

**MINUTES OF MIDWAY TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JULY 11, 2022
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT MIDWAY TOWN HALL, 426 GUMTREE
ROAD, MIDWAY, NORTH CAROLINA**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Mike McAlpine called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present.

Mayor Pro Tem Mike McAlpine gave the invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance prior to the opening gavel.

Councilors present were: Jackie Edwards, Keith Leonard, Mike McAlpine, and Berkley Alcorn. Absent: John Byrum and Robin Moon. Town Manager Tammy Michael and Town Clerk Linda Hunt were present. Absent: Town Attorney Jim Lanik and Deputy Clerk Tammy Robertson.

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

No members of the 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 June 6, 2022 Town Council regular meeting as presented.

On motion by Councilor Berkley Alcorn, seconded by Councilor Jackie Edwards, Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2022 Town Council special meeting as presented.

PUBLIC ADDRESS

Mr. Rob Brunson of 1401 Country Lane in Midway stated he and his wife had recently moved to the area. He said their house is located at the bottom of the hill on Country Lane and there is a problem with cars speeding along that road, especially coming down that hill. Mr. Brunson said that although the speed limit is 35 miles per hour, cars are speeding 50 to 55 miles per hour along there. Mr. Brunson requested a stop sign be installed on Country Lane at Miracle Crossing which he believes would make the cars slow down and reduce the speeding problem.

Mayor Pro Tem Mike McAlpine told Mr. Brunson he would be glad to meet with him after the meeting to discuss the details of situation.

ADOPT AGENDA

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

PUBLIC HEARING

**PUBLIC HEARING – ADOPTION OF TEXT AMENDMENT TO ADD REGULATION OF
POULTRY OR SMALL FARM ANIMALS TO THE TOWN OF MIDWAY ZONING
ORDINANCE**

At the Town Council regular meeting on June 6, 2022, Town Council called for a public hearing to be held at the July 11, 2022 regular Town Council meeting to consider adoption of the text amendment to add regulation of poultry or small farm animals to the Town of Midway Zoning Ordinance.

North Carolina General Statute 160A-364 requires that a notice of the public hearing be given once a week for two successive calendar weeks in a newspaper having general circulation in the area. The notice

must be published the first time not less than 10 days nor more than 25 days before the date fixed for the hearing.

Town Manager Tammy Michael explained to Council the first notice was published with the incorrect time for the public hearing. Staff contacted *The Dispatch* and submitted the revised legal notice reflecting the correct time. The Dispatch responded with the preview showing the legal notice corrected. However, the wrong notice was published again. Therefore, the publication of the notice could not meet the mandated requirements and the public hearing cannot be held.

Staff requested Council reschedule the public hearing for the Text Amendment to Add Regulation of Poultry or Small Farm Animals to the Town of Midway Zoning Ordinance to the next regular Council meeting on August 1, 2022.

On motion by Councilor Keith Leonard, seconded by Councilor Jackie Edwards, Council voted unanimously to reschedule the public hearing to be held at the August 1, 2022 Town Council regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall located at 426 Gumtree Road in Midway, to receive citizen input on the proposed text amendment to add Regulation of Poultry or Small Farm Animals to the Town of Midway Zoning Ordinance.

REGULAR BUSINESS

There was none.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORTS

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Town Manager Tammy Michael provided Council with monthly financial reports for June 30, 2022 as follows:

June 30, 2022		
Total Income	\$2,356,514	127.2%% of overall budget
Total Expenses	\$1,691,765	91.7 % of overall budget

Ms. Michael drew Council's attention to the Sales Tax reimbursement for FY 2021-2022 that exceeded projections. Sales tax was projected at \$1.1 million, and the Town received \$1,568,000. She also noted the Sales Tax projections for FY 2022-2023 budget are \$1.2 million.

TOWN PARK UPDATE

Town Manager Tammy Michael gave Council the following Town Park update:

1. Shelter & Gazebo & Walking Trail

- Drilling for the foundation footings has begun.
- Roofing Trusses are being installed.
- Walking trail is undergoing repairs, additional granite dust is being placed and areas of concern are being addressed.

2. Playground

- Additional shading ordered, estimated to be installed late summer
- Waiting on picnic tables to be shipped (mid-July)

For information only.

OTHER

Town Manager Tammy Michael provided Council with the following additional information:

1. Handout with highlights of the North Carolina League of Municipalities 2021 Annual Report.
2. Information on the North Carolina Mileage-Based User Fee Pilot Program – Mayor John Byrum requested this information be provided to Council. It is a pilot program that is going to be conducted in North Carolina to explore an alternative approach to transportation funding called a Mileage-Based User Fee (MBUF). The intent is to evaluate if and how the MBUF could work as an alternative to the Gas Tax. This is a completely volunteer program.
3. The Animal C.A.R.E. Foundation was notified that the space they are currently occupying in the Midway Town Center has been rented to another tenant and they will need to move out by October. Ms. Michael spoke with a representative of the Foundation who said they would like to stay within the town limits and asked if Council might have any suggestions regarding other rental space in Midway. Ms. Michael told Council if they have any suggestions, to let her know and she would relay that to the representative.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Councilor Keith Leonard, seconded by Councilor Jackie Edwards, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Mike McAlpine, Mayor Pro Tem

Linda A. Hunt, Town Clerk