

MINUTES OF MIDWAY TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2026, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT MIDWAY TOWN HALL, 426 GUMTREE ROAD, MIDWAY, NORTH CAROLINA

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

James Smith 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, Robin Moon, Jackie Edwards, Keith Leonard and Berkley Alcorn. Absent: None. Town Manager Brock Hall, Town Clerk Ree Goodson, Finance Officer Linda Hunt and Town Attorney Jim Lanik were present. Absent: None.

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 August 3, 2026 Town Council Regular meeting.

PUBLIC ADDRESS

Mike Davis – 656 Hebron Church Road Winston Salem, NC 27107

Mr. Davis thanked Council for the opportunity to speak on behalf of the Hebron Cemetery Board. Mr. Davis said he and John Grossochme were present to present a proposal that they believe will preserve an important part of Midway's history for generations to come. He stated in 2015, the leadership of Hebron United Church of Christ began looking seriously at the future of the church. Attendance and offerings were declining, and the church was struggling to pay its bills.

Over the next several years, a number of difficult decisions were made.

- In 2016, the property was surveyed into five parcels for potential sale.
- In 2017, the parsonage was sold, and the fellowship hall was rented to Triad Journey Church.
- In 2018, two additional parcels of land were sold.
- In 2020, a decision was made that all proceeds from the sale of the land would be placed into the cemetery fund, with the intention of preserving Hebron Cemetery.
- In 2021, the church was offered for sale to Triad Journey Church, and that sale was completed in 2022.
- Hebron's final service was held on November 22, 2022.

In 2023, the necessary document was completed with the IRS and the State of North Carolina to establish Hebron Cemetery as an incorporated nonprofit and to establish its financial accounts. Since that time, the cemetery has been under the care and management of the Hebron Cemetery Board.

Mr. Davis said the Cemetery Board has carefully considered the future of these funds and has voted to propose transferring them to the stewardship and control of the Midway Town Council.

Mr. Davis said the Board wants to make sure that the money that is set aside for Hebron Cemetery remains dedicated to the Cemetery and is available for its perpetual care.

Mr. Davis said Hebron Cemetery is much more than a piece of property. It is a historic Midway Landmark dating back to 1856. It was originally known as Pleasant Retreat, the home to one of the earliest churches established in the Midway Community.

The Cemetery is also the final resting place of generations of families who established and shaped this community. Among them are members of the Long, Miller, Sink, Nifong, Lambeth, White, Fishel, Livengood, and Foltz families just to name a few.

He said when we preserve Hebron Cemetery, we are preserving the history and stories of the people who came before us.

Mr. Davis said there are thirty-six veterans buried at Hebron Cemetery that served our Country during the Civil War, World War I, World War II, Korean War and Vietnam War.

Mr. Davis stated maintaining their graves and cemetery as a whole is one small but meaningful way our community can continue to honor their service and sacrifice.

John Grossochme – 12518 Old US Hwy 52 Winston Salem, Nc 27107

Mr. Grossochme said he has a personal connection to the area through family history and emphasizing the historical significance of the cemetery, which dates to 1856. He stated that the Cemetery Board's goal was to ensure the long-term financial sustainability of the cemetery's care, which includes grounds maintenance, landscaping, and preservation of monuments.

He stated there are 36 veterans ranging from the Civil War through Vietnam buried at the cemetery, and that the Board wished to honor their service.

Mr. Grossochme clarified that the Town would not be asked to bear any initial financial burden, as the funds already exist, and that the Cemetery Board has agreed to cover any legal expenses related to the transfer. The Board's formal request was for the Council to consider accepting the transfer of cemetery funds and working together to establish an appropriate legal structure for their stewardship.

Mayor John Byrum thanked both speakers. He said while it is not customary for the Council to respond during public address, he acknowledged the significance of the request. Mayor Byrum said the matter would require considerable coordination with Town Staff and the Town Attorney, that no quick decision would be made, and that a conversation would be forthcoming following the meeting.

ADOPT AGENDA

Councilor Robin Moon stated the agenda needs to be amended to add Resolution No. 01-27 Town of Midway Opposition to the Proposed Rezoning of Property on Eller Road item 5. Under VIII. REGULAR BUSINESS.

Mayor Pro Tem Mike McAlpine said the agenda needed to be amended to add:

1. Discussion for Planning and Zoning Board/Board of Adjustment Alternate item 6 Under VIII. REGULAR BUSINESS.
2. Closed Session Under IX Under TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT in accordance with N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(5) matters pertaining to the acquisition of real property.

On motion by Councilor Robin Moon, seconded by Councilor Berkley Alcorn, Council voted unanimously to adopt the amended agenda as presented.

