

Town Council Members

Valerie Coffey - 2011 ~ Janet Critz - 2013 ~ Lundeen Cureton - 2011

Peggy Neill - 2011 ~ Melody LaMonica - 2013

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**Town of Mineral Springs  
Mineral Springs Town Hall  
3506 S Potter Road ~ Mineral Springs  
Town Council  
Regular Meeting  
April 14, 2011 ~ 7:30 PM**

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**Agenda**

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**1. Opening**

The meeting will be called to order, an invocation will be delivered and the Pledge of Allegiance will be recited.

**2. Public Comments**

The Town Council will hear comments from members of the public on any matters of interest to them during this ten-minute period.

**3. Approval of Town Council Minutes and Monthly Reports**

The Town Council has been mailed copies of the March 10, 2010 minutes, the February 2011 tax report and the February 2011 finance report; the council will approve them if correct.

- A. March 10, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes
- B. February 2011 Tax Collector's Report
- C. Duplicate Tax
- D. Order to Advertise unpaid taxes on real property between now and June 30, 2011
- E. February 2011 Finance Report

**4. Mineral Springs Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department – Chief Donald Gaddy**

Mineral Springs Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department Chief Donald Gaddy will make a presentation to the town council.

**5. 2011-2012 Budget – Proposed Departmental Appropriations**

The council will consider the appropriation recommendations for the 2011-2012 budget.

**6. Child Abuse Prevention and Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation**

The council will consider proclaiming April as Child Abuse Prevention and Sexual Assault Awareness month.

**7. Other Business**

**8. Adjournment**

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Public Hearings / Regular Meeting  
March 10, 2011 ~ 7:30 PM

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The Town Council of the Town of Mineral Springs, North Carolina, met in Public Hearings and Regular Session at the Mineral Springs Town Hall, Mineral Springs, North Carolina, at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 10, 2011.

**Present:** Mayor Frederick Becker III, Mayor Pro Tem Jerry Countryman, Councilwoman Valerie Coffey, Councilwoman Janet Critz, Councilwoman Peggy Neill, Town Clerk/Zoning Administrator Vicky Brooks, Deputy Town Clerk Sandara Coates and Attorney Bobby Griffin.

**Absent:** Councilwoman Lundeen Cureton, Councilwoman Melody LaMonica and Tax Collector Libby Andrews-Henson.

**Visitors:** Bryan McCarver, Joseph Poats, Stacy Poats and Boy Scout Troop 18.

With a quorum present Mayor Becker called the Regular Town Council Meeting of March 10, 2011 to order at 7:33 p.m.

1. **Opening**

- Councilwoman Critz delivered the invocation.
- Mineral Springs Boy Scout Troop 18 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **Public Hearing – P11-01 – Proposed Text Amendment**

- Mayor Becker opened the Proposed Text Amendment Public Hearing at 7:35 p.m. and explained that the proposed text amendment is a change in the Table of Uses to allow a Gun and Ammunition shop as a use by right in the LI zoning district.
- There were no comments from the public.
- Mayor Becker closed the Proposed Text Amendment Public Hearing at 7:35 p.m.

3. **Public Hearing – CUP11-01 – Conditional Use Permit**

- Mayor Becker opened the Conditional Use Permit Public Hearing at 7:35 p.m. and explained that this is a quasi-judicial hearing based on testimonial evidence.
- Mayor Becker sworn in Mr. Joseph Poats
- There were no comments from the public at this time.
- Councilwoman Critz pointed out that there were some people from the community that are in the list of personal property owners that were contacted [about the public hearing] that might want to make comment. Mayor Becker responded that we will leave the public hearing open so if there is any question or comment after the presentation is made the council can entertain the comments at that time.

4. **Public Comments**

- There were no public comments.

5. **Approval of Town Council Minutes and Monthly Reports**

A. **February 10, 2010 Regular Meeting Minutes**

- Councilwoman Critz pointed out that she was listed as present; however, she was actually absent.
- **Councilwoman Neill** made a **motion** to approve the February 10, 2010 minutes as corrected and **Councilwoman Critz** seconded. The motion passed unanimously as follows:

Ayes: Coffey, Countryman, Critz and Neill

Nays: None

B. **January 2011 Tax Collector's Report**

- **Councilwoman Coffey** made a **motion** to approve the January 2011 Tax Collector's report as written and **Councilman Countryman** seconded. The motion passed unanimously as follows:

Ayes: Coffey, Countryman, Critz and Neill

Nays: None

C. **January 2011 Finance Report**

- **Councilman Countryman** made a **motion** to approve the January 2011 finance report and **Councilwoman Critz** seconded. The motion passed unanimously as follows:

Ayes: Coffey, Countryman, Critz and Neill

Nays: None

6. **Consideration of the Proposed Text Amendment to Article 5 of the Zoning Ordinance**

- Zoning Administrator Vicky Brooks explained that Mr. Bryan McCarver asked for this text amendment to sell guns and ammunition at his shop off of Eubanks Street, which is in the LI zoning district. The Table of Uses [in Article 5 of the Zoning Ordinance] doesn't allow a guns and ammunition shop in the LI district; however, we do allow it in the B4 zoning district and we allow it as a conditional use in the RA40 zoning district. Mayor Becker stated that in the hierarchy of zoning districts LI is considered the most intensively used district, so in theory more things would be allowed in LI than are allowed even in B4. Councilwoman Critz requested that Mr. Bryan McCarver let everyone know where the shop is and what he is doing. Mr. McCarver responded that he currently works at the Union County Sheriff's Office and has carried that position for almost nine years. Mr. Burt Fincher approached Mr. McCarver about opening a hunting and fishing store in the old Music Barn just down Eubanks Street (at the very end). Mr. McCarver explained that they have done well so far, but they are looking to sell guns and ammunition (if possible). Mr. McCarver assured the council that he had no intention of selling automatic firearms. Councilwoman Neill asked what type of guns he would be

selling. Mr. McCarver responded hand guns, long guns (rifles), shotguns, rim fire (22 and 17 calibers), police supply equipment and ammunition for hand guns, long guns and such. Councilwoman Neill asked how they will be secured. Mr. McCarver responded that it depended on what the Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) told him to do; of course he will have to go by their guidelines. A security alarm is already in place, there are cages around all of the air conditioners (so they can't be pushed in), all hand guns will be placed in a safe, all long guns will be placed on a rack with a cable locked to the wall running through the trigger guards and any other stipulations that the ATF might put on. Councilwoman Coffey commented that she thought the LI district was perfect for it and the location is excellent. As far as the security goes, "we don't have to worry about that, because you can secure even heavier back there where you are and response, I'm certain, will be very quick". Mayor Becker added that Mr. McCarver has an interest in protecting the inventory. Councilwoman Neill expressed concerns, because there have been some break-ins on Eubanks Street and if the shop is known to carry firearms. Councilwoman Neill stated that she just wanted the community to feel safe and the firearms he has are stored in a safe way and will not be a temptation to someone who may try to break in. Mr. McCarver responded that he could speak on behalf of the person responsible for the break-ins on Eubanks Street; it will be a long while before he is visiting Mineral Springs again. Mr. McCarver added that any gun shop will be a temptation and they will go to every precaution that they can to secure any and every firearm in there to protect the community as well as everyone in the area. Councilman Countryman commented that it was fair to say that if this gentleman and his business meet ATF standards that the community has no problem; "you can be reassured". Councilwoman Neill questioned Councilwoman Coffey if the planning board had unanimously approved this [text amendment]. Councilwoman Coffey responded that she was not there, but yes.

- **Councilwoman Neill** made a **motion** that we approve the proposed text amendment P-11-01, the proposed text amendment consistent with the Land Use Plan adopted October 12, 2006 and Vision Plan reference called for a periodic review of the ordinances, that they are up to date and consistent as possible **Councilwoman Coffey** seconded.

Ayes: Coffey, Countryman, Critz and Neill

Nays: None

## **7. Consideration of a Conditional Use Permit**

- Mayor Becker swore in Zoning Administrator Vicky Brooks and Stacy Poats [co-petitioner] and noted that Mr. Poats has already been sworn in. Ms. Brooks reminded the council that several months ago the Poats' came to the town for a text amendment to actually live on their own property while they build their house; they have found that that's not going to work. What they would like to do is to have a Recreational Facility and in that definition, Ms. Brooks stated that a campground would qualify for them to have two Recreational Vehicle's (RV's) on a separate lot while they build their house. The planning board has unanimously recommended approval of this on the condition that it's just two RV's and the period of time doesn't exceed 24 months. Councilwoman Critz asked Ms. Brooks to explain, for the benefit of the council and community members, where this is located on the lot

and the reasoning behind it is cutting fewer trees allowing for preservation. Ms. Brooks responded that one of the pitfalls of doing it strictly as the recently-adopted text amendment would have allowed them to do it, where they would each have their own RV on their own lot, would have required them to take down at least a half-acre more of trees. Some of these are very large mature trees. The Poats' didn't want to do that.

