

MINUTES OF MIDWAY TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 20, 2015 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM AT FAITH MISSIONARY ALLIANCE CHURCH, 1078 GUMTREE ROAD IN MIDWAY, NORTH CAROLINA

CALL TO ORDER

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

Councilors present were: Mike McAlpine, John Byrum, Keith Leonard, and Robin Moon. Absent: Todd Nifong. Town Manager Ryan Ross and Town Clerk Linda Hunt were present. Town Attorney Jim Lanik was absent.

Planning Board member Jackie Edwards was also present.

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

No members of press were in attendance.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Norman Wilkes commented that his term as Mayor has been a fast four years with lots of meetings.

Mayor Wilkes stated that in his meeting with The Winston-Salem Urban Area Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), it was announced that US Highway 52 has been approved for Interstate status. Curbing and gutter will be added to the highway.

REGULAR BUSINESS

RENOVATION OF HOUSE

Town Manager Ryan Ross gave an update on the status of the renovation of the house for Town Hall:

- The contract with Griffith & Thomas Construction Company, LLC for the renovations is being reviewed by Frank Thomas' attorney. The contract with Griffith & Thomas Construction Company, LLC will have to be reapproved by Council due the change in the company's name effective January 1, 2015.
- The driveway permit has been obtained.
- The parking for Town Hall will be at the back of the building; therefore, the primary entrance will be at the back as well. There will be some handicapped parking spaces at the front entrance.

Highlights of the discussion were:

- Get estimates for the second phase of the project.
- Do Phases 1 and 2 at the same time.
- Options for the three trees located at the front of the house. Mayor Pro Tem Mike McAlpine to meet with Surveyor Brad Coe to discuss the options and to get Mr. Coe's recommendation regarding the trees.
- Grading on the property. Remove trees and put them in holding beds.

TOWN PARK

Town Manager Ryan Ross recommended moving forward with the development of the park as follows:

- Walking trails and lighting
- Picnic shelters

Mr. Ross said there is not enough funding the current year's budget for the playground equipment but funding for the equipment will be included in next year's budget.

Council agreed with the recommendation.

Mayor Pro Tem Mike McAlpine, along with Brad Coe and Benchmark CMR, Inc., will plan out the walking trails. Buildings on the property along the road into Town Hall and the park will have to be removed.

It was also noted there has been some discussion among officials in Davidson County about the possibility of another YMCA facility coming to Davidson County. Because Ys are as unique as the communities they serve, they must carefully consider specific neighborhood needs when assessing whether a new YMCA facility is viable.

SECRETARIAL POSITION/PERSONNEL POLICY

Town Manager Ryan Ross explained the Town of Midway Personnel Policy is being reviewed by Town Attorney Jim Lanik. Once Mr. Lanik has completed his review and approves the policy, it will be presented to the full Council for their review, input and approval.

Regarding the secretarial position that will be opening up for applications within the next couple of months, the points discussed were:

- Work hours
- Salary
- When person who fills position will begin work
- Job description
- Advertising of position

Another item briefly mentioned was to upgrade the Town's website. Planning Board member Jackie Edwards commented that she would like for the minutes of the Planning Board to be separate from the Town Council's minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Councilor Keith Leonard, seconded by Councilor Robin Moon, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Norman L. Wilkes, Mayor

Linda A. Hunt, Town Clerk