

**MINUTES OF MIDWAY TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MARCH 7, 2022
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.

Councilors present were: John Byrum, Jackie Edwards, Keith Leonard, Mike McAlpine, Berkley Alcorn, and Robin Moon. Absent: None. Town Manager Tammy Michael and Town Clerk Linda Hunt were present. Deputy Clerk Tammy Robertson was absent.

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

No members of the press were in attendance.

PROPOSED DRAFT BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023

Town Manager Tammy Michael presented the proposed draft budget for fiscal year 2022-2023.

As proposed, the tax rate will remain the same at five cents per one hundred dollars valuation.

The proposed budget includes the following adjustments in appropriations from the previous budget for fiscal year 2021-2022:

Governing Board

- No proposed changes

Administration

- Decrease in compensation from \$113,400 to \$112,050
- Increase in retirement due to rate increase from \$6,000 to \$6,800
- Increase in health insurance due to rate increase from \$12,250 to \$12,600
- Decrease in supplies from \$10,000 to \$7,500
- Increase in advertising from \$2,500 to \$3,000
- Decrease in contracted services from \$76,000 to \$50,000
- Increase in insurance and bonding from \$6,500 to \$7,500 due to 9.5% premium increase
- Increase in dues and subscriptions from \$9,000 to \$10,000
- New line item for capital outlay - possible replacement of HVAC unit - \$15,000
- Decrease in Town Hall maintenance, etc. from \$25,000 to \$10,000
- Decrease in other expenses from \$500 to \$150
- Total decrease in Administration Appropriations from \$401,250 to \$374,700

Public Safety

- No proposed changes

Public Works

- Increase in Town Park operating costs from \$135,000 to \$216,000
- New line item under Town Park Recreation Development – Wilson-Covington/Metropolis Architecture – Picnic Shelter & Gazebo - \$2,800,000
- Total increase in Public Works Appropriations from \$3,582,600 to \$3,663,600

Planning and Zoning

- Deleted line item for Land Use Plan Update due to work being completed – \$45,000
- Deleted line item for Land Use Plan Update for mailer – work completed - \$1,500
- Total decrease in Planning and Zoning Appropriations from \$83,175 to \$36,675

Cultural, Recreation, Economic Development

- No proposed changes

As proposed, the budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 totals \$4,216,875, using \$2,489,963 from Fund Balance to balance budget. Anticipated revenues total \$1,726,912.

Discussion Items:

- SCIF Grants –Used for Playground #2 (Tot Lot) and toward construction costs for the Shelter and Gazebo
- Funding for traffic study – Midway School Road/Old US Hwy 52
- Group Health Insurance – Consensus of Council to select Option 2 offered by the North Carolina League of Municipalities Health Benefits. Employee would have option to select Option and paying the difference between the two options, a difference of \$67 monthly.
- Planning Board Salaries – Consensus of Council to have Town Manager check with other municipalities to compare salaries for members of Planning Board/Board of Adjustment.
- Town Council Salaries – Town Manager to check with other municipalities similar in size to Midway to compare salaries/benefits for Mayor and Town Council.

The next Budget Work Session is scheduled for Monday, April 25, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall.

On motion by Councilor Berkley Alcorn, seconded by Councilor Robin Moon, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

John E. Byrum, Mayor

Linda A. Hunt, Town Clerk