- Mr. Joseph Poats introduced himself and his wife Stacy. Mr. Poats commented that they appreciated that the council approved the text amendment for them to put the RV's on their own property. Mr. Poats testified that they have three lots in a row (adjacent properties); a lot that they will be building on and a lot that the Owen family (Angela and Ralph Owen) would be building on. As they started doing more detailed planning and thinking through, they realized they would be taking down a lot of trees that they really wouldn't otherwise do. Lot number three is actually where their campers are right now; it had a couple of natural openings that the campers could be pulled into. They have septic set up, power and well water; if allowed to stay where they are no more trees will have to come down at all.
- Ms. Stacy Poats testified that that is just one of the reasons why they got the text amendment. They realized as they put in the driveway and saw all the trees coming down; they really struggled with that because they were mature trees. At the same time they were encountering some situations that made her feel unsafe; her husband [Joseph Poats] travels quite frequently and they were experiencing some situations where she really (with her three girls) did not want to be on their property closest to the septic/well water, which is 1000 feet off the road. At the same time their three girls play with Angela's three girls and being close is almost like we're sharing life together. "They support us, we support them and it's just become a very sweet thing for our girls to have another family to walk through this season of our lives", Ms. Poats said. The reason they are doing this (living in the trailer) is that they wanted to give their children a time and a season in their lives where they could experience that "less is more". They wanted to give that to them, even though they could go out and build a house right away; they felt it was important. They feel mission work is very important to expose their children to. They took them [children] to Africa and shared with them how other people lived. Coming back [from Africa], Mr. and Mrs. Poats felt that until they experience living with less they may not be able to relate to it, which is how the idea of the campers evolved. As they started working with the property, Ms. Poats started envisioning herself way back on the lot, along with some other challenges they have experienced, she started getting nervous about staying by herself. Ms. Poats explained the other thing they are facing is that they can't get electricity to that first property due to a legal dispute; however, they can to Ralph and Angela's [Owens] and to the third property. Mr. Poats added that the neighbor has challenged the legality of Duke Power pulling power onto their property. Councilwoman Critz asked if the legality had to do with the right-of-way. Mr. Poats responded yes. Ms. Poats further testified that they don't want to turn it into a campground, they want to have the two families to be able to share life as they try to teach their children (they hope and pray) some valuable lessons that they will carry into their adulthood.
- Councilwoman Coffey commented that she applauded what the Poats' were doing; most people couldn't even fathom the living, but the exposure for the children is so valuable and she thought it was a grand experience. "We embrace it 100% in

Mineral Springs”, Councilwoman Coffey said. Councilman Critz requested that Ms. Brooks explain that this is temporary and also a little bit about the vehicles and the reference to campground/recreation. Councilwoman Coffey noted that it would absolutely only be for 24 months. Ms. Brooks responded that that would be true, as long as council puts that condition on there. Mayor Becker pointed out that that was one of the conditions that the planning board is recommending. Councilwoman Coffey stated that would eliminate turning it into anything. Mayor Becker further pointed out that it will also be limited to these two RV’s, which is another condition that the planning board recommended. This meets the requirements of the applicant. Ms. Brooks explained that in the Mineral Springs Zoning Ordinance Table of Uses, we didn’t have another place to fit such a thing, which is why she chose the category of “Recreational Facilities”, which includes things such as parks, playgrounds, swimming pools, etcetera and knowing that it was a conditional use that would have to come before the council who would put those conditions on it and any further conditions they wanted on it.

- Mayor Becker asked if there was anybody having heard the presentation who hadn’t signed up to speak, since the Public Hearing is still open, but has any comments to make (they will have to be sworn in). Ms. Brooks noted that the public hearing had been advertised correctly, the property was posted and letters had been sent to all adjacent property owners. Mayor Becker asked Ms. Brooks if we would introduce the text, the application and the supporting documentation as evidence. Ms. Brooks responded yes. Mayor Becker stated that the entire packet (written evidence, application and supporting documentation) would be marked as Exhibit A and is evidence that the council has to consider when deciding whether or not to approve this application. Mayor Becker further pointed out that the council has the staff report (verbally) and the sworn testimony of Joseph Poats and Stacy Poats. Councilwoman Critz added that the fact that we allow them the conditional use permit (in the beginning) were for the reasons stated (previously), we embrace the life style and their values. Part of the whole theme that we have in Mineral Springs is conservation and appreciation of resources. “I think everyone understands that when you start out doing a lot of things you don’t anticipate some of the obstacles that you will encounter. The fact that you’re taking into consideration not just your own personal reasons, but the resources that are there on the land as well, certainly is in line with our Mission Statement as a community”, Councilwoman Critz said.

- a. The use will not materially endanger the public health or safety if located where proposed and developed to the submitted plan.

**Councilwoman Critz** made a **motion** to find in the affirmative and **Councilman Countryman** seconded. The motion passed unanimously as follows:

Ayes: Coffey, Countryman, Critz and Neill  
Nays: None

Based on the fact that all the adequate utilities have been approved, it is of the temporary nature, there is no additional testimony in the negative.

- b. The use meets all required conditions and specifications.

**Councilwoman Coffey** made a **motion** to affirm that this does meet all of the requirements of our zoning and it will be totally compliant and **Councilwoman Neill** seconded. The motion passed unanimously as follows:

Ayes: Coffey, Countryman, Critz and Neill  
Nays: None

Based on our zoning, our zoning administrator's thorough review of this and her recommendation for it, and the thorough review by the planning board and their affirmative recommendation for it.

- c. The use will not substantially injure the value of adjoining or abutting property, or the use is a public necessity.

**Councilwoman Neill** made a **motion** to find in the affirmative and **Councilwoman Coffey** seconded. The motion passed unanimously as follows:

Ayes: Coffey, Countryman, Critz and Neill  
Nays: None

Based on the facts that it meets the required specification based on testimony that has been heard, no negative testimony from the adjoining/abutting property owners and a thorough review of our planning board with findings in the affirmative.

- d. The location and character of the use, if developed according to the plan as submitted and approved, will be in harmony with the area in which it is to be located and will be in general conformity with this Ordinance and the Town of Mineral Springs Land Development Plan.

**Councilwoman Coffey** made a **motion** to find in the affirmative and **Councilwoman Critz** seconded. The motion passed unanimously as follows:

Ayes: Coffey, Countryman, Critz and Neill  
Nays: None

Based on the Land Use Ordinance and the fact that the plan is compliant with what is currently embraced by Mineral Springs, it meets the required specification based on testimony that has been heard and there has been no negative testimony from the adjoining/adjacent property owners.

- e. Additional review criteria, as stated in the Ordinance, shall also be considered and addressed where required.

**Councilman Countryman** made a **motion** to find in the affirmative and **Councilwoman Coffey** seconded. The motion passed unanimously as follows:

Ayes: Coffey, Countryman, Critz and Neill

Nays: None

Based on there being no additional review criteria required.

- f. Any deviation from the terms of this Ordinance will result in a project that is at least equal to or better than what would be accomplished under the strict application of this Ordinance.

**Councilman Countryman** made a **motion** to find in the affirmative and **Councilwoman Critz** seconded. The motion passed unanimously as follows:

Ayes: Coffey, Countryman, Critz and Neill

Nays: None

Based on the obvious it would be true that we are going to have two new members of our community with two new homes; they are taking exceptional steps not to violate the land, which only enhances their property and the community in general.

- g. Any deviation from the terms of this Ordinance will not adversely affect the right of other abutting or nearby property owners in any material manner.

**Councilwoman Neill** made a **motion** to find in the affirmative and **Councilman Countryman** seconded. The motion passed unanimously as follows:

Ayes: Coffey, Countryman, Critz and Neill

Nays: None

Based on the fact that there has been no additional testimony to that.

- Mayor Becker stated that, based on the testimony of the zoning administrator and the planning board chairman (who is here), is one of the conditions is that this will be valid for 24 months after approval and the other condition that the council is being asked to consider would that it be limited (the recreational facility aspect) to these two RV's. Mayor Becker asked the council if there were any conditions they felt needed to be added to this permit. Councilman Countryman responded not at this time.
- **Councilman Countryman** made a **motion** to approve the conditional use permit (CUP-11-01) based on that and **Councilwoman Neill** seconded. The motion passed unanimously as follows:

