

**MINUTES OF MIDWAY TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 5, 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 Pro Tem Mike McAlpine introduced Carl Tuttle of Midway who gave the invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance prior to the opening gavel.

Councilors present were: John Byrum, Jackie Edwards, Keith Leonard and Mike McAlpine. Absent: Todd Nifong and Robin Moon. Interim Town Manager/Town Clerk Linda Hunt, Town Attorney Jim Lanik 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.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion by Councilor Jackie Edwards, seconded by Councilor Keith Leonard, Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2018 Town Council regular meeting as presented.

**PUBLIC ADDRESS**

There were none.

**ADOPT AGENDA**

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

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

**TOWN PARK UPDATE**

Mayor Pro Tem Mike McAlpine, Chairman of the Town's Park Committee, gave an update on the progress of the Town park since the Park Committee's last two meetings in November 2017 and January 2018. The committee increased the acreage of the Town park to sixteen acres that includes the Town Hall building. The land has been fenced in and hydroseeded in preparation for the construction of the walking trails.

Mr. McAlpine presented a drawing of the proposed park that details how the park's walking trails will flow. Proposed are three inner loops within the main loop of 3240 linear feet or about four fifths of a mile. The upper right of the property will have approximately 1150 linear feet, the middle of the property will contain 1400 linear feet, and a large loop to the far left of the property will be 2000 linear feet. Two additional loops will contain 570 and 320 linear feet.

The Park Committee proposed building two detached picnic shelters with bathrooms to the far left of the shelters that is still accessible to the track. An entertainment area is also included in the proposal. The Park Committee plans to look at architectural designs of other parks to gather design and development ideas for the Town's park.

While attending a class at UNC School of Government, Mr. McAlpine met the Parks and Recreation Director from Burlington who came and looked at the Town's property and was amazed at the amount of land the Town has to develop a substantial park for the community. He in turn, invited the Town's Park Committee to come to Burlington to look at their park for possible development ideas for Midway's park.

Mr. McAlpine stated that there is a 260' x 50' wide area to the right of the property that would become a berm approximately four feet high by using the soil removed from the construction of the walking trails. The Park Committee also discussed lighting for the park and decided that indirect lighting shining into the park would be the best option.

Mr. McAlpine recommended Council adopt the proposed park loop trails as designed by the site plan by Coe Forestry and Surveying. The plan would then be sent to The Wooten and Company to obtain an erosion control plan before being sent out for bids for grading and seeding contracts.

Councilor Keith Leonard complimented the Park Committee on the hard work they have put forth in designing the first phase of the Town park. He is very pleased with the way the plans look.

Mr. McAlpine stated that Horizon Park in Germanton has a lot of green space that is the focal point of its park. He would like for there to be a focal point for the Town's park as well.

He also stated that the walking trails would be between twelve and fifteen feet wide and built up with granite dust.

Mayor Byrum asked what the next step would be after obtaining the erosion plan from The Wooten Company and Mr. McAlpine stated that the plans would then be submitted to graders and seeders for cost estimates on performing those services.

On motion by Councilor Keith Leonard, seconded by Councilor Jackie Edwards, Council voted unanimously to adopt the proposed park loop trails as designed by the site plans and forward the plans to The Wooten and Company to obtain a cost estimate for an erosion control plan.

### **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORTS**

#### **MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

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

January 31, 2018		
Total Income	\$ 939,776	63.4 % of overall budget
Total Expenses	\$ 535,130	48.6 % of overall budget

For information only.

#### **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)(4) to discuss matters pertaining to economic development.

(Mayor Byrum called for a five minute recess)

#### **RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

On motion by Mayor Pro Tem Mike McAlpine, seconded by Councilor Keith Leonard, Council voted unanimously to reconvene to open session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by Mayor Pro Tem Mike McAlpine, seconded by Councilor Jackie Edwards, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

---

John E. Byrum, Mayor

---

Tammy H. Robertson, Deputy Clerk