

MINUTES OF MIDWAY TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 6, 2017 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: Jackie Edwards, Keith Leonard, Mike McAlpine, Robin Moon, and Todd Nifong. Absent: None. Town Manager Gary Looper, Town Attorney Jim Lanik and Administrative Assistant Tammy Robertson were present. Absent: Town Clerk Linda Hunt.

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

No members of press were in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were amended as follows:

Under Regular Business – Economic Development Grant for Recreation, change wording from “There continues to be interest in a potential YMCA built on acreage owned by the Town” to “There continues to be interest in a potential YMCA to be built in Northern Davidson County.”

On motion by Councilor Mike McAlpine, seconded by Councilor Todd Nifong, Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2017 Town Council regular meeting as amended.

PUBLIC ADDRESS

Mr. Dan Wishnietsky of 300 Bent Oak Drive in Midway, North Carolina, addressed Council regarding the upcoming vision meeting scheduled for February 21, 2017. Mr. Wishnietsky stated that when he thinks of a vision meeting he thinks of citizen input regarding what they would like to see for the Town. Mr. Wishnietsky suggested putting an open invitation on the website for citizens to see so they might contribute their ideas to the Town’s direction.

ADOPT AGENDA

On motion by Councilor Jackie Edwards, seconded by Councilor Robin Moon, Council voted unanimously to adopt the agenda as presented

REGULAR BUSINESS

PROPOSED CONTRACT WITH DAVIDSON COUNTY FOR PLANNING SERVICES

Benchmark CMR, Inc. a North Carolina Company located in Charlotte, North Carolina currently provides planning, zoning and code enforcement services to the Town of Midway. A proposed contract for planning and zoning services from the Davidson County Planning and Zoning Department was presented to Council for consideration. Mayor Pro Tem Mike McAlpine stated that if the Town decides to proceed with the contract from Davidson County, the Town should maintain a relationship with Benchmark for projects that have been started and not yet completed regardless of whose services the Town chooses to contract with. Some projects Benchmark is currently working on for the Town are:

- Contract with Kimley-Horn and Associates (through Benchmark) since 2014 for providing corridor transportation engineering services for obtaining a control of access break along Hickory Tree Road opposite the US 52 northbound Exit Ramp in Midway, NC. Neither Council nor the Planning Board has received any feedback on the status of this contract.
- Bringing the NCDOT right of way on Hickory Tree Road down from 225 feet to 125 feet to aid in future development.
- Midway School Road interchange project to reduce congestion in the mornings.
- Planning Board currently working with Benchmark on updating the Town's Zoning Ordinance.

Discussion continued about the Kimley-Horn project and its status. Mayor Pro Tem Mike McAlpine continued by saying the Town has paid for the transportation study and the results need to be made known. He will forward the Kimley-Horn Transportation contract to Town Attorney Jim Lanik for review.

Mr. McAlpine said if Council chooses to contract with Davidson County for providing planning, zoning and code enforcement services for the Town, he thinks the Council should meet with the County to discuss the policies and procedures the Town would like to have carried out by the Davidson County Planning and Zoning Department.

It was the consensus of Council to continue discussion of the proposed contract with the County for planning and zoning services at the vision meeting on February 21, 2017 before meeting with the Davidson County representatives.

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TOWN MANAGER'S REPORTS

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Town Manager Gary Looper provided Council with monthly financial reports for January 30, 2017 as follows:

January 30, 2017		
Total Income	\$819,764	51.1% of overall budget
Total Expenses	\$539,791	33.7% of overall budget

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SOCIAL MEDIA ANALYTICALS

Town Manager Gary Looper reported that Brooke Cisneros of Rick Zebra Designs provided analytical reports from June-December 2016 for the Town's social media accounts. The Town's contract with Rick Zebra designs for website hosting will be up for renewal in March 2017. The contract provides two hours of social media training for the Town staff by Brooke Cisneros that will be fulfilled in February.

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REMINDER-VISION SESSION TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2017 AT TOWN HALL

Mayor John Byrum requested that each member of Council bring to the vision session their top three topics for discussion. Mayor Byrum stated that this is an opportunity for Council to discuss what they would like to focus on for the Town over the next six to twelve months.

Mayor Byrum recognized Planning Board members James Wayne Smith, Charles Waddell and Carl Tuttle who were in attendance and thanked them for their service to the Town.

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ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Councilor Mike McAlpine, seconded by Councilor Jackie Edwards, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

John E. Byrum, Mayor

Tammy H. Robertson, Deputy Clerk