Ayes: Coffey, Countryman, Critz and Neill

Nays: None



8. **Consideration of an Eagle Scout Project**

- Troop 18 Scout Ryan Muller introduced himself and explained that he was here to hopefully get an Eagle Scout project approved. The project is to build a bridge across a feeder stream (a little ditch a bit far off from the main stream), to improve parts of the greenway beyond the bridge, and to improve the main access trail. The bridge will be built and installed several feet away from the main trail to allow hikers and bikers a way to cross the stream without interfering with access for horse riders on the main trail. The access trail begins at the cul-de-sac at the end of Harrington Road and is a narrow path leading to the trail along the Creek. Scout Muller plans to improve this path by clearing out some of the overgrown weeds and thorns along both sides and to lay down a thick layer of mulch to prevent weed growth. The trail where the bridge will be installed will need to be split to allow the horse traffic to use the main part of the trail and to allow the hikers and bikers to use the bridge to across the stream. The trail beyond the bridge will be improved and marked from the bridge site to the end of the Harrington Road trail site and the beginning of the Saddleridge Trail area where another scout will be working on his Eagle Project. Scout Muller plans to install posts and signs showing where the horse traffic and hiker/biker traffic is designated where the trail splits. The bridge will measure 12 feet long and 4 feet wide and will be placed across a ditch approximately 3 feet deep and to keep the bridge in place Scout Muller plans to dig around the ends of the bridge on both sides of the ditch and set the supports below the level of the trail. This will keep the bridge from moving in any direction and will allow bikers to ride across the bridge without having to stop and carry their bikes. The supports for the bridge will sit on concrete blocks and the wood used will be pressure treated to prevent any possibility of rotting and there will be 3 foot tall hand rails (going the full length of the walkway) on both sides of the bridge. Scout Muller showed the mayor/council a sketch of the bridge.
- Councilwoman Critz asked Mayor Becker about railing safety and what they were trying to accomplish with it. Mayor Becker responded that it [rail] was not like deck railing (where you are trying to keep children from falling through), children and toddlers shouldn't be in the woods unsupervised, because there are plenty of things they might fall and get hurt on. Councilwoman Critz stated that she wanted to be sure that we are not bound by any kind of safety regulation. Mayor Becker responded that as far as he knew we're not; the insurance carriers have told him that these passive recreation-type facilities, trails, etcetera are fairly lenient. We're not having organized events/running horse races; therefore it's not considered an intensive use that insurance carriers worry about.
- Scout Muller continued that he knew he was "jumping the gun" a little bit, because he hasn't officially gotten approval yet; however, he had some sign designs they plan to post along the greenway [the council was shown samples]. The mayor/council thought the sign designs were great. Scout Muller explained that he had priced how much this was going to cost and stated that he is looking for donations if at all possible. Councilwoman Coffey asked if there was a specific percentage that he was looking to get from Mineral Springs and if he had already solicited funds from the business that he listed. Scout Muller responded that they are getting funds from Charlotte Investment Properties. Mayor Becker mentioned

that Scout Muller had to get the approval (just in concept) from the town council before he could get the scout council approval. It's going to be a little while, but he has his prices; the town council can approve a "guideline" figure at this time. The council knows the percentages they've been approving for the adjoining projects.

- **Councilwoman Coffey** made a **motion** to approve the Eagle Scout project as described with the boundary that the cost will not go over \$300 and **Councilman Countryman** seconded.

*Ayes: Coffey, Countryman, Critz and Neill.*

*Nays: None*

9. **Consideration of Donation to the Waxhaw/Mineral Springs Optimist Club**

- Mayor Becker introduced Mr. Fred Witherspoon as the new president of the Waxhaw/Mineral Springs Optimist Club. Mr. Witherspoon stated that he would tell the council a little bit about their organization and a little bit about their specific project. The recently formed Waxhaw/Mineral Springs Optimist Club has been an organization for a little over a year and they are affiliated with the national organization "Optimist International" that is based out of St. Louis, which is an international organization of civic clubs. The Waxhaw/Mineral Springs Optimist Club basically has two main focuses: "Friend of Youth" – promoting projects that benefit youth in the community and "Community Service" – performing projects that help the community. Mr. Witherspoon explained that the specific project he referred to was "beautification"; last year the council was kind enough to grant them a grant to do some improvements to downtown Mineral Springs. The flower bed on the corner (in front of Farley's Pizza) was adopted, they also cut grass and beautified that area, and they did some beautification to the Post Office. Since that time, they have expanded and have adopted a portion of Highway 75 that they will be maintaining and cleaning up. They want to expand the clean-up and beautification of the Mineral Springs area (if not this year, next year) and perhaps adopt a clean-up day where everybody can spruce up, plant flowers and work on the greenway to make Mineral Springs more beautiful. Mr. Witherspoon stated that they have set aside April 16<sup>th</sup> as Optimist clean-up day; they will again be maintaining the flower beds that they did last year and will do any improvements that they need to do along their adopted highway. Mr. Witherspoon came before the council tonight to ask their consideration of granting/funding for their beautification project this year.
- Mayor Becker reminded the council that last year rather than specifically funding each plant, etcetera for the beautification project, we funded them as a contribution. The Waxhaw/Mineral Springs Optimist Club certainly meets the criteria in that its work is directly noticeable and beneficial to Mineral Springs specifically. It is not that they are just a good community organization, but they have tangible results to Mineral Springs; they have helped Mineral Springs residents by doing activities in the schools that serve the Mineral Springs community, as well as the Mineral Springs beautification. Councilman Coffey asked Mr. Witherspoon if there was a certain percentage (based on population) that the Waxhaw/Mineral Springs Optimist Club donates their time and efforts to Waxhaw as well as what percentages are split between Mineral Springs and Waxhaw. Mr. Witherspoon responded that basically up to this point, their efforts

have probably been 90% in Mineral Springs, because approximately 100% of their membership is from the Mineral Springs area. Councilwoman Coffey asked if they anticipated expanding and encompassing Waxhaw since they have that name attached. Mr. Witherspoon responded that they participated in the Waxhaw Christmas Parade; as planning goes forward, they'll divide their time. Mayor Becker mentioned that he is a member of this optimist chapter and he knows they are making approaches to Western Union School trying to get activities going. Parkwood has already contributed a contestant in the essay contest. Waxhaw Elementary has benefited. Mr. Witherspoon reiterated that the majority of their members are residents of Mineral Springs; they meet on the first and third Tuesdays at Tracy's Adult Daycare Center, so their focus is on the Mineral Springs area.

- **Councilwoman Critz** made a **motion** that we fund the Optimist Club again at the same amount [\$500] that we did last year and **Councilwoman Coffey** seconded. The motion passed unanimously as follows:

Ayes: Coffey, Countryman, Critz and Neill  
Nays: None

#### 10. Steeplechase Ad

- Mayor Becker explained that it was that time of year, the Steeplechase is April 30<sup>th</sup> this year and we have the opportunity to place our annual full page ad in the race program. It has been a very good ad; very representative of the town. Mayor Becker stated that he did not think we needed a change. Councilwoman Neill agreed.
- **Councilwoman Neill** made a motion to approve the Steeplechase ad and **Councilwoman Critz** seconded. The motion passed unanimously as follows:

Ayes: Coffey, Countryman, Critz and Neill  
Nays: None

#### 11. Consideration of Amending the 2009-2010 Audit Contract

- Mayor Becker explained that the Local Government Commission requires the audit contract to be amended to reflect the actual date that it was completed, which was December 31, 2010.
- **Councilwoman Coffey** made a **motion** to amend the Audit contract to reflect the date of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010 and **Councilwoman Critz** seconded. The motion passed unanimously as follows:

Ayes: Coffey, Countryman, Critz and Neill  
Nays: None

#### 12. Other Business

- Councilwoman Critz mentioned that she had spoken with Ms. Margaret Cannon to ask her to consider being part of the committee for the greenway, because she believes Ms. Cannon "brings a lot to the table". Councilwoman Critz requested that Ms. Cannon get an application and that she be on board. Mayor Becker pointed out that he and Ms. Brooks had not scheduled that first meeting of the group yet,

so if Ms. Cannon will be available to volunteer she will be able to attend the organizational meeting. Councilwoman Critz mentioned that there is also a member of our community that does a lot of biking that she has been playing phone tag with. Mayor Becker responded that we would like to get a biker and a senior.

- Mayor Becker pointed out that there was a Census 2010 “FYI” in the agenda packet and that he believes that Mineral Springs is accurate this year. Ms. Brooks and he had estimated (based on our internal count) the population of just fewer than 2,700, so the Census figure of 2,639 is pretty close to what our estimate was. We are accurate this time as opposed to the 480-person “under count” that we suffered in 2000 due to the Census maps, the Post Office box non-delivery and all sorts of problems. We really took proactive steps to prevent that from happening this time; we don’t get funding directly based on population, but it’s still such an important characteristic of the community.
- Councilwoman Critz explained that she and Councilwoman Neill attended “the thing” at the Chamber of Commerce this evening (prior to our meeting) to welcome the new president [Sharon Rosché] of the Chamber. Mayor Becker thanked the council members for attending. Councilwoman Critz further explained that she mentioned to Ms. Rosché that at some point we would like to have an opportunity to have her out to see what we are doing here at town hall with the community center project and to get her acquainted with Mineral Springs.
- Mayor Becker announced, although he did not have all of the facts, that at Monday’s Union County Commissioners meeting there was a request from the Town of Weddington to grant developers sewer capacity for a strictly residential community called “The Woods”. This development was not getting sewer capacity previously, because it was residential and the county was out of capacity. They have “supposedly sweetened the pot” by giving the county “right-of-way” for the Rea Road extension. Now, the county who couldn’t find sewer capacity since 2003 for our downtown business district has all of a sudden found capacity for several hundred houses in this one Weddington subdivision, which is yet to be built. Mayor Becker informed the council that he didn’t have any answers, but he intends to talk to one of the county commissioners to find out exactly what was said. Mayor Becker stated he was concerned, because this did not “strike him as a good sign”; this is a purely residential project. The county appears to be approving several hundred thousand gallons of sewer capacity that they supposedly didn’t have. Mayor Becker noted that they have also approved a pump station. The council just needs to be aware of that and it may be time that the council members start contacting county commissioners. Councilwoman Critz responded that maybe it was time Chief Gaddy and the council makes another presentation for the new people on the board.
- Mayor Becker informed the council that he attended the February 21, 2010 County Commissioners meeting to present their resolution encouraging a revaluation. The revaluation was voted down by three to two. At that meeting, County Manager Cynthia Coto reported that she had heard from 12 municipalities out of the 14 that wanted to meet. Monroe and Indian Trail had already scheduled theirs, after that Manager Coto just listed the rest in alphabetical order by month (not by specific date). Manager Coto conveyed that Mineral Springs wanted it to be at our regular meeting; therefore, we are tentatively scheduled for October for the joint meeting.

