

**MINUTES OF MIDWAY TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 6, 2018
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER 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.

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

Councilors present were: John Byrum, Mike McAlpine, Jackie Edwards, Keith Leonard, Robin Moon and Todd Nifong (arrived at 7:35). Absent: None. Interim Town Manager/Town Clerk Linda Hunt, Town Attorney Jim Lanik and Deputy Clerk Tammy Robertson were present.

Mayor Byrum introduced District Court Judge candidate April Crowson and her husband Courtney, who were in attendance.

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 Jackie Edwards, Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2018 Town Council Regular meeting as presented.

PUBLIC ADDRESS

There were none.

ADOPT AGENDA

On motion by Councilor Robin Moon, seconded by Councilor Keith Leonard, Council voted unanimously to adopt the agenda as presented.

REGULAR BUSINESS

TOWN PARK UPDATE

Mayor Pro Tem Mike McAlpine, Chairman of the Park Committee, gave an update on the progress of the Town Park. Mr. McAlpine said that the erosion plan for the walking trails submitted by The Wooten Company to the Department of Environmental and Natural Resources (DENR) has been approved with modifications. John Grey with The Wooten Company is in the process of having the modifications added to the plan, and afterwards, the plans will be sent out for bids. Mr. Grey will submit bid specifications for the construction of the walking trails.

Mr. McAlpine will be meeting with Marty Marion with Metropolis Architecture on August 7, 2018 to look at preliminary designs for the Town Park structures. The Town approved a contract with Metropolis Architecture for the construction of the Midway Town Park at their June 4, 2018 regular meeting.

Mayor Byrum asked Council how long should contractors interested in bidding on the construction of the walking trails be given to submit a quote. Town Attorney Jim Lanik stated that there is a seven day minimum response time but that more time can be given. After discussion, it was the consensus of Council to allow three weeks for a quote to be submitted by contractors. The bidding process will be advertised in *The Dispatch* at a later date.

HICKORY TREE ROAD WIDENING PROJECT UPDATE

Mayor Byrum thanked the Town Council for their attendance at the Hickory Tree Road Widening Project elected officials briefing that the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) conducted on July 30, 2018. Several Councilors remained for the general public session held afterwards. Mayor Byrum said that large maps were provided illustrating the details of the project and that a lot of information was given at the meeting. Construction of the project will take several years to complete.

Mayor Pro Tem Mike McAlpine stated that the NCDOT had incorporated a lot of the Town's Transportation Plan when designing the masterplan for the Hickory Tree Road Widening Project.

Councilor Robin Moon said that citizens are concerned with the amount of time the project will take to complete. Mayor Byrum said that in the meeting that NCDOT District Engineer Pat Ivey explained that the NCDOT chose this plan over others because it would have the least impact on existing homes and businesses along Hickory Tree Road. Original plans were to expand Hickory Tree Road to four lanes. The current plan is drawn for three lanes.

Currently, the project is slated to begin in 2023. However, the NCDOT is trying to advance the start date by one year beginning the project in 2022.

Interim Town Manager Linda Hunt expressed her appreciation to Midway United Methodist Church for hosting the meeting and Planning Board member Charles Waddell for his Sunday School class providing refreshments for the event.

For information only.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORTS

STREET PAVING NEEDS – 2019 – NC DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Interim Town Manager Linda Hunt asked Council to inform her of any roads in the Town that are in need of repair so they can be reported to the NCDOT.

For information only.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Interim Town Manager Linda Hunt provided Council with monthly financial reports for July 31, 2018 as follows:

JULY 31, 2018

Total Income	\$94,086	7.4 % of overall budget
Total Expenses	\$41,140	3.2 % of overall budget

For information only.

REMINDER: TOWN HALL WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY SEPTEMBER 3, 2018 IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY

Interim Town Manager Linda Hunt reminded Town Council that Town Hall will be closed on Monday September 3, 2018 in observance of Labor Day.

NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 4, 2018

Due to the Labor Day Holiday falling on a Monday, the next Town Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 4, 2018.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

On motion by Mayor Pro Tem Mike McAlpine, seconded by Councilor Jackie Edwards, Council voted unanimously to recess to closed session in accordance with N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(6) to discuss matters pertaining to personnel.

(Mayor John Byrum called for a ten-minute recess)

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

On motion by Councilor Robin Moon, seconded by Councilor Keith Leonard , Council voted unanimously to reconvene to open session.

After returning to open session, the following item was added to the agenda.

APPOINTMENT OF TOWN MANAGER HIRING SUBCOMMITTEE

On motion by Councilor Todd Nifong, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mike McAlpine, Council voted unanimously to appoint Councilor Jackie Edwards as Chairperson of the Town Manager Hiring Subcommittee along with Councilor Keith Leonard. Councilor Robin Moon will be declared as an alternate member of the committee.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Councilor Todd Nifong, seconded by Councilor Jackie Edwards, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 p.m.

John E. Byrum, Mayor

Tammy H. Robertson, Deputy Clerk