PROCLAMATION – 9/11 DAY OF REMEMBRANCE – 25TH ANNIVERSARY

Mayor John Byrum read the Proclamation proclaiming September 11, 2026, as the 25th Anniversary of the attacks of 9/11.

PROCLAMATION

9/11 DAY OF REMEMBRANCE – 25th ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, in an unprovoked and senseless act of terrorism, four civilian aircraft were hijacked on September 11, 2001, and crashed in New York City, Pennsylvania, and the Pentagon, resulting in a momentous loss of innocent U.S. lives of all heritages; and

WHEREAS, while we still continue to recover from the loss of innocent lives, the spirit of the U.S. has been revitalized, giving way to expressions of patriotism; and

WHEREAS, inspired by the heroism of our nation’s public service personnel, military service members, and countless volunteers, our nation found unity and strength; and

WHEREAS, from the tragedy of September 11 emerged a stronger nation, renewed by the spirit of national pride, and a true love of country; and

WHEREAS, Americans also have fought back against terror by choosing to overcome evil with good by loving their neighbors as they would like to be loved, contributing to relief efforts, and volunteering their time to aid those in need;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, John Byrum, Mayor of the Town of Midway, do hereby proclaim September 11, 2026, as the 25th Anniversary of the attacks of 9/11 and also the 9/11 National Day of Service and Remembrance in the Town of Midway and urge our citizens to recognize the heroism of firefighters, rescue and law enforcement personnel, military service members and the many volunteers who responded to these tragic events with courage, selfless compassion, determination and skill; and to remember the victims and innocent lives lost as a result of the tragic events on September 11, 2001.

Adopted this 8th day of September 2026.

PROCLAMATION – VETERANS SUICIDE AWARENESS & REMEMBRANCE DAY – SEPTEMBER 22, 2026

Mayor John Byrum read the Proclamation proclaiming September 22, 2026, as Veterans Suicide Awareness and Remembrance Day.

PROCLAMATION

TOWN OF MIDWAY, NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 22, 2026, AS

“VETERANS SUICIDE AWARENESS AND REMEMBRANCE DAY”

AND RECOGNIZING THE SUICIDE AWARENESS AND REMEMBRANCE (SAR) FLAG

WHEREAS, military personnel and veterans continue to face a disproportionate risk of death by suicide among the United States population; and

WHEREAS, military and veterans are nearly two times as likely to die by suicide compared to their civilian counterparts, and over 20 veterans and military members die by suicide each day in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the United States has lost over 100,000 veterans to suicide since 2001, and post-9/11 veterans continue to be at the greatest risk to die by suicide among the veteran population; and

WHEREAS, suicide prevention services are vastly underutilized by our military and veterans due to the stigma of mental health, suicide, and seeking treatment within the warrior culture of the military and veterans; and

WHEREAS, the Suicide Awareness and Remembrance Flag (the “SAR Flag”) was created by United States Air Force Veteran Kevin W. Hertell, who lost his cousin, Senior Airman Robert McRae Dean, United States Air Force, to suicide in 2016; and

WHEREAS, the SAR Flag stands as a tangible symbol of hope to living veterans and military members, reminding them that stigma-free treatment is available and that their community stands with them; and

WHEREAS, designating September 22, 2026, as Veterans Suicide Awareness and Remembrance Day will elevate this issue in public consciousness, raise awareness, promote open dialogue about mental health issues among veterans and military members, break down stigmas surrounding seeking help, and ensure that our veterans and military have access to the necessary resources and support without judgment; and

WHEREAS, September is recognized as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, providing an opportune time to focus on the unique challenges faced by those who have served our nation; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Midway recognizes its deep connection to and gratitude for the men and women who have served our country and who call our community home;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the **Town Council** of **Midway**, North Carolina, that:

Section 1. September 22, 2026, is hereby designated as “The Town of Midway’s Veterans Suicide Awareness and Remembrance Day,” a day to forever remember the lives, and honor the service, of those military personnel and veterans who have died by suicide.

Section 2. The Town of Midway commits to raising awareness of veteran and military suicide, breaking the stigma of mental health and seeking treatment within the military community, and ensuring that veterans and military members have access to necessary resources and support without judgment.

Adopted this 8th day of September 2026

Darren Shell a representative from the Suicide Awareness & Remembrance Flag (SAR Flag) organization and the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention addressed the Council following the reading of the Proclamation. Mr. Shell shared that North Carolina lost 122 service members during Operations Iraq Freedom and Enduring Freedom and lost 1,608 veterans to suicide between 2019 and 2023 including two of his close personal friends. Mr. Shell emphasized that the community wins this battle by recognizing warning signs, asking difficult questions, and building connected communities where people are seen and supported before a crisis becomes a tragedy. Mr. Shell said he will accept the proclamation on behalf of all families who have lost veterans to suicide and presented the Town Council with its own SAR Flag.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Mayor Pro Tem Mike McAlpine stated that park-related Committee items would be addressed in the Town Manager's Report. No other Committee reports were offered.