Councilwoman Critz commented that we may want to go before them sooner. Mayor Becker responded that he did not want to be an alarmist, but to him it was a little bit strange that this particular project discussed solely got the green light. Mayor Becker wants to find more out about the situation, because he doesn't understand the building of a development of \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 houses in Weddington when we've got subdivision after subdivision in that same part of the county where there are a huge number of foreclosures and empty houses at that price point. "None of it makes a whole lot of sense to me at this time, it doesn't even make sense from a business standpoint", Mayor Becker said. There is something "afout" and Mayor Becker needs to get more information before he can take any action; he wanted to let the council know that it's something he is concerned about and wants to study further.

- Mayor Becker announced that he has a pipe organ installation project, which is why Councilman Countryman will be chairing the April meeting.

13. **Adjournment**

- **Councilwoman Critz** made a **motion** to adjourn and **Councilwoman Coffey** seconded. The motion passed unanimously as follows:

*Ayes: Coffey, Countryman, Critz and Neill*

*Nays: None*

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.
- The next regular meeting will be on Thursday, April 14, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at the Mineral Springs Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Vicky A. Brooks, CMC, Town Clerk

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Frederick Becker III, Mayor

**Town of Mineral Springs**

**FINANCE REPORT  
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# Cash Flow Report FY2010 YTD

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Category Description	7/1/2010- 2/28/2011
<b>INCOME</b>	
Dup Prop Tax	
Receipts	88.57
Refunds	-34.05
TOTAL Dup Prop Tax	54.52
Franchise	
Cable	1,567.00
Util	60,060.00
TOTAL Franchise	61,627.00
Gross Receipts Tax	532.76
Interest Income	1,888.08
Other Inc	
Public Records Payment	45.61
Zoning	6,670.00
TOTAL Other Inc	6,715.61
Prop Tax 2010	
Receipts 2010	
Int	59.57
Tax	59,641.06
TOTAL Receipts 2010	59,700.63
TOTAL Prop Tax 2010	59,700.63
Prop Tax Prior Years	
Prop Tax 2001	
Receipts 2001	5.93
TOTAL Prop Tax 2001	5.93
Prop Tax 2002	
Receipts 2002	22.66
TOTAL Prop Tax 2002	22.66
Prop Tax 2003	
Receipts 2003	21.87
TOTAL Prop Tax 2003	21.87
Prop Tax 2004	
Receipts 2004	15.30
TOTAL Prop Tax 2004	15.30
Prop Tax 2005	
Receipts 2005	11.11
TOTAL Prop Tax 2005	11.11
Prop Tax 2006	
Receipts 2006	264.13
TOTAL Prop Tax 2006	264.13
Prop Tax 2007	
Receipts 2007	293.72
TOTAL Prop Tax 2007	293.72
Prop Tax 2008	
Receipts 2008	564.20
Int	6.09
Tax	6.86
TOTAL Receipts 2008	577.15
TOTAL Prop Tax 2008	577.15
Prop Tax 2009	



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Category Description	7/1/2010- 2/28/2011
Receipts 2009	1,891.53
Int	7.49
Tax	30.27
<b>TOTAL Receipts 2009</b>	<b>1,929.29</b>
Ret Check 2009	-30.00
<b>TOTAL Prop Tax 2009</b>	<b>1,899.29</b>
<b>TOTAL Prop Tax Prior Years</b>	<b>3,111.16</b>
<b>Sales Tax</b>	
Cable TV	5,327.16
Refunds	510.09
Sales & Use Dist	7,747.10
telecommunications	1,683.00
<b>TOTAL Sales Tax</b>	<b>15,267.35</b>
<b>Veh Tax</b>	
Coll	
2003	-0.08
2004	-0.08
2005	-0.07
2006	-0.05
2007	-0.02
2008	-0.30
2009	-6.42
2010	-33.84
<b>TOTAL Coll</b>	<b>-40.86</b>
Int 2003	2.03
Int 2004	2.43
Int 2005	1.03
Int 2006	1.00
Int 2007	0.33
Int 2008	2.71
Int 2009	22.47
Int 2010	9.87
Tax 2003	3.41
Tax 2004	3.03
Tax 2005	3.37
Tax 2006	2.64
Tax 2007	1.40
Tax 2008	16.95
Tax 2009	396.81
Tax 2010	2,234.27
<b>TOTAL Veh Tax</b>	<b>2,662.89</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>151,560.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Uncategorized	0.00
Ads	114.42
Attorney	2,942.17
Community	
Greenway	276.33
Maint	1,700.00
<b>TOTAL Community</b>	<b>1,976.33</b>

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Dues	4,031.00
Elections	494.00
Emp	
Benefits	
Dental	318.00
Life	277.20
NCLGERS	1,423.90
TOTAL Benefits	2,019.10
Bond	550.00
FICA	
Med	1,005.18
Soc Sec	4,298.05
TOTAL FICA	5,303.23
Payroll	872.21
Work Comp	812.46
TOTAL Emp	9,557.00
Ins	3,710.82
Newsletter	
Post	247.04
Printing	530.13
TOTAL Newsletter	777.17
Office	
Bank	0.00
Clerk	18,317.84
Council	4,800.00
Deputy Clerk	4,248.38
Equip	942.11
Finance Officer	17,632.00
Maint	195.00
Materials	1,129.70
Service	3,711.00
TOTAL Maint	5,035.70
Mayor	3,200.00
Misc	458.87
Post	517.54
Supplies	1,634.26
Tel	4,719.08
Util	3,360.34
TOTAL Office	64,866.12
Planning	
Administration	15,594.16
Misc	1,113.85
TOTAL Planning	16,708.01
Street Lighting	924.73
Tax Coll	
Bill	187.67
Bank	5.00
TOTAL Bill	192.67
Post	352.00
Sal	6,304.00
TOTAL Tax Coll	6,848.67

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Training	
Staff	655.00
TOTAL Training	655.00
Travel	1,295.59
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>114,901.03</b>
<b>TRANSFERS</b>	
FROM Check Min Spgs	70,000.00
FROM MM Sav CitizensSouth	125,000.00
TO Check Min Spgs	-125,000.00
TO MM Sav CitizensSouth	-70,000.00
TO Ag Bldg Capital Project Fund	-154,897.17
<b>TOTAL TRANSFERS</b>	<b>-154,897.17</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>-118,238.20</b>

Mineral Springs Monthly Revenue Summary 2010-2011

TOWN OF MINERAL SPRINGS									
REVENUE SUMMARY 2010-2011									
Source	Budget	Receivable	Rec'd YTD	% of Budget	July	August	September	October	November
Property Tax - prior	\$ 1,800.00	\$ (1,311.16)	\$ 3,111.16	172.8%	\$ 1,555.16	\$ 140.50	\$ 910.75	\$ 65.53	\$ 58.82
Property Tax - 2010	\$ 61,695.00	\$ 1,994.37	\$ 59,700.63	96.8%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,235.40	\$ 6,175.85	\$ 17,883.67
Dupl. Property Tax	\$ -	\$ (54.52)	\$ 54.52		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 34.05
Franchise Taxes: cable	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 833.00	\$ 1,567.00	65.3%	\$ -	\$ 506.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 512.00
Franchise Taxes: utility	\$ 159,000.00	\$ 98,940.00	\$ 60,060.00	37.8%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Fund Balance Approp.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Gross Receipts Tax	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 467.24	\$ 532.76	53.3%	\$ -	\$ 150.93	\$ 69.57	\$ 90.89	\$ 54.72
Interest	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,111.92	\$ 1,888.08	47.2%	\$ 359.26	\$ 266.58	\$ 225.33	\$ 215.15	\$ 208.35
Sales Tax	\$ 41,200.00	\$ 25,932.65	\$ 15,267.35	37.1%	\$ 510.09	\$ 160.39	\$ 1,265.04	\$ 1,302.72	\$ 1,282.91
Vehicle Taxes	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 2,137.11	\$ 2,662.89	55.5%	\$ -	\$ 321.38	\$ 311.57	\$ 310.93	\$ 405.23
Zoning Fees	\$ 3,000.00	\$ (3,670.00)	\$ 6,670.00	222.3%	\$ 175.00	\$ 1,320.00	\$ 975.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 1,400.00
Other	\$ 500.00	\$ 454.39	\$ 45.61	9.1%	\$ -	\$ 10.61	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 279,395.00</b>	<b>\$ 127,835.00</b>	<b>\$ 151,560.00</b>	<b>54.2%</b>	<b>\$ 2,599.51</b>	<b>\$ 2,876.39</b>	<b>\$ 15,992.66</b>	<b>\$ 8,461.07</b>	<b>\$ 21,839.75</b>
	<b>December</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>June a/r</b>	
Property Tax - prior	\$ 104.60	\$ 182.14	\$ 93.66						
Property Tax - 2010	\$ 7,048.15	\$ 14,355.84	\$ 2,001.72						
Dupl. Property Tax	\$ 31.60	\$ (34.05)	\$ 22.92						
Franchise Taxes: cable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 549.00						
Franchise Taxes: utility	\$ 60,060.00	\$ -	\$ -						
Fund Balance Approp.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -						
Gross Receipts Tax	\$ 25.03	\$ 51.38	\$ 90.24						
Interest	\$ 199.99	\$ 228.77	\$ 184.65						
Sales Tax	\$ 8,259.90	\$ 1,250.92	\$ 1,235.38						
Vehicle Taxes	\$ 561.27	\$ 441.48	\$ 311.03						
Zoning Fees	\$ 975.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 1,075.00						
Other	\$ -	\$ 10.00	\$ 25.00						
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 77,265.54</b>	<b>\$ 16,936.48</b>	<b>\$ 5,588.60</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

