

MINUTES OF MIDWAY TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 6, 2023 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.

Pastor David Beverly, Senior Pastor at Triad Journey Church located on Hebron Church Road in Midway, gave the invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance prior to the opening gavel.

Councilors present were: John Byrum, Keith Leonard, Mike McAlpine, and Jackie Edwards. Absent: Robin Moon and Berkley Alcorn. Town Manager Tammy Michael and Town Clerk Linda Hunt were present. Town Attorney Jim Lanik was absent but available by telephone if needed.

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

There were no members of the press 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 3, 2023, regular meeting as presented.

PUBLIC ADDRESS

There were none.

ADOPT AGENDA

Mayor John Byrum asked that the agenda be amended to add a presentation by Corporal Chris Azelton with the Davidson County Sheriff's Department on information Corporal Azelton has gathered on digital radar speed signs. Presentation to be added as first item under VI. Regular Business.

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

REGULAR BUSINESS

PRESENTATION – CORPORAL CHRIS AZELTON, DAVIDSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE – DIGITAL RADAR SPEED SIGNS

This item was added to the agenda.

Corporal Chris Azelton with the Davidson County Sheriff's Department provided Council with printed material illustrating Stalker's Radar Pole Mounted Graphics display (PMG) and its capabilities.

Corporal Azelton stated the Sheriff's Department has been dealing with a speeding issue on Country Lane for several months. He explained that the major area of concern is going down the hill after on Country Lane after you turn off Old Highway 52 and cross over the railroad tracks. In response to the issue, the Sheriff's Department put up an electronic device along that area to alert the drivers of the actual speeds they were driving and to also collect data. The Sheriff's Department used that data to determine actual speeds being driven and the times of day when most of the speeding occurs. The posted speed limit is 35 miles per hour and the data showed the average speed was 48 miles per hour. There was also a speed recorded as high as 75 miles per hour. Corporal Azelton said the vast majority of speeding occurred

between 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. That data lets the Sheriff's Department know when they need to be out there to issue speeding citations. He said another point he did notice was that after the sign had been out there four or five days, the speeds started to come down to what the actual posted speed limit is.

Corporal Azelton said the County only has one of these devices for the whole County at this time; however, the Sheriff's Office is going to request a couple more of the devices in the upcoming budget year.

Corporal Azelton referred to the printed handout he had provided to Council. The cover page shows a picture of the sign. The first page goes over what the device can do.

- Full-matrix
- Variable message
- Water resistant
- Traffic data analytics

The devices can be mounted permanently or moved to other locations as needed.

Corporal Azelton pointed out that this PMG also has a built-in Wi-Fi option. With the Wi-Fi option, the Sheriff's Department could pull up to the sign and download the data, take the information back to the office, plug it into their computer, and download the analytics. It allows computer or mobile devices to connect to its network and gains full access to PMG controls through its internally hosted web page using an onboard modem. Different speeds can be set as well as warning lights to alert drivers. The unit as shown in the handout is powered by a 50-watt solar panel and a quad-bay battery backup system and could be installed on an existing pole. The device the County has does not have a solar panel and it has to be charged every few days.

As an example, Corporal Azelton said if the Town owned one of these electronic devices, the Town could allow the Sheriff's Department to have access to the data which, in turn, would give the Sheriff's Department the kind of data they need to determine a plan based on analytics. It would be a collaborative effort between the Town and the Sheriff's Department.

Town Manager Tammy Michael asked if devices on permanent poles are set in or out of the Department of Transportation (D.O.T.) right of way. Corporal Azelton responded that it would actually be in the D.O.T. right of way but he has spoken to D.O.T. and they are willing to put up a post wherever the Sheriff's Department designates.

Mayor Byrum commented the Town is not divided into precincts. Council represents the whole Town and cares about safety on every street. He said considering that and if the Town were to invest into one of these devices, what would Corporal Azelton's advice be on where the Town decides to place it. Mayor Byrum said Country Lane is a known where there has been speeding but he would bet if the Town polled any residents from any other street in the Town, residential or not, the residents would say they need it on their streets. Then the Town get residents arguing about where the device gets placed. Mayor Byrum asked Corporal Azelton if he had seen other municipalities adopt the use of one of these and if so, how they went about selecting where it's going to be placed.

Corporal Azelton responded that other municipalities use these devices and a lot of times they have had the D.O.T. to come out and do a survey. He said if the Town were to entertain the purchase of one of these devices, he would recommend purchasing one that can be moved. He said that way it could be switched to other places, maybe even have a rotation set up.

Mayor Pro Tem Mike McAlpine asked if the device that is shown on Page 5 of the handout is the one Corporal Azelton is talking about. Corporal Azelton responded that the one he has been talking about is on the front page. The one on Page 5 has a traffic trailer and is very expensive.

