

**MINUTES OF MIDWAY TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MAY 6, 2024,
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT MIDWAY TOWN HALL, 426 GUMTREE
ROAD, MIDWAY, NORTH CAROLINA**

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLGIANCE

Councilor Keith Leonard gave the invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance prior to the opening gavel.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor John Byrum called the meeting to order.

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

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 Robin Moon, Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2024 Budget Work Session meeting as presented.

On motion by Councilor Keith Leonard, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mike McAlpine, Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2024 regular meeting as presented.

On motion by Councilor Robin Moon, seconded by Councilor Jackie Edwards, Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2024 Budget Work Session meeting as presented.

PUBLIC ADDRESS

James Sink - JHS Properties, LLC – Mr. Sink stated that someone from the County was supposed to be here to speak to the Council about the issues he is having regarding the construction of his machine shop.

Mr. Sink stated he applied and received his permits for the construction of the new machine shop, and inspectors came out and approved the work. Then he was told construction had to be put on hold because it should have gone through the Town of Midway's Planning and Zoning Board. He stated no one informed him of this until it was already under construction.

Mr. Sink said he would like to know what can be done so he can get started back on his construction of the machine shop. He stated that the existing building is an historic building, and the construction of the new machine shop is the exact same material as the historic building. Mr. Sink stated he has cleaned everything up, took down trees and cleared the back land and painted the building. Now he would like to know what he needs to do to move forward with the construction.

Mr. Sink said his guys have to outsource the machine work because his machine shop is not finished. He stated the first time he came to the Town was to ask for a variance for a front setback which was granted. He did not know he had to come back and do anything else.

Mayor John Byrum stated that he appreciates Mr. Sink coming forward with his request and asked Town Manager Tammy Michael what Mr. Sink needs to do. Ms. Michael stated that it will have to go before the Planning and Zoning Board/Board of Adjustment. Ms. Sink stated that she has already filled out the variance request with Davidson County Planning and Zoning Department.

Mayor John Byrum asked Ms. Michael to contact Mr. Lee Crook with Davidson County Planning and Zoning to see what is going on with the construction of Mr. Sink's machine shop.

Tenae' Clodfelter - Principal – North Davidson Middle School – Ms. Clodfelter expressed her appreciation for the Steam Grant that the Town of Midway gave to the school and provided Council with a handout showing how the funds were spent.

Charles Bullins – Principal – Midway Elementary School – Mr. Bullins expressed his appreciation for the Steam Grant that the Town of Midway gave to the school.

ADOPT AGENDA

Mayor Pro Team Mike McAlpine stated a presentation by Kevin Leonard on Automatic External Defibrillator for Town Park as Item 1 under V. REGULAR BUSINESS.

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

REGULAR BUSINESS

Mayor John Byrum introduced Kevin Leonard. Mr. Leonard stated he is a former Midway Firefighter who is now with Davidson County Emergency Services. Mr. Leonard stated he is a Midway resident and wants to help the Town obtain an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) for the Park.

Mr. Leonard stated when someone collapses, a bystander needs to recognize that help is required, to promptly call 911, and either initiate CPR on their own or follow CPR instruction by 911. Support 911 efforts to quickly recognize cardiac arrest and give instruction on CPR.

Fire and Law enforcement should rapidly respond with an AED. For a victim in cardiac arrest, every minute that goes by without treatment, their chance of survival decreases by 10%.

Mr. Leonard stated public AED's can help, but since 80% of out of the hospital cardiac arrests occur at home, emphasis is needed to decrease time to first shock.

Mr. Leonard stated it takes an entire community working together to improve not just survival, but survival with good neurological outcomes and to return to their normal lives.

Mayor John Byrum asked Mr. Leonard what the cost would be to purchase the AED. Mr. Leonard stated the cost for the AED with the cabinet would cost approximately \$5,000.00.

PRESENTATION OF BUDGET AND FEE SCHEDULE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025

In accordance with North Carolina General Statutes, Town Manager Tammy Michael presented the proposed budget and budget message for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 in the amount of \$3,557,250.00 to Town Council.

In her budget, Ms. Michael states the budget embodies results of the Budget Work Session held by Council on March 21 and April 23, 2024. The budget represents fundamentally conservative governmental service provision and revenue projections. The elected body aims to balance residential quality of life with business opportunity and improve recreational amenities through sound fiscal management. It also continues to maintain a historically strong fund balance, minimal debt, and use of cash for nearly all recurring expenses and capital. An appropriation from fund balance for \$1,456,850.00 is used to balance the budget.

The recreational uses of thirty-eight (38) acres of land off Gumtree Road purchased in 2013 remains a priority for Council and funding is included in the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for this purpose.

The proposed tax rate remains unchanged at five cents (0.5) per \$100 valuation.

The following municipal services are offered for town residents and businesses:

Solid Waste and Recycling Collection

Streetlights

Land Use Planning, Zoning, and Code Enforcement

Augmented Public Safety

The Budget is balanced and prepared in accordance with the North Carolina budget and Fiscal Control Act. On June 3, 2024, the Town Council will hold a public hearing on the budget and fee schedule for fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. Any person who wishes to be heard on the budget and fee schedule may appear at that time. The budget may be reviewed at Town Hall or online at www.townofmidway-nc.gov.

Ms. Michael pointed out the Fee Schedule for 2024-25 on page 13 of the Budget message. This change was discussed in the April 23, 2024 Budget Work Session meeting.

On motion by Councilor Keith Leonard, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mike McAlpine, Council voted unanimously to call for public hearing to be held on Monday, June 3, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall located at 426 Gumtree Road in Midway to receive citizen input on the purposed budget and fee schedule for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

TOWN PARK UPDATE

Town Manager Tammy Michael stated we have received the large grill for the Park, but we have not received the two small grills. Ms. Michael also stated the outdoor message board, and the two remaining grills are expected to be here by the end of May.

Ms. Michael informed Council that she has added a spread sheet in their packet that shows the rental revenue and deposits that were refunded for their review of the activity for the park.

Ms. Michael said she has spoken to Brad Coe about the new parking lot, and he will stop by Town Hall within the next two weeks to assist in the application process for the second required storm water permit.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Town Manager Tammy Michael provided Council with monthly financial reports for April 2024 as follows:

APRIL, 2024

Total Income	\$2,018,250	103.9% of overall budget
Total Expenses	\$998,271	31.3% of overall budget

REMINDER TOWN HALL WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY MAY 27, 2024 – MEMORIAL DAY

Town Manager Tammy Michael reminded Council Town Hall will be closed Monday, May 27, 2024 to observe Memorial day.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION in accordance with N.C.G.S 143-318.11 (a) (4) for the purpose of discussing matters pertaining to economic development.

On motion by Mayor Pro Tem Mike McAlpine, seconded by Councilor Jackie Edwards, Council voted unanimously to recess to closed session.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Councilor Robin Moon, seconded by Councilor Keith Leonard, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

John Byrum, Mayor

Ree Smith, Deputy Town Clerk