Mineral Springs Budget Comparison 2010-2011

TOWN OF MINERAL SPRINGS									
BUDGET COMPARISON 2010-2011 (Includes Amendment 2010-01)									
Appropriation dept	Budget	Unspent	Spent YTD	% of Budget	July	August	September	October	November
Advertising	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,685.58	\$ 114.42	6.4%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Attorney	\$ 9,600.00	\$ 6,657.83	\$ 2,942.17	30.6%	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 842.17	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Audit	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 3,600.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Community Projects	\$ 15,500.00	\$ 13,523.67	\$ 1,976.33	12.8%	\$ -	\$ 226.33	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 450.00
Contingency	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Dues	\$ 4,525.00	\$ 494.00	\$ 4,031.00	89.1%	\$ 3,521.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Elections	\$ 600.00	\$ 106.00	\$ 494.00	82.3%	\$ 494.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Employee Overhead	\$ 16,800.00	\$ 7,243.00	\$ 9,557.00	56.9%	\$ 1,586.73	\$ 1,316.23	\$ 859.51	\$ 867.79	\$ 845.85
Fire Department	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Insurance	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 789.18	\$ 3,710.82	82.5%	\$ 3,416.29	\$ -	\$ 294.53	\$ -	\$ -
Newsletter	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 1,622.83	\$ 777.17	32.4%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Office	\$ 116,648.00	\$ 51,781.88	\$ 64,866.12	55.6%	\$ 8,415.88	\$ 8,126.01	\$ 7,846.07	\$ 7,849.60	\$ 7,349.79
Planning & Zoning	\$ 43,568.00	\$ 26,859.99	\$ 16,708.01	38.3%	\$ 2,395.00	\$ 1,964.00	\$ 1,964.00	\$ 2,051.00	\$ 1,964.00
Street Lighting	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 875.27	\$ 924.73	51.4%	\$ -	\$ 138.01	\$ 138.01	\$ 128.27	\$ 127.92
Tax Collection	\$ 11,256.00	\$ 4,407.33	\$ 6,848.67	60.8%	\$ 788.00	\$ 1,239.67	\$ 881.00	\$ 788.00	\$ 788.00
Training	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,345.00	\$ 655.00	21.8%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Travel	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,704.41	\$ 1,295.59	43.2%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 122.06	\$ -	\$ 143.59
Capital Outlay	\$ 25,798.00	\$ 25,798.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 279,395.00</b>	<b>\$ 164,493.97</b>	<b>\$ 114,901.03</b>	<b>41.1%</b>	<b>\$ 20,916.90</b>	<b>\$ 13,360.25</b>	<b>\$ 13,147.35</b>	<b>\$ 12,184.66</b>	<b>\$ 11,969.15</b>
<b>Off Budget:</b>									
Tax Refunds			\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Interfund Transfers			\$ 154,897.17		\$ 110,701.46	\$ 57.75	\$ 450.00	\$ 1,988.96	\$ 41,699.00
<b>Total Off Budget:</b>			<b>\$ 154,897.17</b>		<b>\$ 110,701.46</b>	<b>\$ 57.75</b>	<b>\$ 450.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,988.96</b>	<b>\$ 41,699.00</b>

Mineral Springs Budget Comparison 2010-2011

Appropriation dept	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	June a/p
Advertising	\$ 114.42	\$ -	\$ -					
Attorney	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00					
Audit	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					
Community Projects	\$ 200.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 250.00					
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					
Dues	\$ 160.00	\$ 300.00	\$ -					
Elections	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					
Employee Overhead	\$ 868.42	\$ 945.43	\$ 2,267.04					
Fire Department	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					
Insurance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					
Newsletter	\$ 247.04	\$ 530.13	\$ -					
Office	\$ 8,379.18	\$ 7,732.77	\$ 9,166.82					
Planning & Zoning	\$ 1,964.00	\$ 2,442.01	\$ 1,964.00					
Street Lighting	\$ 127.92	\$ 127.92	\$ 136.68					
Tax Collection	\$ 788.00	\$ 788.00	\$ 788.00					
Training	\$ -	\$ 655.00	\$ -					
Travel	\$ -	\$ 840.27	\$ 189.67					
Capital Outlay	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					
	\$ 13,148.98	\$ 15,111.53	\$ 15,062.21	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Off Budget:</b>								
Tax Refunds	\$ -							
Interfund Transfers	\$ -							
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

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Category Description	2/1/2011- 2/28/2011
<b>INCOME</b>	
Dup Prop Tax	
Receipts	22.92
TOTAL Dup Prop Tax	22.92
Franchise	
Cable	549.00
TOTAL Franchise	549.00
Gross Receipts Tax	90.24
Interest Income	184.65
Other Inc	
Public Records Payment	25.00
Zoning	1,075.00
TOTAL Other Inc	1,100.00
Prop Tax 2010	
Receipts 2010	
Int	53.41
Tax	1,948.31
TOTAL Receipts 2010	2,001.72
TOTAL Prop Tax 2010	2,001.72
Prop Tax Prior Years	
Prop Tax 2004	
Receipts 2004	10.76
TOTAL Prop Tax 2004	10.76
Prop Tax 2005	
Receipts 2005	11.11
TOTAL Prop Tax 2005	11.11
Prop Tax 2006	
Receipts 2006	10.95
TOTAL Prop Tax 2006	10.95
Prop Tax 2007	
Receipts 2007	10.13
TOTAL Prop Tax 2007	10.13
Prop Tax 2008	
Receipts 2008	
Int	6.09
Tax	6.86
TOTAL Receipts 2008	12.95
TOTAL Prop Tax 2008	12.95
Prop Tax 2009	
Receipts 2009	
Int	7.49
Tax	30.27
TOTAL Receipts 2009	37.76
TOTAL Prop Tax 2009	37.76
TOTAL Prop Tax Prior Years	93.66
Sales Tax	
Sales & Use Dist	1,235.38
TOTAL Sales Tax	1,235.38
Veh Tax	
Coll	

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Category Description	2/1/2011- 2/28/2011
2004	-0.08
2007	-0.02
2008	-0.02
2009	-0.28
2010	-4.37
TOTAL Coll	-4.77
Int 2004	2.43
Int 2007	0.29
Int 2008	0.16
Int 2009	1.67
Int 2010	1.23
Tax 2004	3.03
Tax 2007	1.21
Tax 2008	0.93
Tax 2009	16.17
Tax 2010	288.68
TOTAL Veh Tax	311.03
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>5,588.60</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Attorney	300.00
Community	
Greenway	250.00
TOTAL Community	250.00
Emp	
Benefits	
Dental	53.00
Life	46.20
NCLGERS	1,423.90
TOTAL Benefits	1,523.10
FICA	
Med	123.90
Soc Sec	529.77
TOTAL FICA	653.67
Payroll	92.51
Work Comp	-2.24
TOTAL Emp	2,267.04
Office	
Clerk	2,529.34
Council	600.00
Deputy Clerk	700.45
Finance Officer	2,336.24
Maint	
Service	195.00
TOTAL Maint	195.00
Mayor	400.00
Misc	260.23
Supplies	598.34
Tel	369.95
Util	1,177.27
TOTAL Office	9,166.82



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Category Description	2/1/2011- 2/28/2011
Planning	
Administration	1,964.00
TOTAL Planning	1,964.00
Street Lighting	136.68
Tax Coll	
Sal	788.00
TOTAL Tax Coll	788.00
Travel	189.67
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>15,062.21</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>-9,473.61</b>