REGULAR BUSINESS

ADOPTION TOWN COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE 2027

Mayor John Byrum asked the Council to review and approve the Meeting Schedule for 2027.

Monday, January 4, 2027	Monday, February 1, 2027	Monday, March 1, 2027
Monday, April 5, 2027	Monday, May 3, 2027	Monday, June 7, 2027
Monday, July 12, 2027*	Monday, August 2, 2027	Tuesday, September 7, 2027**
Monday, October 4, 2027	Monday, November 1, 2027	Monday, December 6, 2027

On motion by Councilor Jackie Edwards, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mike McAlpine, Council voted unanimously to approve the 2027 Town Council Meeting Schedule .

ADOPTION OF TOWN OF MIDWAY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE 2027

Mayor John Byrum asked the Council to review and approve the Holiday Schedule for 2027.

New Year's Day	Friday, January 1, 2027
Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday	Monday, January 18, 2027
Good Friday	Friday, March 26, 2027
Memorial Day	Monday, May 31, 2027
Independence Day	Monday, July 5, 2027
Labor Day	Monday, September 6, 2027
Veteran's Day	Thursday, November 11, 2027
Thanksgiving	Thursday, November 25, 2027
	Friday, November 26, 2027
Christmas	Thursday, December 23, 2027
	Friday, December 24, 2027
	Monday, December 27, 2027

On motion by Councilor Keith Leonard, seconded by Councilor Berkley Alcorn, Council voted unanimously to approve the 2027 Town of Midway Holiday Schedule .

AMENDMENT TO PROJECT ORDINANCE NO. 26-01 FOR PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY – ORDINANCE 27-01

Town Council considered an amendment to the Public Works facility project ordinance No. 27-01 to authorize geotechnical engineering services. Mayor Pro Tem Mike McAlpine stated the motion was conditioned on consulting with the Town Attorney Jim Lanik prior to executing any agreement.

On motion by Mayor Pro Tem Mike McAlpine, seconded by Councilor Keith Leonard, Council voted unanimously to approve the Amendment to Project Ordinance No. 26-01 for Public Works Facility – Ordinance 27-01 in the amount of \$9,615.00 for geotechnical engineering services and authorizing Town Manager Brock Hall to enter into an agreement with Certerra pending consultation with Town Attorney Jim Lanik as presented.

**Ordinance No. 27-02
Amendment No. 1 to Project Ordinance
for The Town of Midway Public Works Facility**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Board of The Town of Midway, North Carolina that, pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following project ordinance is hereby amended:

Section 1: This amended ordinance (original Capital Project Ordinance No. 26-01 adopted April 6, 2026) is to establish a budget for the construction of a Public Works facility. These funds may be used for the following categories of expenditures, to the extent authorized by state law.

1. Preliminary Design
2. Design Development
3. Construction Documentation
4. Bidding
5. Construction Administration

Section 2: Staff, to include the Town Manager and Finance Officer, are authorized to proceed with this project within the terms of all documents and the budget contained herein.

Section 3: The following amounts are appropriated for the project and authorized for expenditure:

Basic Services for Municipal Building/parking (traditional Construction)-	\$97,650.00
Additional Services for two picnic shelters and parking-	\$47,750.00
Geotechnical Engineering-borings-	\$9,615.00
Total-	\$155,015.00

Section 4: The following revenues are anticipated to be available to complete the project(s):

Fund Balance:	\$155,015.00
Total:	\$155,015.00

Section 5: The Finance Officer is hereby directed to maintain sufficient specific detailed accounting records to satisfy the requirements of the financing agreements, and state/federal regulations.

Section 6: Copies of this amendment to the project ordinance shall be furnished to the Budget Officer, the Finance Officer and to the Clerk to the Midway Town Council.

The Town Council of Midway adopted this Amendment to the Project Ordinance for the Public Works Facility on the 8th day of September, 2026.

SHORT TERM DISABILITY & LIFE INSURANCE PROPOSAL

Town Manager Brock Hall stated he has received quotes for Short Term Disability and Life Insurance coverage for employees as outlined in the Personnel Policy. These quotes were reviewed with the Personnel Committee. The recommendation of the Personnel Committee and the Insurance Broker is to approve the quote from Sunlife for both Short-Term Disability and Life Insurance.

Mr. Hall said the monthly premium for Short Term Disability is \$62.00 per employee. The monthly premium for Life Insurance is \$66.74 per employee. Life insurance premiums are reduced when an employee reaches the age of 65 and again at 70. Accidental Death and Dismemberment is included as part of the life insurance package at no additional cost.

