

MINUTES OF MIDWAY TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON APRIL 13, 2017 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM AT MIDWAY TOWN HALL, 426 GUMTREE ROAD, MIDWAY, NORTH CAROLINA

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor John Byrum called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present.

Councilors present were: Jackie Edwards, Keith Leonard, Robin Moon, Todd Nifong and Mike McAlpine (9:00). Town Manager Gary Looper, Town Clerk Linda Hunt and Deputy Clerk Tammy Robertson were present.

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

No members of press were in attendance.

BUDGET WORK SESSION

PROPOSED DRAFT BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018

Town Manager Gary Looper presented the proposed draft budget for fiscal year 2017-2018, stating that estimated revenues were figured conservatively.

As proposed, the estimated recurring revenue totals \$1,292,100 with expenses totaling \$1,503,160, leaving a variance of \$211,060 expenses over revenues. Tax rate will remain the same at 5 cents per \$100 valuation.

After review and discussion of the expenses as proposed, the following adjustments and notations were made:

Governing Board

- Travel/Meetings/Events – Appreciation dinner included in line item

Administration

- Utilities Town Hall – High mast lighting moved from to Utilities/Street Lights under Public Works
- Water – Sewer – Possibly reduce amount from \$3,500 to \$2,500
- Printing – Includes copy machine overage – Possibly re-do contract
- Increase Advertising from \$500 to \$1,500
- Maintenance and Repairs - \$6,000 was coded for replacing an outside lamp but Town received reimbursement from insurance company.
- Contracts – Provide breakdown/list of contractors and add cleaning of Town Hall
- Dues/Subscriptions reduce to \$8320 (eliminating \$680 for ICMA dues)
- Capital & Non-Capital - Increase from \$15,000 to \$20,000 to add funds for improvements to basement area
- Increase Town Hall Furnishings from \$2,500 to \$5,000
- Delete Town Hall Landscaping line item and add Landscaping line item to Public Works
- Provide breakdown of the major entities under Legal and Professional

During review of the Administration Budget, Council briefly discussed the YMCA Feasibility Study and the need to find a means to better promote the Town to attract businesses to Midway (i.e. grocery store, restaurants).

Public Safety

- Increase Law Enforcement Contract from \$75,000 to \$80,000 to include \$5,000 for Deputy Hustles for man-made and natural disasters only.

Public Works

- Utilities/Street Lights – Increase due to transfer of high-mast lighting from Administration and to include funds for new street lights to be considered by Council at the May 1, 2017 regular meeting.
- Add \$25,000 for Beautification (road/signs/lighting)
- Add \$3,000 for Landscaping, Town Hall
- Town Park Recreational Development- Increase line item from \$100,000 to \$350,000. Council discussed possibility of septic field versus sewer for park. Councilors Edwards, Leonard, McAlpine and Nifong were in favor of septic field. Councilor Moon was not in favor of septic field.

Planning and Zoning

- Increase Travel/Meetings from \$1,500 to \$4,000
- Increase Code Enforcement County (County Travel/Meetings) from \$3,500 to \$6,000

Debt Service

- Principal payment – Consensus to pay-off principal of \$90,801 early (July). Town Attorney to review agreement with Davidson County regarding County taking ownership of sewer lines once debt is paid off.

Land Purchase

- Sewer Extension – Add \$100,000 for possible extension on west end of Hickory Tree Road.

Town Manager Gary Looper will incorporate these changes into the proposed budget that he will present to Town Council at their regular meeting on May 1, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Councilor Todd Nifong, seconded by Councilor Jackie Edwards, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 p.m.

John E. Byrum, Mayor

Tammy H. Robertson, Deputy Clerk