# Register Report

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Date	Account	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Clr	Amount
<b>BALANCE 1/31/2011</b>							<b>17,129.82</b>
2/1/2011	Check Min ...	3448	Union County {Propert...	06-057-209 201...	Office:Misc	R	-260.23
2/1/2011	Check Min ...	3449	Clark, Griffin & McColl...	I/N 2542 02/11 ...	Attorney	R	-300.00
2/1/2011	Check Min ...	3450	Vicky A Brooks	Mileage - Clerk ...	Travel	R	-189.67
2/1/2011	Check Min ...	EFT	S NC State Treasurer	01/11 LGERS c...	Office:Clerk	R	-136.50
				01/11 LGERS c...	Office:Finance Officer	R	-132.24
				01/11 LGERS c...	Planning:Administra...	R	-117.84
				01/11 employer ...	Emp:Benefits:NCLG...	R	-711.95
2/3/2011	Check Min ...	EFT	Debit Card (Office Max)	Ink, CD storage ...	Office:Supplies	R	-152.41
2/3/2011	Check Min ...	3451	Davis Carman	Anderson Carm...	Community:Greenway	R	-250.00
2/11/2011	Check Min ...	DEP	S Deposit	#424	Prop Tax 2010:Rec...	R	1,305.44
				#424	Prop Tax 2010:Rec...	R	36.59
				#424	Prop Tax Prior Year...	R	23.37
				#424	Prop Tax Prior Year...	R	4.44
2/11/2011	Check Min ...	DEP	S Deposit	#424a	Franchise:Cable	R	549.00
				#424a	Emp:Work Comp	R	2.24
2/14/2011	Check Min ...	EFT	S Union County		Veh Tax:Tax 2010	R	288.68
					Veh Tax:Int 2010	R	1.23
					Veh Tax:Coll:2010	R	-4.37
					Veh Tax:Tax 2009	R	16.17
					Veh Tax:Int 2009	R	1.67
					Veh Tax:Coll:2009	R	-0.28
					Veh Tax:Tax 2008	R	0.93
					Veh Tax:Int 2008	R	0.16
					Veh Tax:Coll:2008	R	-0.02
					Veh Tax:Tax 2007	R	1.21
					Veh Tax:Int 2007	R	0.29
					Veh Tax:Coll:2007	R	-0.02
					Veh Tax:Tax 2004	R	3.03
					Veh Tax:Int 2004	R	2.43
					Veh Tax:Coll:2004	R	-0.08
2/14/2011	Check Min ...	EFT	Union County	01/11 (FY2010)	Gross Receipts Tax	R	90.24
2/15/2011	Check Min ...	EFT	NC Department of Rev...	11/10 (FY2010)	Sales Tax:Sales & ...	R	1,235.38
2/17/2011	Check Min ...	3452	Duke Power	2035221941 (F...	Street Lighting	R	-136.68
2/17/2011	Check Min ...	3453	Duke Power	1819573779 (F...	Office:Util	R	-18.66
2/17/2011	Check Min ...	3454	Duke Power	1803784140 (F...	Office:Util	R	-126.18
2/17/2011	Check Min ...	3455	Union County Public ...	84361*00 (FY20...	Office:Util	R	-13.34
2/17/2011	Check Min ...	3456	Heritage Propane	513970 250.5 g...	Office:Util	R	-697.96
2/17/2011	Check Min ...	3457	Deluxe Business Chec...	I/N 56229996 C...	Office:Supplies	R	-131.23
2/17/2011	Check Min ...	3458	Jan-Pro Cleaning Syst...	I/N 5021 Janitori...	Office:Maint:Service	R	-195.00
2/17/2011	Check Min ...	3459	Xerox Corporation	I/N 052912418 ...	Office:Supplies	R	-31.96
2/18/2011	Check Min ...	EFT	Debit Card (Office Max)	Paper, folders, l...	Office:Supplies	R	-184.73
2/24/2011	Check Min ...	3460	Verizon Wireless	221474588-000...	Office:Tel	R	-101.96
2/24/2011	Check Min ...	3461	Heritage Propane	513970 113.8 g...	Office:Util	R	-321.13
2/24/2011	Check Min ...	3462	Windstream	061348611 (FY...	Office:Tel	R	-211.13
2/24/2011	Check Min ...	3463	Windstream	061345970 (FY...	Office:Tel	R	-56.86
2/24/2011	Check Min ...	3464	S Municipal Insurance Tr...		Emp:Benefits:Life	R	-46.20
					Emp:Benefits:Dental	R	-53.00
2/25/2011	Check Min ...	EFT	S Advantage Payroll	Salary 2/11	Office:Clerk	R	-2,138.50
				Supplement 2/11	Office:Clerk	R	0.00
				Hours 2/11	Office:Deputy Clerk	R	-700.45

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Date	Account	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Clr	Amount
				Salary 2/11	Office:Finance Officer	R	-2,071.76
				Salary 2/11	Office:Mayor	R	-400.00
				Salary 2/11	Office:Council	R	-600.00
				Salary 2/11	Planning:Administra...	R	-1,846.16
				Salary 2/11	Tax Coll:Sal	R	-788.00
					Emp:FICA:Soc Sec	R	-529.77
					Emp:FICA:Med	R	-123.90
					Emp:Payroll	R	-92.51
2/25/2011	Check Min ... EFT	S	NC State Treasurer	01/11 LGERS c...	Office:Clerk	R	-254.34
				01/11 LGERS c...	Office:Finance Officer	R	-132.24
				01/11 employer ...	Emp:Benefits:NCLG...	R	-711.95
2/25/2011	Check Min ... DEP	S	Deposit	#425	Prop Tax 2010:Rec...	R	642.87
				#425	Prop Tax 2010:Rec...	R	16.82
				#425	Prop Tax Prior Year...	R	6.90
				#425	Prop Tax Prior Year...	R	3.05
				#425	Prop Tax Prior Year...	R	6.86
				#425	Prop Tax Prior Year...	R	6.09
				#425	Prop Tax Prior Year...	R	10.13
				#425	Prop Tax Prior Year...	R	10.95
				#425	Prop Tax Prior Year...	R	11.11
				#425	Prop Tax Prior Year...	R	10.76
				#425	Dup Prop Tax:Recei...	R	22.92
2/25/2011	Check Min ... DEP	S	Deposit	#425a	Other Inc:Zoning	R	1,075.00
				#425a	Other Inc:Public Re...	R	25.00
2/28/2011	Check Min ... EFT		Debit Card (Norton)	NP110507567 ...	Office:Supplies		-98.01
<b>TOTAL 2/1/2011 - 2/28/2011</b>							<b>-9,658.26</b>

<b>BALANCE 2/28/2011</b>	<b>7,471.56</b>
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<b>TOTAL INFLOWS</b>	<b>5,410.96</b>
<b>TOTAL OUTFLOWS</b>	<b>-15,069.22</b>
<b>NET TOTAL</b>	<b>-9,658.26</b>

February 2011  
Revenue Details

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Check Date: Jan/27/2011

Vendor Number: 0000032211

Check No. 0003203051

Payment Handling: UD

Invoice Number	Invoice Date	Business Unit	Voucher ID	Gross Amount	Discount Taken	Paid Amount
Q41042734	Dec/30/2010	14700	00094964	549.00	0.00	549.00

PRIORITY-Return to JM-TAS

Check Number	Date	Total Gross Amount	Total Discounts	Total Paid Amount
0003203051	Jan/27/2011	\$549.00	\$0.00	\$549.00

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**TIME WARNER CABLE**  
**SHARED SERVICE CENTER**  
 7800 CRESCENT EXECUTIVE DRIVE  
 CHARLOTTE, NC 28217  
 1-866-892-8923

**MELLON BANK**  
 500 Ross Street  
 Pittsburgh, PA 15262-0001  
 60-160/433

0003203051

Pay **\*\*\*\*FIVE HUNDRED FORTY-NINE AND XX / 100 DOLLAR\*\*\*\***

Date **Jan/27/2011** Pay Amount **\$549.00\*\*\***

NOT VALID AFTER 180 DAYS

To The Order Of **TOWN OF MINERAL SPRINGS**  
**PO BOX 600**  
**MINERAL SPRINGS, NC 28108-0600**

*William J. Osborne Jr.*  
 [Signature]

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7800 Crescent Executive Dr  
Charlotte, NC 28217

February 15, 2011

Town of Mineral Springs  
P.O. Box 600  
Mineral Springs, NC 28108-0600

734-Town of Mineral Springs

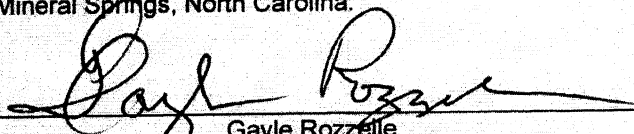
The following is a breakdown of gross revenues for the quarter ending  
December 30, 2010

<b>FRANCHISE FEES</b> <b>4th Quarter, 2010</b>
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October, 2010	\$3,646
November, 2010	\$3,640
December, 2010	<u>\$3,702</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE:</b>	<b>\$10,988</b>
Franchise Fee %:	<u>5.00%</u>
<b>TOTAL FEE REMITTED:</b>	<b><u>\$549</u></b>

I, Gayle Rozzelle, TAS Manager of Time Warner Entertainment-Advance/Newhouse Partnership, Charlotte Division, certify the above schedule summarizes Gross Revenues, as defined in the franchise agreement, for the period indicated for the CATV operations in the Town of Mineral Springs, North Carolina.