Mr. Hall said Sunlife included proposals for Long Term disability as well as Vision and Dental however they were not included in this agenda packet to save space.

On motion by Mayor Pro Tem Mike McAlpine, seconded by Councilor Jackie Edwards, Council voted unanimously to approve Short Term Disability & Life Insurance Proposal with Sun Life as presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 01-27 – TOWN OF MIDWAY OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED REZONING OF PROPERTY ON ELLER ROAD

Town Council discussed and considered Resolution No. 01-27, placing the Town of Midway on record in opposition to a proposed rezoning of property on Eller Road, which is scheduled to go before the Davidson County Board of Commissioners on September 14th. The Davidson County Planning Board had previously voted unanimously to deny the rezoning request.

Town Council had two concerns: the substantive impact of the rezoning on Town residents and the proper protocol for communicating the Town's position to the County. Councilor Robin Moon said that at least two Town residents own land on Eller Road that would be directly affected, and that existing traffic patterns on Eller Road and Midway School Road are already a significant concern.

Mayor John Byrum raised the matter of how the resolution should be delivered to the County, expressing concern about how the County Commissioners would learn of the Town's opposition through a citizen presenting at the public hearing rather than through direct, respectful communication from the Town. Mayor Byrum said that a conversation with a County Commissioner suggested that personal contact from the Council would be well received. Mayor Pro Tem Mike McAlpine stated he agreed with Mayor Byrum, proposing that the County, specifically the County Clerk, be notified directly and in advance of any public hearing, so that Commissioners are not first hearing of the Town's position through a third party.

The Council reached consensus that the appropriate course of action, following adoption of the resolution, would be for individual Council members to make personal telephone calls to the County Commissioners as a courtesy and a show of respect, and that the resolution itself would subsequently be transmitted to the Davidson County Clerk to the Board on Thursday September 10th so it would allow those calls to be made first, so it could be included in the County's agenda packet. Town Manager Brock Hall stated he would check the County Clerk's deadline for packet inclusion and ensure timely delivery.

On motion by Mayor Pro Tem Mike McAlpine, seconded by Councilor Keith Leonard, Council voted unanimously to approve Amendment No. 1 to Project Ordinance No. 26-01 for Public Works Facility – Ordinance No. 27-02 as presented.

PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD/BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT ALTERNATE APPOINTMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Mike McAlpine brought forward the need to fill the vacant alternate position on the Planning and Zoning Board/Board of Adjustment stating the position had been vacant for approximately four months following the resignation of the previous alternate. Mayor Pro Tem McAlpine emphasized the importance of having an alternate in place so the board can maintain a quorum when regular Planning and Zoning Board members are unavailable.

Councilor Jackie Edwards nominated Wayne Beck for the position. No other nominations were offered.

On motion by Councilor Jackie Edwards, seconded by Councilor Keith Leonard, Council voted unanimously to appoint Wayne Beck as Alternate Member on the Planning and Zoning Board/Board of Adjustment as presented.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

TOWN PARK UPDATE

Town Manager Brock Hall said the Town Park recorded 24 reservations in August and 13 so far in September, with reservations slowing as cooler weather arrives.

Mr. Hall confirmed that, following an extended review process, the Town does in fact have an existing termite protection warranty and is current on its annual inspection, and no change in vendor is being recommended at this time.

Mr. Hall stated the swing set chains and swings were recently replaced at a cost lower than anticipated, as the handicap and co-parent swings did not require replacement.

The track expansion around the lower playground is underway, with drainage installation complete. Mr. Hall said materials for the approved polycoat project are pending but work is expected to begin shortly.

Mayor Pro Tem Mike McAlpine stated that fall decorations are being ordered from the Town's supplier, with plans to begin fall installation earlier than the prior year to have the Park looking seasonally festive at the start of fall rather than mid-October.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Town Manager Brock Hall reported that a CD which matured on September 4th yielded approximately \$7,448.00 and will be renewed for six months at an interest rate of 3.75%, which remains above the current money market rate.

Mr. Hall said current investment earnings for the fiscal year stand at \$56,080.45.

Council was provided copies of the monthly financial reports for August 2026 as follows:

August 2026		
Total Income	\$447,805	18.9% of overall budget
Total Expenses	\$191,516	8.1% of overall budget

REMINDER – VISION SESSION – TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2026 AT 6:00PM

Town Manager Brock Hall reminded Council of the next Vision Session on Tuesday, September 22, 2026 at 6:00pm.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

On motion by Mayor Pro Tem Mike McAlpine, seconded by Councilor Keith Leonarsd, Council voted unanimously to recess to closed session in accordance with N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(5) to discuss matters pertaining to acquisition real property.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

John Byrum, Mayor

Ree Goodson, Town Clerk