

**MINUTES OF MIDWAY TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MARCH 3, 2025,
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 Robin Moon 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. Absent: None Town Manager Nicholas Smith, Town Consultant Hank Perkins, Town Clerk Linda Hunt, Deputy Clerk Ree Goodson and Town Attorney Jim Lanik were present.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Councilor Jackie Edwards, seconded by Councilor Robin Moon, Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2025 Regular Town Council Meeting as presented.

PUBLIC ADDRESS

James Smith, 1360 Gumtree Road, Winston Salem, addressed the Council regarding the Transco Southeast Supply Enhancement Project (SSEP). He informed the Council about a new high-pressure 54-mile pipeline planned to run through Pittsylvania County, VA and Rockingham, Guilford, Forsyth, and Davidson counties in North Carolina. Mr. Smith stated Transco Southeast Supply Enhancement Project would be an expansion of the existing 10,000-mile Transcontinental (Transco) pipeline and would sit next to three or four existing high-pressure pipelines.

Mr. Smith stated Transco Southeast Supply Enhancement Project would pump 1.6 billion cubic feet of methane gas per day through a 42-inch diameter pipeline. He said that is the same as trying to move about 18,100 full Olympic sized swimming pools through a hula hoop per day.

Mr. Smith stated the developer for Transco is Williams Companies, which has one of the worst safety records of all gas pipelines operators in the country in terms of numbers of incidents, fatalities, and gas spills.

Dr. Andrew King, 164 Belle Arbor Drive, Winston Salem spoke about water fluoridation by Davidson Water. As a physician, he expressed concerns about the lack of FDA approval for water fluoridation and potential health risks. Dr. King provided handouts to the Council with information about fluoridation practices worldwide and potential health effects. He urged the Council to consider the issue, noting that some communities are reconsidering water fluoridation. Dr. King mentioned he would be attending a Davidson Water meeting the following week to address this issue.

ADOPT AGENDA

On motion by Mayor Pro Tem Mike McAlpine, seconded by Councilor Keith Leonard, Council voted unanimously to adopt the agenda as presented.

REGULAR BUSINESS

CONTRACT RENEWAL – KNC TECHNOLOGIES, LLC – TOWN PARK SECURITY CAMERAS

The Town of Midway currently contracts with KNC Technologies, LLC. to provide IT support for the Town Park Security Cameras.

Town Attorney Jim Lanik stated that the renewal contract for KNC Technologies, LLC is straightforward. Mayor Pro Tem Mike McAlpine commented that KNC Technologies serves the Town well and were prompt in responding to requests.

On motion by Councilor Jackie Edwards, seconded by Councilor Keith Leonard, Council voted unanimously to approve the Contract Renewal for KNC Technologies, LLC for one (1) year as presented.

APPROVAL OF RITE LITE REVISED INVOICE – TOWN OF MIDWAY DECORATIVE SIGNS

At the September 3, 2024, meeting of the Town Council, the Council entered into an agreement with Rite Lite Custom Signs to install the Town's decorative signage constructed by Signarama. Exhibit A of Signarama's contract specified that Rite Lite Signs would handle all North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) issues and installation of the signs in compliance with NCDOT specifications and Rite Lite would invoice the Town of Midway directly for their work."

Rite Lite's contract required a 50% deposit upon signing of the contract, which the Town paid on September 26, 2024. This deposit payment totaled \$4,488.80. The Town has not yet paid the remainder of the contract, as the contracted services to be provided by Rite Lite have not been fulfilled as of February 27, 2024.

On January 29, 2025, John Barnes, acting as manager of the project, informed the Town that the NCDOT has required additional information pertaining to "Encroachment" and adjustments to the mounting structure that will add some additional installation costs.

Since that time, Rite Lite has submitted and amended Invoice #78117 for an additional amount of \$2,625.00 to make changes to existing the three (3) signs to comply with NCDOT's specifications.