Signed:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Gayle Rozzelle  
Transactional Accounting Service Manager

Reference	Invoice Date	Gross Amount	Discount Taken	Net Amount Paid
CM0002869	02/01/11	2.24		2.24
<b>Totals :</b>		<b>2.24</b>		<b>2.24</b>

N.C. Interlocal Risk Management Agency  
P.O. Box 1310  
Raleigh, NC 27602

Wachovia Bank, N.A.  
Raleigh, NC 27601  
66-21/530

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Check Date	Amount
02/04/2011	2.24

Pay \*\*\*\*\*TWO AND 24/100 DOLLARS

To The Order Of: Town Of Mineral Springs  
PO Box 600  
Mineral Springs, NC 28108

*Patricia Wages*  
Your Signature Here

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**NORTH CAROLINA INTERLOCAL RISK MANAGEMENT AGENCY**  
**Workers' Compensation Insurance Trust administered by the NC League of Municipalities**  
**Audited Annual Premium Report**

Town of Mineral Springs  
 PO Box 600  
 Mineral Springs, NC 28108

For the Program Year: 2009/2010  
 Effective Dates: 7/1/2009 to 7/1/2010  
 Policy Number: WC-587-2009-00

Invoice Number: 34507  
 Invoice Date: 01/24/2011

Code	Classification	Payroll	Rate	Premium
8810	Clerical	\$67,148	0.3600	\$241.73
9410	Municipal Employees (not otherwise classified)	\$22,872	2.4600	\$562.65
9996	Mayor and Council	\$35,000	0.3600	\$126.00
<b>Totals:</b>		<b>\$125,020</b>		<b>\$930.38</b>

Premium	Limit	Rate	Result
Audited Manual Premium:			\$930.38
Employers Liability: \$100,000/\$100,000/\$500,000		0.000000	+ \$0.00
Employers Liability Minimum Premium Balance:			+ \$0.00
Deductible: \$0		0.000000	- \$0.00
Audited Subject Premium:			= \$930.38
Ex Mod (used):			x 1.0000
Audited Modified Premium:			= \$930.38
Schedule Adjustment:		1.0000	+ \$0.00
Schedule Adjusted Premium:			= \$930.38
Package Discount:		0.9600	+ (\$37.22)
Package Adjusted Premium:			= \$893.16
WC Minimum Premium Balance:			+ \$0.00
Expense Constant:			- \$0.00
Audited Standard Premium:			= \$893.16
Expense Constant:			+ \$0.00
Audited Annual Premium:			= \$893.16
Short Rate:*			x 1.000000
Audited Adjusted Annual Premium:			= \$893.16
Incentive Credit			- \$30.00
Audited Final Premium:			= \$863.16
<b>Total Audited Final Premium</b>			<b>\$863.16</b>
<b>Total Previously Billed</b>			<b>\$865.40</b>
<b>Return Premium Due to Audit</b>			<b>(\$2.24)</b>

## Sales and Use Tax Distribution

**December 2010 Collections**

**Summary**

**February 10, 2011**

	ARTICLE 39	ARTICLE 40	ARTICLE 42	ARTICLE 43	ARTICLE 44	ARTICLE 45	ARTICLE 46	CITY HH	TOTAL
	\$ 930,643.32	\$ 673,583.37	\$ 499,187.61	\$ -	\$ 5,692.60	\$ -	\$ -	(138,258.27)	\$ 1,970,848.63
FAIRVIEW	\$ 380.27	\$ 275.23	\$ 203.97	\$ -	\$ 2.32	\$ -	\$ -	271.35	\$ 1,133.14
HEMBY BRIDGE	\$ 156.52	\$ 113.28	\$ 83.95	\$ -	\$ 0.95	\$ -	\$ -	111.68	\$ 466.38
INDIAN TRAIL	\$ 28,925.94	\$ 20,936.09	\$ 15,515.58	\$ -	\$ 176.94	\$ -	\$ -	20,640.23	\$ 86,194.78
LAKE PARK	\$ 3,560.20	\$ 2,576.81	\$ 1,909.65	\$ -	\$ 21.78	\$ -	\$ -	2,540.41	\$ 10,608.85
MARSHVILLE	\$ 3,974.09	\$ 2,876.38	\$ 2,131.66	\$ -	\$ 24.31	\$ -	\$ -	2,835.74	\$ 11,842.18
MARVIN	\$ 3,057.25	\$ 2,212.79	\$ 1,639.88	\$ -	\$ 18.70	\$ -	\$ -	2,181.53	\$ 9,110.15
MINERAL SPRINGS	\$ 414.57	\$ 300.06	\$ 222.37	\$ -	\$ 2.54	\$ -	\$ -	295.84	\$ 1,235.38
MINT HILL *	\$ 28.78	\$ 20.83	\$ 15.44	\$ -	\$ 0.18	\$ -	\$ -	20.54	\$ 85.77
MONROE	\$ 100,810.71	\$ 72,965.04	\$ 54,073.84	\$ -	\$ 616.64	\$ -	\$ -	71,933.96	\$ 300,400.19
STALLINGS *	\$ 19,685.26	\$ 14,247.85	\$ 10,558.97	\$ -	\$ 120.41	\$ -	\$ -	14,046.52	\$ 58,659.01
UNIONVILLE	\$ 592.79	\$ 429.05	\$ 317.96	\$ -	\$ 3.63	\$ -	\$ -	423.00	\$ 1,766.43
WAXHAW	\$ 24,811.53	\$ 17,958.15	\$ 13,308.65	\$ -	\$ 151.77	\$ -	\$ -	17,704.39	\$ 73,934.49
WEDDINGTON *	\$ 3,503.30	\$ 2,535.63	\$ 1,879.14	\$ -	\$ 21.43	\$ -	\$ -	2,499.81	\$ 10,439.31
WESLEY CHAPEL	\$ 890.41	\$ 644.47	\$ 477.61	\$ -	\$ 5.45	\$ -	\$ -	635.37	\$ 2,653.31
WINGATE	\$ 2,968.09	\$ 2,148.25	\$ 1,592.05	\$ -	\$ 18.16	\$ -	\$ -	2,117.90	\$ 8,844.45

# Vehicle Tax Report

DATE 1/31/11  
 TIME 13:39:52  
 USER PHH

UNION COUNTY  
 COLLECTIONS BY RGCD/REV UNIT/YR-DATE RANGE  
 DEPOSIT DATE RANGE: 1/01/2011 THRU 1/31/2011  
 REPORT GROUP: 200 REGISTERED VEHICLE  
 REVENUE UNIT: 990 TOWN OF MINERAL SPRINGS

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YEAR	TAXES, ASSESSMENTS & MISC. CHARGES	LATE LIST	INTEREST (NOT INT3)	STATE INTEREST (INT3)	TOTAL COLLECTED	COMMISSION	NET OF COMMISSION & STATE INTEREST
2004	3.03		2.43		5.46	.08	5.38
2007	1.21		.29	.03	1.53	.02	1.48
2008	.93		.16	.02	1.11	.02	1.07
2009	16.17		1.67	.51	18.35	.28	17.56
2010	288.68		1.23	1.35	291.26	4.37	285.54
TOTAL	310.02		5.78	1.91	317.71	4.77	311.03

Invoice Date	Invoice Number	Description	Invoice Amount
02/10/2011	200.1-11/01	Tax/Fee/Int - JAN11	\$311.03

Vendor No.	Vendor Name	Check No.	Check Date	Check Amount
10870	TOWN OF MINERAL SPRINGS	00016868	02/14/2011	311.03



**County of Union**  
 500 North Main Street  
 Monroe, North Carolina 28112

Vendor Number    Check Date    Check Number  
 10870            02/14/2011    00016868

"This disbursement has been approved as required by the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act."

**\$311.03**

Pay **Three Hundred Eleven Dollars and 03 cents \*\*\*\*\***

To The Order Of  
 TOWN OF MINERAL SPRINGS  
 E. ANDREWS-HINSON, TAX COLLECT  
 PO BOX 600  
 MINERAL SPRINGS NC 28108

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**County of Union**  
 500 North Main Street  
 Monroe, North Carolina 28112

10870  
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Invoice Date	Invoice Number	Description	Invoice Amount
02/04/2011	1107vehgr	Gross Veh.Rental Recpts-Jan	\$90.24

Vendor No.	Vendor Name	Check No.	Check Date	Check Amount
10870	TOWN OF MINERAL SPRINGS	00016837	02/14/2011	90.24



**County of Union**  
 500 North Main Street  
 Monroe, North Carolina 28112

Vendor Number    Check Date    Check Number  
 10870            02/14/2011    00016837

"This disbursement has been approved as required by the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act."

