

**MINUTES OF MIDWAY TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 4, 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 and Robin Moon
Absent: Councilor Berkley Alcorn and Finance Officer Linda Hunt. Interim Town Manager Hank Perkins, Town 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 June 30, 2025 Town Council Special Meeting.

On motion by Councilor Keith Leonard, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mike McAlpine, Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2025 Regular Town Council Meeting.

PUBLIC ADDRESS

There were none.

ADOPT AGENDA

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

PROCLAMATION FALL LITTER SWEEP SEPTEMBER 13-24, 2025

Mayor John Byrum read the Proclamation proclaiming September 13 through September 27, 2025, as Fall Litter Sweep and encouraged citizens to take an active role in making their communities cleaner.

PROCLAMATION

FALL 2025 LITTER SWEEP

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation organizes an annual Fall statewide roadside cleanup to ensure clean and beautiful roads in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the FALL LITTER SWEEP roadside cleanup encourages local governments, communities, civic and professional groups, businesses, churches, schools, families, and individual citizens to participate in the N. C. Department of Transportation clean up by sponsoring and organizing local roadside cleanups; and

WHEREAS, Adopt-A-Highway volunteers, Department of Transportation employees, Public Safety – Division of Adult Corrections inmates, community service organizations, businesses, churches, schools, and environmentally concerned citizens conduct annual local cleanups during FALL LITTER SWEEP and may receive certificates of appreciation for their participation; and

WHEREAS, the great natural beauty of our state and clean environment are sources of great pride for all North Carolinians, attracting tourists and aiding in recruiting new industries; and

WHEREAS, the FALL LITTER SWEEP cleanup will be a part of educating the children of this great state regarding the importance of a clean environment to the quality of life in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, I, John Byrum, Mayor of the Town of Midway do hereby proclaim September 13-27, 2025, as “**FALL LITTER SWEEP**” time in Midway and encourage citizens to take an active role in making their communities cleaner; and

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Town of Midway this the fifth of August in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-four.

Adopted this the 4th day of August, 2025.

REGULAR BUSINESS

CLINE’S FLOATS CHRISTMAS PARADE – FLOAT SELECTION

Mayor John Byrum asked the Council for their preferences on which float to select for the Christmas parade from the options provided in their packet. After a brief discussion from Council, Council decided to select Christmas float number 23.

On motion by Councilor Robin Moon, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mike McAlpine, Council voted unanimously to select Float Number 23 for the Christmas Parade.

SET DATE FOR FALL VISION SESSION

Mayor John Byrum suggested scheduling the Fall Vision Session for some time in September and asked Council members to check their calendars.

The Council had discussions about scheduling conflicts. Town Clerk Ree Goodson noted she had included calendars for both September and October in the Council packets, highlighting that the Veterans Monument Ceremony would be on Friday, September 19.

On motion by Mayor Pro Tem Mike McAlpine, seconded by Councilor Keith Leonard, Council voted unanimously to set Thursday, September 25, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. for the Vision Workshop Session.

TERMINATION OF CONTRACT – EXECUTIVE CLEANING SERVICES – TOWN HALL

Interim Town Manager Hank Perkins explained that Executive Cleaning Services had been nonresponsive since early June, not responding to phone calls or emails. Town Clerk Ree Goodson stated their phone number has been disconnected, and they appear to have gone out of business. Ms. Goodson confirmed she has been cleaning the Town Hall so there has been no disruption in cleaning Town Hall.

Town Attorney Jim Lanik suggested sending written termination notice via both certified mail and regular first-class mail in accordance with Section 6 of the agreement. He noted that the termination would be effective immediately upon mailing.

On motion by Councilor Keith Leonard, seconded by Councilor Robin Moon, Council voted unanimously to terminate the contract with Executive Cleaning Services.

**CONTRACT FOR CLEANING SERVICES – LARKZ MONSTER CLEANING SERVICES
TOWN HALL**

Interim Town Manager Hank Perkins presented a quote from LARKZ Monster Cleaning Services for \$275.00 per month, compared to Executive Cleaning Services' rate of \$98.80 per month. He explained that LARKZ would be providing more extensive services than Executive Cleaning had been doing.

Councilor Jackie Edwards raised concerns about the significant price increase and suggested obtaining additional quotes for comparison. Town Clerk Ree Goodson stated that Executive Cleaning was limited in their services, only vacuuming, cleaning bathrooms, and mopping, while LARKZ would be providing a more comprehensive list of services.

The Council discussed including blind cleaning in the service contract. Mr. Perkins mentioned that dusting blinds was already included as a quarterly task in LARKZ's proposal.

