
- Public safety expenses totaling approximately \$127,000, which includes the standard \$60,000 annual contribution as well as approximately \$67,000 representing a 15-year commitment toward the construction of a new fire station.
- Additional general operating expenses consistent with recent spending trends.

Finance Officer Baucom noted that the budget was largely unchanged from what had been presented at the prior meeting, and that the property tax rate remains unchanged at \$0.02 (2 cents). No questions were raised by the Council regarding the budget presentation.

A brief discussion arose regarding a single-lane bridge of concern, with a suggestion that the matter could be addressed by contacting Union County. No formal action was taken on this item.

No additional members of the public came forward to speak.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further comments, Mayor Baucom closed the public hearing. The regular Town Council meeting was announced to begin at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Melody Braswell
Clerk/Tax Collector/Land Use Administrator

Approved as to form:

R. Kenneth Helms, Jr., Town Attorney

Note: These minutes were drafted with the assistance of Clerk Minutes by HeyGov. All content was reviewed and approved by the Clerk/Tax Collector/Land Use Administrator prior to submission.