

MINUTES OF MIDWAY TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 7, 2013 AT 7:00 P.M. AT MIDWAY FIRE AND RESCUE BUILDING, 228 MIDWAY SCHOOL ROAD, MIDWAY, NORTH CAROLINA

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Norman Wilkes called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present.

Councilor John Byrum gave the invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance prior to the opening gavel.

Councilors present were: John Byrum, Mike McAlpine, Robin Moon, Todd Nifong, and Sue Stephens. Absent: None. Town Manager Ryan Ross, Town Attorney Jim Lanik and Town Clerk Linda Hunt were present.

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

No members of press were in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Councilor Todd Nifong, seconded by Councilor Sue Stephens, Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2012 Town Council regular meeting as presented.

PUBLIC ADDRESS

Mr. Randy Lovett, 142 Huntfield Drive, Midway, North Carolina, addressed Town Council to express his concerns regarding the contract with Davidson County for law enforcement services, stating the terms of the contract need to be more specific and the Town needs to have more control over the services being provided by the Sheriff's Department. Mr. Lovett suggested the Town pursue having a law enforcement officer specifically assigned to the Town.

A brief discussion between the Town Council and Mr. Lovett followed.

Mayor Wilkes thanked Mr. Lovett for attending the meeting and voicing his thoughts and concerns to Council. Mayor Wilkes told Mr. Lovett the Council would take his suggestion under consideration and investigate the costs for a deputy assigned exclusively to the Town.

ADOPT AGENDA

Town Manager Ryan Ross requested the agenda be amended as follows:

ADD: Under VII. REGULAR BUSINESS

Item 4. Elected Officials Dinner Hosted by Town of Denton, January 17, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

Item 5. Civil Rights Museum Field Trip

ADD: CLOSED SESSION in accordance with NCGS 143-318.11 (a)(5) for the purpose of discussing acquisition of real property.

On motion by Councilor Byrum, seconded by Councilor Moon, Council voted unanimously to adopt the agenda as amended.

OPENING REMARKS BY MAYOR

Mayor Wilkes told the Council he looks forward to 2013 being a very productive year for the Town.

REGULAR BUSINESS

ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF PLANNING BOARD MEMBER TOM LYNGE

Town Manager Ryan Ross informed Council that Planning Board member Tom Lynge has submitted his letter of resignation from the Planning and Zoning Board to be effective immediately.

On motion by Councilor Byrum, seconded by Councilor Stephens, Town Council voted unanimously to accept the resignation of Tom Lynge from the Town of Midway Planning and Zoning Board effective immediately.

DISCUSSION –TOWN OF MIDWAY PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD ORDINANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Mike McAlpine presented a draft of proposed amendments to the ordinance that established the Town of Midway Planning and Zoning Board, stating it has been brought to his attention that there is a discrepancy in the term limits for Board members as set forth in the ordinance and the terms limits made in the initial appointments. The proposed amendments also include adding an alternate member to the Planning Board. All members and the alternate must reside within the town. When a member of the Board is absent from a meeting, the alternate member would have all the rights, privileges, and duties of a member of the Board. Vacancies occurring for reasons other than expiration of a term will be filled for the unexpired remainder of the term by the alternate member as such vacancies occur. The Town Council would then promptly appoint an alternate member. In the event there is no alternate member to fill a vacancy on the board, the Town Council would promptly fill such vacancies.

Mr. McAlpine told Council he is going to discuss the proposed amendments with the Planning Board at their meeting on January 29th.

This item was review and discussion only.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORTS

STREET LIGHTING OF TOWN THOROUGHFARES

Town Manager Ryan Ross asked Council for their input on the possibility of lighting the roads that lead to the main thoroughfares in the Town. Lighting of the main thoroughfares has already been approved by Council. The roads involved would be: Gumtree Road, Norman Shoaf Road, Midway School Road, David Smith Road, and North Payne Road. Mr. Ross said if Council is interested in pursuing the lighting of those roads, he would contact Duke Energy and consult with John Grey of The Wooten Company engineering consultants to obtain the costs for the additional lighting. Council agreed they were willing for the Town Manager to investigate the lighting and to acquire the estimated costs associated with the additional lighting.

This item was for input and discussion only.

SET DATE FOR JOINT MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL AND PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD FOR LONG-RANGE PLANNING

It was the consensus of Council to set Monday, February 11, 2013 for the joint meeting of the Town Council and the Planning and Zoning Board for long-range planning. Location to be determined.

APPRECIATION DINNER – MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2013 AT 6:30 P.M.

The Appreciation Dinner will be held on Monday, January 28, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. at the Chop House in High Point, North Carolina.

For information only.

ELECTED OFFICIALS DINNER HOSTED BY THE TOWN OF DENTON

The Town of Denton will be hosting the Elected Officials dinner on Thursday, January 17, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. at The Classic Restaurant.

For information only.

CIVIL RIGHTS MUSEUM FIELD TRIP

Town Manager Ryan Ross said he had been approached by a local organization that wants to take a group of students and residents residing in Midway on a field trip to the Civil Rights Museum and is requesting the Town's assistance in funding the cost of transportation to the museum.

Council directed the Town Manager to have the organization submit a grant application for the funds.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

On motion by Mayor Pro Tem Mike McAlpine, seconded by Councilor Stephens, Council voted unanimously to recess to closed session in accordance with NCGS 153-318.11 (a)(b) for the purpose of discussion of acquisition of property.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Councilor Byrum, seconded by Councilor Stephens, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Norman L. Wilkes, Mayor

Linda A. Hunt, Town Clerk