

**MINUTES OF MIDWAY TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP HELD ON APRIL 27, 2015
AT 7:00 P.M. AT TOWN HALL, 125 GUMTREE ROAD, MIDWAY, NORTH CAROLINA**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Norman Wilkes called the meeting to order.

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

Town Accountants Sandra Mock and Mike Boreland of Cannon & Company were also in attendance.

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

No members of press were in attendance.

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

TOWN OF MIDWAY PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016

Town Manager Ryan Ross presented the first draft of the Town of Midway Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 for Council's review and input. No increase in the Town's current tax rate of 5-cents is proposed in the budget.

Projected General Fund Revenues

Total Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 168,000
Sales Tax	\$ 760,000
Intergovernmental Revenues - Utility/Franchise/Solid Waste Taxes	\$ 192,000
Total Other Revenue – Investment Earnings/ Planning Permits/Trees	\$ 10,000
Fund Balance Appropriated*	<u>\$ 1,538,500</u>
 Total General Fund Revenues	 <u>\$ 2,668,500</u>

*The amount of fund balance appropriated could change depending on adjustments Council may decide to make in appropriations and to balance the budget.

No tax increase is included in the proposed budget.

The Town currently has a fund balance of \$3,890,000.

General Fund Appropriations

Governing Board	\$ 41,100
Administration	\$ 682,850
Public Safety	\$ 75,000
Public Works	\$ 702,150
Planning and Zoning	\$ 49,300
Economic Development	\$ 10,000
Debt Service	\$ 177,000
Sewer Extension	<u>\$ 50,000</u>
 Total General Fund Appropriations	 <u>\$ 1,787,400</u>

Funding Highlights

- ❑ Administration - Increase in salaries for new secretarial position
- ❑ Grants – Increase from \$5,000 to \$10,000
- ❑ Beautification Project (road clean-up/signs/lighting)
- ❑ Christmas lights
- ❑ Decorative Signage for New Town Hall and Replacement of Sign on Old Highway 52 at Hickory Tree Road
- ❑ Economic Development
- ❑ New Town Hall – Furnishings/Supplies/Equipment
- ❑ Exterior of Town Hall – Flag pole, sign, lighting/landscaping
- ❑ Town Property – Grading/parking lot/tree removal
- ❑ Debt Service - Includes additional \$50,000 payment on principal

Brief Summary of Discussion

Councilor Byrum questioned how the Town stood on collection of tap and capital recovery fees. Town Manager Ryan Ross answered that there are no outstanding monies due.

Mayor Wilkes appealed to Council to consider including funds for the large decorative fountain he had proposed at the March 31, 2015 Town Council Joint Planning Meeting with the Planning and Zoning Board.

Council was in agreement to partner with the North Carolina Department of Transportation (DOT) on the clean-up of the Hickory Tree Road/Fred Sink Road area and replacement of the fence meeting DOT requirements.

Councilor Moon said he would like to see the Town contract with or hire someone to keep the trash picked up along the roadways in Midway.

Mayor Pro Tem Mike McAlpine stated he felt the amount of funding the in beautification projects could be reduced.

Mayor Wilkes had previously submitted drawings for a new design for the signs at the new Town Hall and for the replacement of the current sign on Old Highway 52 at Hickory Tree Road. Council agreed to keep the current design for decorative signage; however, they did agree the sign on Old Highway 52 at Hickory Tree Road needs to be larger.

Councilor Moon said he was doing some research on his own regarding funds for Economic Development and he still has one other person he needs to speak with before making his final decision. He will be prepared to give his answer at the May 4th regular Town Council meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Mike McAlpine said he would like to see the amount appropriated from fund balance reduced.

Town Manager Ryan Ross will present the updated version of the proposed budget at the May 4, 2015 regular Town Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Norman L. Wilkes, Mayor

Linda A. Hunt, Town Clerk