**\$90.24**

Pay **Ninety Dollars and 24 cents \*\*\*\*\***

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# CHIEF'S REPORT

## SUMMARY REPORT 01/01/2011 THROUGH 03/31/2011

2011

CALL TYPE	NUMBER OF CALLS	MAN HOURS
FIRST RESPONDER	119	424
10-50 MVA	11	121
STRUCTURE FIRES	11	122
FIRE ALARMS	12	51
BRUSH/GRASS FIRES	25	175
VEHICLE FIRES	2	8
STANDBY	1	7
GAS LEAKS/SPILLS	2	14
MISC.	4	14
TOTAL CALLS	187	
TOTAL MAN HOURS	936	
TRAINING HOURS	767	
TOTAL HOURS	1,703	

# CHIEF'S REPORT

## SUMMARY REPORT 01/01/2010 THROUGH 12/31/2010

2010

CALL TYPE	NUMBER OF CALLS	MAN HOURS
FIRST RESPONDER	438	1,556
10-50 MVA	79	762
STRUCTURE FIRES	40	426
FIRE ALARMS	59	318
BRUSH/GRASS FIRES	48	354
VEHICLE FIRES	8	107
STANDBY	1	13
GAS LEAKS/SPILLS	13	67
MISC.	25	275
TOTAL CALLS	711	
TOTAL MAN HOURS	3,876	
TRAINING HOURS	2,255	
TOTAL HOURS	6,131	

CHIEF'S REPORT								
1ST QUARTER 2011 COMPARISON TO 2010 AND 2009								
	JANUARY - MARCH, 2011		JANUARY - MARCH, 2010		JANUARY - MARCH, 2009		AVERAGE	
CALL TYPE	# OF CALLS	MAN HOURS	# OF CALLS	MAN HOURS	# OF CALLS	MAN HOURS	# OF CALLS	MAN HOURS
FIRST RESPONDER	119	424	122	382	125	501.25	122	436
10-50 MVA	11	121	22	213	14	172.5	16	169
STRUCTURE FIRES	11	122	9	39.25	7	98	9	86
FIRE ALARMS	12	51	10	50	18	109	13	70
BRUSH/GRASS FIRES	25	175	9	91.5	6	75	13	114
VEHICLE FIRES	2	8	2	12	1	10	2	10
STANDBY	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	2
GAS LEAKS/SPILLS	2	14	5	18	3	16.5	3	16
MISC.	4	14	2	8	4	14	3	12
<b>TOTAL CALLS</b>	<b>187</b>		<b>181</b>		<b>178</b>		<b>182</b>	
<b>TOTAL MAN HOURS</b>	<b>936</b>		<b>813.75</b>		<b>996.25</b>		<b>915</b>	
<b>TRAINING HOURS</b>	<b>767</b>		<b>652</b>		<b>446</b>		<b>622</b>	
<b>TOTAL HOURS</b>	<b>1,703</b>		<b>1442.25</b>		<b>1733</b>		<b>1626</b>	

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# MEMO

**To: Mineral Springs town council**  
**From: Rick Becker**  
**Date: March 28, 2011**  
**Subject: FY2011-2012 Budget: Preliminary Departmental Appropriations**

The accompanying spreadsheet shows the FY2009-10 final budget and actual expenditures, the FY2010-11 current budget and estimated final actual expenditures, and suggested appropriation levels for the FY2011-12 budget.

Since many local governments are actually being forced to *cut* expenditures, I have attempted to make recommendations that keep our budgeted expenditures for next year as low as possible. This "first draft" suggests an increase of \$6,200 over the current year's budget, or 2.4%. This figure, as usual, reflects no changes in staff salaries. Council should decide whether or not to apply their customary increases in these salaries; historically, council has approved 3% across-the-board increases. Note that the "Assistant/Deputy" position is given a \$12,000 budget amount; this is not a salaried position, and the \$12,000 is a maximum suggested allocation for the position. Currently, this position requires 12 hours per week, corresponding to the time the town hall is open for regular business hours. The hourly rate for this position is currently \$10.60.

## Reading the Chart

In the right-hand column, headed "2011 proposed", bold-faced numbers are the totals within each budgetary department. These numbers add up to the total of \$259,797. These are the categories that ultimately end up in the adopted budget ordinance and within which the town must operate; numbers within these departments are "flexible", and may be increased during the fiscal year as needed without budget amendments as long as the departmental totals in the ordinance are not increased. Salaries are shown in white, at the same amount as the current year. The three figures in the "dotted" cells are simply sub-subcategories within subcategories.

## Major Increases

1. **"Park and Greenway Maintenance"**: now that some trails are actually being developed and the trail committee has been formed, we will probably need to spend more on upkeep. **Increased from \$1,200 to \$2,400.**
2. **"Elections"**: since 2011 is a municipal election year, the town will be required to reimburse the county for the cost of this election. **Increased from \$600 to \$4,200.**
3. **"Employee Overhead"**: we will be liable for a full year of employer contributions to the state retirement system; these contributions alone total nearly \$9,000. **Increased from \$16,800 to \$21,900.**
4. **"Town Hall Maintenance"**: our current janitorial and landscaping costs should remain steady, but after two years of occupancy we will need to consider some less-frequent

maintenance services such as pressure washing and exterior window cleaning. **Increased from \$9,700 to \$11,500.**

### **Major Decreases**

1. **"Office/Supplies"**: although we consistently estimate \$6,000 for this category, we never come close to spending that much. **Decreased from \$6,000 to \$5,000.**
2. **"Planning/Parks and Greenways"**: little of this appropriation was used in the current year, and it is realistic to reduce this amount. **Decreased from \$10,000 to \$6,000.**

By making additional small decreases within the "office" department to offset the increases, I have kept that departmental appropriation unchanged from the current year, at \$116,648. Also, even though we have the large and unavoidable increases in "elections" and "employee overhead" and a doubling of greenway maintenance, totaling \$9,900, other decreases here and there have enabled us to consider the overall budget increase for 2011-2012 of only \$6,200.

At the April 14, 2011 meeting, council should consider two items related to the budget: decide on salary and hourly wage numbers for next year, and advise the budget officer of any changes council wishes to make to the other appropriations so that the formal proposed budget may be presented to council in May.





United  
Family  
Services

March 29, 2011

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

Founded in 1909, United Family Services' mission is providing hope and solutions to people in crisis. Strength-based programs such as Consumer Credit and Housing Counseling, Clinical Counseling Services, Employee Assistance, Victim Services including The Tree House Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) make this mission possible. Since 1991, UFS has been the sole provider of comprehensive services for victims of sexual assault and their non-offending family members in Union County. The Tree House Children's Advocacy Center is a nationally accredited CAC by the National Children's Alliance. The Tree House is also serving children who are victims of physical abuse. Clinical Counseling Services provides Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, an evidenced based model for treating trauma and post traumatic stress disorders, to victims and their families impacted by sexual violence.

Sexual crimes affect 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys by the time they reach 18. Even more alarming, studies show that 9 of 10 child victims never tell; most disclosures are accidental. In 2010, the Union County DSS accepted 1,811 reports of child abuse, representing 4,101 children. Last year, seventy-three percent of the victims served at United Family Services were under the age of 13; 54% were under age 12; and 30% were under the age of 6. Ninety-seven percent were abused by a relative or known person, and 24% were victims of child-on-child abuse. Since 2002, the demand for mental health services has increased over 3,000%. Traumatic experiences produce critical long-term consequences for victims, their families, communities and society. Rape is the costliest of all crimes, leading to medical, prosecutorial and social service expenses, lost wages and lost quality of life.

Children seen at the Tree House receive a child/teen-friendly forensic interview and medical evaluation. Child and adult survivors served are eligible for individual and family counseling; play therapy; crisis intervention; 24 hour hotline services; advocacy; case management, coordination; court education/accompaniment; support groups and prevention education. **The Tree House-Child Advocacy and Rape Crisis Center** offers more community interagency collaboration, coordination, and comprehensive services. A multi-disciplinary team (MDT) including Union County Health Department, Department of Social Services, Sheriff's Office, Marshville, Monroe, Waxhaw and Wingate Police, CMC-Union and the 20B<sup>th</sup> Prosecutorial District Attorney's Office works closely to ensure children are not re-victimized by a system designed to protect them. Child and adult victims are better able recover and heal from the trauma of their victimization and move forward with their new lives.

Please join United Family Services in supporting over 1,000 victims and families impacted by sexual violence and reducing the costly impact to victims and our community by a financial contribution of \$1,000 for our "30 Days of Hope" campaign in the month of April. Funds received are used as non-restricted funds for uncovered operating expenses for Victim and Clinical services. United Family Services provides a place where hope and healing take root and grow, a place where miracles really can happen.

With Sincere Thanks & Appreciation,

Pamela B. Caskey  
South Region Director

Building Strong Families,  
Strong Futures

604 Lancaster Avenue  
Monroe, NC 28112

Phone 704.226.1352  
Fax 704.282.9352

[www.unitedfamilyservices.org](http://www.unitedfamilyservices.org)  
A United Way Member

*Child Abuse Prevention and  
Sexual Assault Awareness Month  
Proclamation  
April 2011*

*Whereas*, preventing child abuse and neglect, and sexual violence is a community problem affecting both the current and future quality of life of a community;

*Whereas*, Union County Department of Social Services accepted 1,811 reports of child abuse representing over 4,101 children in 2010;

*Whereas*, more than 1,000 victims and family members were served at United Family Services' through Victim and Clinical Services during 2010;

*Whereas*, 97% of the children served by the Tree House Children's Advocacy Center were sexually abused by a relative or other know person and 24% of the children served were sexually abused by other children in 2010;

*Whereas*, over 73% of the sexual assault victims were under the age of 18; 54% of children served were under the age of 13; 17% were under the age of 5;

*Whereas*, child abuse and neglect not only cause immediate harm to children, but are also proven to increase the likelihood of criminal behavior, substance abuse, health problems, and risky behavior thereby increasing the cost of community support services;

*Whereas*, all citizens should be protected from sexual and physical violence;

*Whereas*, United Family Services' Victim and Clinical Services programs succeed because of partnerships created among social service agencies, schools, faith communities, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and all members of Union County;

*Therefore*, the Town of Mineral Springs does hereby proclaim April as Child Abuse Prevention and Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Mineral Springs and call upon all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, elected officials and businesses to increase their participation in efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and sexual violence and strengthening the communities in which we live.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jerry Countryman, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Vicky Brooks, CMC, Town Clerk