The Council agreed to have staff obtain additional quotes based on a comparable list of tasks and revisit the issue at the next meeting.

**TRAFFIC COUNT REQUEST WITH WINSTON SALEM AREA TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING ORGANIZATION (TPO) TEAM AND TECHNICAL COORDINATING
COMMITTEE**

Interim Town Manager Hank Perkins explained that the Transportation Planning Organization was requesting input on intersections for traffic counts. Mr. Perkins noted that many of the locations the Town had requested in the previous year had been completed, with the exception of Eller Road at Old US 52, where it appeared Wildwood Drive had been counted instead.

Council members discussed several intersections they would like to have counted, including Eller Road at Old US 52 (if it had been missed previously), Midway School Road at Old US 52 (noting its importance due to the proximity of three schools and the fire department), and Gumtree Road at Norman Shoaf Road.

Mr. Perkins presented a table indicating the intersections that were requested for Traffic Count and Collision Data for Year 1. The second column has the names of the files received by the MPO for the results of the studies.

It appears that Eller Road was not completed but Wildwood was. Wildwood was not requested, and Mr. Perkins is looking into this to see why this occurred.

Intersection	File Name
Hickory Tree Rd and N Payne Rd	Willow Ridge Ln Payne Rd -- Hickory Tree Rd SR-1508
Hickory Tree Rd and Hartman Rd	Hartman Rd SR-1511 -- Hickory Tree Rd SR-1508
Hickory Tree Rd and David Smith Rd	David Smith Rd SR-1507 -- Hickory Tree Rd SR-1508
Hickory Tree Rd and Old US Hwy 52	Old US Hwy 52 SR-2932 -- Hickory Tree Rd SR-1508
Gumtree Road and Old US Hwy 52	Old US Hwy 52 SR-2932 -- Gumtree Rd SR-171
Eller Road and Old US Hwy 52	<i>* Not complete (Wildwood Only)</i>

On motion by Councilor Jackie Edwards, seconded by Councilor Keith Leonard, Council voted to request traffic counts for Eller Road at Old US Hwy 52, Midway School Road at Old US Hwy 52 and Gumtree Road at Norman Shoaf Road.

PARKING LOT FENCE

Interim Town Manager Hank Perkins presented a quote from Arcadia Fence for \$36,646.00 for fencing around the new parking lot. Mr. Perkins noted that while this fell within the range requiring multiple quotes, the General Statute allows sole sourcing if it makes sense, particularly since Arcadia Fence is the existing fence provider for the rest of the park.

Mayor Pro Tem Mike McAlpine provided background on the fence project, explaining that the proposed fence would include 610 feet of white vinyl fencing with black chain link fence backing, plus an additional 106 feet of wire extending to the gate. Mr. McAlpine noted the fence would be positioned ten feet off the property line to allow utility vehicle access.

Mayor Pro Tem Mike McAlpine discussed the inclusion of a 16-foot aluminum gate coming in from Heritage Oak Farms, explaining that while expensive (approximately \$5,000), it would provide necessary access for heavy vehicles like concrete and gravel trucks without damaging the concrete in the park.

Mayor John Byrum asked whether the Town should get comparison quotes for such a large expenditure. Mayor Pro Tem McAlpine noted that the Town had previously obtained quotes from other vendors for past fence projects, and Arcadia Fence had consistently been the lower bidder.

On motion by Councilor Robin Moon, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mike McAlpine, Council voted unanimously to accept Arcadia Fence bid for park fencing around the new parking lot totaling \$36,646.00.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

TOWN PARK UPDATE

Interim Town Manager Hank Perkins noted that park activity had slowed down during the hot weather in July but was expected to increase as temperatures decreased.

Mayor John Byrum had a brief discussion about planning for the Veteran's Monument ceremony scheduled for Friday, September 19, 2025. Mayor Byrum noted a proposed program had been created, and refreshments would be provided. Council members were encouraged to continue providing input and assistance with the planning.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

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

JULY 2025

Total Income	\$166,972	7.2% of overall budget
Total Expenses	\$69,368	3% of overall budget

REMINDER: ELECTED OFFICIAL DINNER THURSDAY, AUGUST 7, 2025 6:00PM AT WALLBURG TOWN HALL

Town Clerk Ree Goodson reminded Council members of the Elected Officials Dinner scheduled for Thursday, August 7, 2025, at 6:00 PM at the Town of Wallburg Town Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Councilor Jackie Edwards, seconded by Councilor Keith Leonard, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the August 4, 2025 Regular Town Council Meeting.

John Byrum, Mayor

Ree Goodson, Town Clerk