Mayor Pro Tem Mike McAlpine then asked if the Town Manager would be able to get prices on each of the options. Corporal Azelton responded that the Town Manager would not have any problem getting the pricing.

Town Manager Tammy Michael asked if Corporal Azelton had any idea of the estimated cost for one of these devices. Corporal Azelton said he would estimate the movable sign with the solar panel to be anywhere between \$1,500 to \$2,500. He added that trailers would be between \$13,000 to \$15,000.

Corporal Azelton said that Sheriff Simmons was unable to attend the meeting due to a previous commitment. He and Sheriff Simmons have talked about this at length and Sheriff Simmons is 100% behind the Sheriff's Department collecting the data and using it for speed enforcement.

Mayor Byrum thanked Corporal Azelton for his presentation.

CONTRACT RENEWAL – ONE STEP COMPUTER SERVICES – IT SERVICES

The Town of Midway contract annual for IT/Email services with an independent contractor. One Step Computer Solutions is the current contractor provided these services. The current monthly cost is \$508. The new proposal increases the cost by \$18 per month due to upgrades and tighter controls for antiviral and ransomware software monitoring. The new proposed cost is \$526/month.

One Step Computer Solutions has submitted the following Managed Services Offerings Proposal for consideration:

Exhibit A outlines the scope and cost of IT/Email Services. The monthly cost for IT/Email Platinum Services is \$526.00*

- Remote PC Monitoring, Maintenance and Patching
- Backup Monitoring for three (3) computers
- *Antivirus & Ransomware Protection – *Upgraded for better control & protection*
- iCloud file daily backup for three (3) computers
- Office 365 Email- Seven (7) Council Members (Copier counts as one)
- Office 365 Email and Desktop Apps – Three (3) at Town Hall
- Network Management

Staff is pleased to report positive interactions with One Step during the contract agreement period. Mr. Estep checks in weekly to see if there are any questions or concerns. Mr. Estep also monitors activity and contacts staff if any flags are raised that may require immediate resolutions.

Staff recommended Town Council discuss and consider approving the Independent Contractor Agreement with One Step Computer Solutions for IT/Email Services for the monthly cost of \$526.00. Town Attorney Jim Lanik has reviewed and approved the agreement.

On motion by Mayor Pro Tem Mike McAlpine, seconded by Councilor Jackie Edwards, Council voted unanimously to approve the contract with One Step Computer Solutions for one (1) year as presented.

CONTRACT RENEWAL – PINWILZ, INC. – WEBSITE

The Town of Midway currently contracts with Pinwilz, Inc. to provide maintenance and updates to the Town’s website. The annual cost is \$690.00 with webmaster retainer hours purchased in six (6) blocks for \$510.00.

Pinwilz, Inc. has submitted the following proposal to continue the annual agreement. (Note: There is no price increase requested.)

- Pinwilz, Inc. representative Dru Heldman has submitted a quote (Exhibit A) for Annual Recurring Services in the amount of \$690.00. This amount covers the annual software renewal cost of \$325.00 and the antivirus protection annual software renewal of \$365.00.
- Webmaster retainer of \$510.00 (Exhibit A) renewal in blocks of (minimum) six (6) hours at \$85.00 per hour.

Staff recommended Town Council discuss renewal of the annual agreement with Pinwilz, Inc. Town Attorney Jim Lanik has reviewed and approved the agreement. Staff is highly pleased with the professionalism and rapid response to any questions/concerns and/or requests submitted.

On motion by Councilor Jackie Edwards, seconded by Councilor Keith Leonard, Council voted unanimously to approve the contract with Pinwilz, Inc. for one (1) year as presented.

TOWN MANAGER’S REPORTS

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Town Manager Tammy Michael provided Council with monthly financial reports for January 2023 as follows:

JANUARY 2023		
Total Income	\$1,419,612	82.9% of overall budget
Total Expenses	\$2,084,047	46.1% of overall budget

For information only.

TOWN PARK UPDATE

1. SHELTER & GAZEBO & WALKING TRAIL

- Gazebo – Landscaping (weather permitting)
- Shelter – Complete – Contractor & Architects resolving the punch list items
- Duke Energy – Lighting project will begin once materials are delivered – Duke Energy representative will keep us advised on approximate delivery date (supply chain issues)
- KNC – Security cameras online in Gazebo and Shelter – additional cameras installed once Duke Energy completes lighting project
- Architects beginning the process of cohesive signage for the park
- Walking trail repairs to begin as soon as weather permits

For information only.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Mayor Pro Tem Mike McAlpine, seconded by Councilor Keith Leonard, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

John E. Byrum, Mayor

Linda A. Hunt, Town Clerk