

**MINUTES OF MIDWAY TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 6, 2014 AT 7:00 P.M. AT TOWN HALL, 125 GUMTREE ROAD IN MIDWAY, NORTH CAROLINA**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Norman Wilkes called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present.

Councilor Todd Nifong introduced Associate Pastor Jonathan Goodman of First Baptist Church in Welcome, North Carolina who gave the invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance prior to the opening gavel.

Councilors present were: Mike McAlpine, John Byrum, Keith Leonard, Robin Moon and Todd Nifong. Absent: None. Town Manager Ryan Ross, Town Attorney Jim Lanik, and Town Clerk Linda Hunt were present.

Each Councilor had been furnished an agenda prior to the meeting.

No members of press were in attendance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion by Mayor Pro Tem Mike McAlpine, seconded by Councilor Robin Moon, Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2014 Town Council Regular meeting as presented.

**PUBLIC ADDRESS**

**Dan Wishnietsky**, 300 Bent Oak Drive in Midway, North Carolina stated he noticed there is nothing on the agenda about plans for the Town property. Mr. Wishnietsky said it appears the decision on what to do with the house on the site has become an issue and is holding up the project. He added he liked the plans as submitted and he urged Council to move forward with the plans for the Town property.

**ADOPT AGENDA**

On motion by Councilor Nifong, seconded by Councilor Byrum, Council voted unanimously to adopt the agenda as presented.

**OPENING REMARKS BY MAYOR**

Mayor Norman Wilkes commented that Christmas is just around the corner and with that in mind, he has already lined up the float for the Christmas parade this year.

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

**DATA REPORT ON STREET LIGHTS**

At the last Town Council regular meeting on September 2, 2014, a group of local residents approached Town Council with their concerns regarding the safety and welfare of Town residents residing in dark neighborhoods in the area, especially along Midway School Road. Town Council directed the Town Manager to check into the number of lights that would be needed and cost estimates and report back to Council at the October 6, 2014 Town Council meeting.

Town Manager Ryan Ross presented the following report:

Roads	Intersections	2012 DOT Traffic Count	Lights	Cost Estimate*
Midway School Road	11	7,600	38	\$532.00
Gumtree Road	14	5,100	58	\$812.00
Norman Shoaf Road	13	1,100	63	\$884.00
Hartman Road	9	3,500	15	\$210.00
North Payne Road	3	800	21	\$294.00
David Smith Road	8	No Traffic Info	20	\$280.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>58**</b>	<b>18,100</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>\$3,012***</b>

\*\$14.00 per month for each light

\*\*\$1,624 per month for intersections = \$19,488 per year

\*\*\*\$3,012 per month for all six roads = \$36,144 per year

In addition, Mr. Ross outlined what the Town is currently paying for street lighting and cost projections for possible future lighting as follows:

**Scenario 1 - Streets**

Current Lighting	\$1,800 month	\$21,600 year
High Mast Lighting at US 52/Hickory Tree Road Interchange	\$834 month	\$10,000 year
Add Six Additional Roads	\$3,012 month	\$36,144 year
<b>Total for all lights</b>	<b>\$5,646 month</b>	<b>\$67,744 year</b>

**Scenario 2 – Intersections**

Current Lighting	\$1,899 month	\$21,600 year
High Mast lighting at US 52/Hickory Tree Road Interchange	\$834 month	\$10,000 year
Intersections Only	\$3,012 month	\$19,488
<b>Total with Intersections Only</b>	<b>\$5,745 month</b>	<b>\$51,088</b>

Noting that according to the North Carolina Department of Transportation 2012 Traffic Report presented by Town Manager Ryan Ross, Midway School Road has the highest traffic count. Councilor John Byrum made a motion to approve putting up street lights on Midway School Road. The motion was seconded by Councilor Robin Moon. Town Council voted unanimously to approve having 38 street lights put up on Midway School Road at a cost of \$532.00 per month, totaling \$6,384 per year.

Councilor Byrum added that he would like to continue with a street light plan at a pace that makes sense financially and is done incrementally. Mr. Byrum noted this is “one step on the journey.”

Council continued discussion regarding other street lights for the Town as summarized below:

Councilor Moon said he was also looking at lighting Norman Shoaf Road. (It was noted that not all of Norman Shoaf Road is within the Town limits.)

Mayor Pro Tem Mike McAlpine noted that there are no power poles for four-tenths (4/10) of a mile off Midway School Road.

Town Attorney Jim Lanik told Council that it would be fine if the Town does only part of a road – that would be at Council’s discretion.

Councilor Keith Leonard said he had not had looked at Norman Shoaf Road yet as it pertains to lighting.

Councilor Todd Nifong said he could support lighting Old Highway 52 to Norman Shoaf Road but he would want it to be done methodically.

Mayor Pro Tem McAlpine said he was willing to entertain more information on Norman Shoaf Road to “Point A” and “Point B”.

Councilor Byrum said he thought more research was needed on lighting on Norman Shoaf Road, noting that Mr. Wayne Wilkins, President of Energy United, would like to talk to Council about lighting the part of the road that is served by Energy United, not Duke Energy.

**REVIEW OF GRANT APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM MIDWAY FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT**

Town Manager Ryan Ross presented the completed grant application for financial support from the Midway Fire and Rescue Department, which was not finalized in time to send out with the October 6<sup>th</sup> agenda. The requested amount of \$38,950 would be used to concrete additional parking for training upgrades.

This item was presented for Council’s review only. No action was taken.

**TOWN MANAGER’S REPORTS**

**NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – MONDAY, OCTOBER 6 2014 AT 7:00 P.M. AT TOWN HALL**

Town Manager Ryan Ross reminded Council that the next regular Town Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 6, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall in accordance with the amended 2014 Town Council Meeting Schedule adopted at the August 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

For information only.

**CHANGE IN LOCATION FOR TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR DECEMBER MEETING**

Town Manager Ryan Ross informed Council that he was advised that the meeting room at the Midway Fire and Rescue Department would still be needed for firefighting training and would not be available for Town Council’s regular meeting in December.

The 2014 Town Council meeting schedule will need to be amended to change the location of the December meeting from the Fire and Rescue Department to Town Hall to keep the citizens informed. The amended schedule will be presented to Town Council at its November 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting for adoption.

No action taken. For information only.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by Councilor Nifong, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mike McAlpine, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

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Norman L. Wilkes, Mayor

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Linda A. Hunt, Town Clerk