

MINUTES OF MIDWAY TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MAY 4, 2015 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE MEETING ROOM AT THE MIDWAY FIRE AND RESCUE BUILDING, 228 MIDWAY SCHOOL ROAD, MIDWAY, NORTH CAROLINA

CALL TO ORDER

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

Mayor Wilkes gave the invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance prior to the opening gavel.

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

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 Todd Nifong, Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the March 31, 2015 Town Council Budget Work Session as presented.

On motion by Councilor John Byrum, seconded by Councilor Keith Leonard, Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2015 Town Council Regular meeting as presented.

PUBLIC ADDRESS

There were none.

ADOPT AGENDA

Due to the absence of Town Attorney Jim Lanik, Items IX. Recess to Closed Session in accordance with NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3) was removed from the agenda.

On motion by Mayor Pro Tem Mike McAlpine, seconded by Councilor Nifong, Council voted unanimously to adopt the agenda as amended.

OPENING REMARKS BY MAYOR

Mayor Norman Wilkes read from a prepared statement and asked that his statement be entered into the minutes.

As you know, we had our Budget Workshop meeting last week, and I came away from it very disappointed.

I brought 3 different ideas that I had worked on quite a lot, the fountain and a sign for Hickory Tree Road and Christmas lights for the Town. None of you showed any interest or had anything to better to offer.

For four years I have asked for Christmas lights and the request gets voted down each time.

There are many things we could do for the Town but we just meet and never seem to agree on much.

What is your vision for Midway for the next few years? Midway just as it is or a thriving town with some more restaurants, maybe a motel, Parks with a YMCA. Guys, we have \$3.8 million in the bank and I

think it's time we give back some of that to the citizens of Midway such as sidewalks, more street lights and recreation center.

Mayor Norman L. Wilkes

REGULAR BUSINESS

CALL FOR PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016

Town Manager Ryan Ross presented the Proposed Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-16 for Town Council's consideration. He shared highlights of the budget with Council. Mr. Ross advised there is no tax increase in the proposed budget.

Town Manager Ryan Ross asked that the Town Council set June 1, 2015 as the date for the public hearing on the Proposed Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-16.

Under discussion, Councilor Moon told Council he was prepared to share his final decision regarding economic development funding. He stated he had completed his research on the facts surrounding the purpose and use of the funds by the Davidson County Economic Development Commission (DCEDC). He said his main concern about someone's property being taken for economic development purposes had been explained to his satisfaction and he was assured that DCEDC did not have the authority to do so. Only the Davidson County Board of Commissioners has that authority. Council Moon stated that based on the facts stated, he was in favor of funds in the amount of \$10,000 for economic development being included in the budget.

A poll taken of the Town Council showed that three Council members are in favor of including \$10,000 in the budget for the DCEDC and two were against. In favor were Councilors Moon, Byrum and Leonard. Against: Mayor Pro Tem McAlpine and Councilor Nifong.

Town Manager Ryan Ross asked Council for a decision on about funding for Christmas lights. Following discussion, Council was opposed to funding Christmas lights and banners on the scale that had originally been proposed; however Council would support a smaller display of some sort located in a central location in Town that would still reflect the spirit of Christmas. It was the consensus of Council to eliminate Christmas Lights as a separate line item but to include some funds under the Beautification line item.

On motion by Councilor John Byrum, seconded by Councilor Todd Nifong, Council voted unanimously to call for a public hearing on the proposed budget for the Town of Midway for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 to be held on June 1, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room at the Midway Fire and Rescue Department located at 228 Midway School Road in Midway, North Carolina.

AUDIO/VISUAL, ELECTRONIC AND ALARM EQUIPMENT FOR NEW TOWN HALL

Councilor Todd Nifong asked Contractor Frank Thomas to take the floor to present the proposal for audio/visual, electronic and alarm equipment for the new Town Hall that has been submitted by Yale Systems, LLC. Located in Welcome, N.C. Copies of the proposal had been distributed to Town Council prior to the meeting.

Mr. Thomas stated he has worked with Bruce Yale, President of Yale Systems, LLC, on previous projects and he has been well pleased with his work. Mr. Thomas then turned over the presentation to Bruce Yale to explain the proposal to Town Council.

Mr. Yale reviewed the itemized list and associated costs included in his proposal as follows:

- Equipment for the sound and video systems for the meeting room totaled \$42,700.00
- Equipment for the alarm system totaled \$1,900.00 which includes monitoring for one year. (After initial free monitoring for one year, monitoring cost would be \$186.00 a year.)
- Equipment for camera system totaled \$4,500.00 installed
- Equipment for computer network system totaled \$11,850.00

All electronic components and installed systems are warranted against defects of material and workmanship under normal use for a period of one year. Some of the manufacturers' warranties may be longer than one year. Misuse, abuse, and events beyond Yale Systems' control are specifically exempted.

For information only.

PROGRESS REPORT FOR TOWN HALL

At the request of Councilor Todd Nifong, Chairman of the House Renovations Committee, Contractor Frank Thomas provided an update on the progress of the renovations.

- Renovation construction on the inside of the building is complete.
- Plumbing and electric work is complete.
- Brick work nearly completed.
- Painter is expected first of next week.
- Work is ahead of schedule.
- Elevated table and seating for Council. (Council and audience can see each other better.)
- Meets with architect weekly.
- Can recommend a couple of interior designers if desired.

Mr. Thomas added that he would be sharing his time with Yale Systems on the sound and audio equipment at no additional cost to the Town. Mr. Thomas urged Council to make a decision on the equipment proposal as soon as possible, stating time is important.

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TOWN MANAGER'S REPORTS

There were none.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION in accordance with N.C.G.S 143-318.11(a)(3) – Attorney Client Privilege.

This item was removed from the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Norman L. Wilkes, Mayor

Linda A. Hunt, Town Clerk