Town Manager Nicholas Smith reported receiving an email at 3:44 PM with updates, including a discount offer on the additional charge of \$2,625. The exact reason for the additional charge remains unclear, and Mr. Smith is awaiting clarification from NCDOT.

Mr. Smith stated he would like to have a representative from NCDOT come to the April Town Council meeting to discuss the additional charge and answer any questions the Council may have.

Mayor Pro Tem Mike McAlpine expressed concerns about potential changes in NCDOT specifications and whether the original design had been approved. There was confusion about who at NCDOT had been involved in the approval process and subsequent changes.

Town Attorney Jim Lanik stated he would also like to hear from NCDOT.

On motion by Councilor Robin Moon, seconded by Councilor Berkley Alcorn, Council voted unanimously to table the item until more information could be obtained from NCDOT.

APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT TO PLANNING BOARD/BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Mayor John Byrum thanked Mr. James Smith, Mr. Carl Tuttle, and Mr. Richard Miller (Alternate) for their service to the town before opening the floor for nominations.

Three members of the current Planning Board/Board of Adjustment are eligible for reappointment. Their terms expire March 31, 2025. Those members are James Wayne Smith, Carl Tuttle, and Richard Miller (Alternate).

On motion made by Councilor Jackie Edwards, seconded by Councilor Robin Moon, Council voted unanimously to reappoint James Wayne Smith to a three-year term on the Planning Board/Board of Adjustment. His term will expire March 31, 2028.

On motion made by Councilor Keith Leonard, seconded by Councilor Berkley Alcorn, Council voted unanimously to reappoint Carl Tuttle to a three-year term on the Planning Board/Board of Adjustment. His term will expire March 31, 2028.

Mayor John Byrum spoke to Board member Richard Miller and thanked him for his service on the Planning Board/Board of Adjustment. Mr. Miller has decided to step down from being an Alternate on the Planning Board/Board of Adjustment.

Mr. Miller expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to serve on the Planning Board/Board of Adjustment and the experience it provided in understanding Town governance.

Mayor Pro Tem Mike McAlpine nominated Sherri Thomas as the new alternate for the Planning Board/Board of Adjustment.

On motion by Mayor Pro Tem Mike McAlpine, and seconded by Jackie Edwards, Council voted unanimously to appoint Sherri Thomas as the new Alternate to a three-year term on the Planning and Zoning/Board of Adjustment. Her term will expire March 31, 2028.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORTS

TOWN PARK UPDATE

Town Manager Nicholas Smith reported:

- Mr. Smith stated there are staffing changes at the Town Park, including one new hire and the return of two employees that were out of work due to health reasons.
- Mr. Smith stated there are already eleven pavilion reservations for March and six for April.
- Mr. Smith stated the parking lot addition is on track for completion in late April.
- Mr. Smith said there was a trespassing issue on Country Lane, but it has been addressed with temporary blockades and signage.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Council was provided copies of the monthly financial reports for February 2025 as follows:

| February 2025 | | |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------------------|
| Total Income | \$1,650,964 | 78.6% of overall budget |
| Total Expenses | \$776,674 | 21.8% of overall budget |

REMINDER: BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING #1- THURSDAY MARCH 27, 2025, 6:00PM AT TOWN HALL

Town Manager Nicholas Smith reminded Council about the upcoming first Budget Workshop on Thursday, March 27, 2025, 6:00pm at Town Hall.

OTHER

Town Manager Nicholas Smith discussed the recent Vision Session, expressing appreciation for the clarity it provided on Town priorities. He mentioned sending Council an action item report and asked for feedback on the priorities identified.

Mr. Smith also noted ongoing efforts to reverse the recently amended state law restricting local government discretion to amend zoning ordinances resulting from the Hurricane Helene bill. However, there has been no recent movement on this issue.

Mr. Smith reported seven open code enforcement cases with the county and a recent productive meeting with county officials.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Mayor Pro Tem Mike McAlpine, seconded by Councilor Keith Leonard, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

John Byrum, Mayor

Ree Goodson, Deputy Clerk