

**MINUTES OF MIDWAY TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON APRIL 6, 2015
AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE MIDWAY FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT, 228 MIDWAY SCHOOL
ROAD IN MIDWAY, NORTH CAROLINA**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Norman Wilkes called the meeting to order.

Mayor Wilkes had some dental work done the day of the meeting making it difficult for him to speak and he asked Mayor Pro Tem Mike McAlpine to preside over the meeting.

Pastor Jason Holly of Hanes Baptist Church located at 4210 Sabrina Lake Road, Winston-Salem, NC gave the invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance prior to the opening gavel.

Councilors present were: Mike McAlpine, John Byrum, Keith Leonard, Robin Moon and Todd Nifong. 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 John Byrum, Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2015 Town Council regular meeting as presented.

PUBLIC ADDRESS

There were none.

ADOPT AGENDA

Councilor Todd Nifong requested the agenda be amended to include an update on Town Hall as Item 3 under VII. REGULAR BUSINESS.

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

OPENING REMARKS BY MAYOR

There were none.

REGULAR BUSINESS

U.S. MOTTO ACTION COMMITTEE PRESENTATION

Mr. Rick Lanier, Co-Founder and Vice Chairman of the US Motto Action Committee, had submitted a request to appear before Town Council to urge Council to approve placement of the national motto, "In God We Trust", on Midway's new Town Hall.

Mr. Lanier previously served on the Davidson County Board of Commissioners from 1998-2002. Mr. Lanier stated he led the Board of Commissioners to vote in favor of displaying "In God We Trust" on the exterior of the Governmental Center and soon after that, several other surrounding cities and counties joined in doing the same.

To encourage other cities and counties to follow suit, the US Motto Action Committee was formed with the sole purpose to be to promote patriotism by encouraging elected officials to “Vote Yes” to display “In God We Trust” in and on their governmental buildings.

Mr. Lanier provided a brief summary of the history of the national motto:

- These words have been used on U. S. Currency since 1864.
- These words are engraved above the entrance of the U. S. Senate Chamber as well as above the Speaker’s Seat in the U. S. House of Representatives.
- On July 30, 1956, during the Dwight D. Eisenhower administration, the U. S. Congress adopted “In God We Trust” as the official National Motto of the United States of America. Thus, displaying the motto is a legal right, protected by the first amendment.
- On November 1, 2011, the U. S. House of Representatives voted overwhelmingly, 396 – 9, to reaffirm “In God We Trust” as our nation’s motto. The resolution specifically encourages the placement of the motto in and on all governmental buildings from courthouses to school classrooms.
- A recent survey shows that 87% of all Americans still support the display of our National Motto.

Mr. Lanier further stated that as a grassroots patriotic movement, the U. S. Motto Action Committee stands on solid legal ground. Since Davidson County paved the way, not one legal challenge has been raised against any city or county that has “Voted Yes”. He said this effort is legal and there is nothing to challenge.

Mr. Lanier stated the Action committee would incur the full cost of this display on the Midway Town Hall and he encouraged Town Council adopt a resolution supporting the display of the National Motto, “In God We Trust” in a prominent location at Town Hall in Midway.

On motion by Councilor John Byrum, seconded by Councilor Robin Moon, Council voted unanimously to adopt the Resolution by the Council of the Town of Midway in Davidson County, State of North Carolina, Supporting the Display of the National Motto, “In God We Trust”, in a Prominent Location on the exterior of the Town of Midway Town Hall in Midway, North Carolina.

RESOLUTION
BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIDWAY,
DAVIDSON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
SUPPORTING THE DISPLAY OF THE NATIONAL MOTTO
“IN GOD WE TRUST”
IN A PROMINENT LOCATION ON THE EXTERIOR OF TOWN HALL
IN THE TOWN OF MIDWAY,
NORTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS, “In God We Trust” became the United States national motto on July 30, 1956, shortly after our nation led the world through the trauma of World War III, and

WHEREAS, the words have been used on U.S. currency since 1864, and

WHEREAS, the same inspiring slogan is engraved above the entrance to the Senate Chamber as well as above the Speaker’s dais in the House of Representatives, and

WHEREAS, in both war and peace, these words have been a profound source of strength and guidance to many generations of Americans, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Midway desires to display this patriotic motto in a way to solemnize public occasions and express confidence in our society.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Midway, does hereby resolve as follows:

Section 1. That the Town Council of the Town of Midway, North Carolina, does hereby determine that the historic and patriotic words of our national motto, “In God We Trust”, shall be permanently and prominently displayed on the exterior of the Town of Midway Town Hall in Midway, North Carolina.

Section 2. That the Town Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and enter it into the book of Resolutions.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Midway, North Carolina held on April 5, 2015.

PERSONNEL POLICY

At the last regular Town Council meeting on March 2, 2015, Mayor Pro Tem Mike McAlpine, Chairman of the Personnel Policy Committee, distributed copies of the final draft of the proposed Personnel Policy to the Council for their review and input. The Personnel Policy Committee was responsible for gathering information and drafting the policy. Members of the Personnel Policy Committee are Mayor Pro Tem Mike McAlpine acting as Chairman, Councilor Keith Leonard, Jackie Edwards, Town Manager Ryan Ross, Town Attorney Jim Lanik, and Town Clerk Linda A. Hunt.

The proposed Personnel Policy was discussed during the Joint Meeting of Town Council and the Planning Board that was held on Tuesday, March 31, 2015. Following the discussion, it was the consensus of Council to place the Personnel Policy on the agenda for the April 5, 2015 regular Town Council meeting for action.

Town Attorney Jim Lanik stated that while some changes in the wording in Subsection D. Drug/Alcohol Screening under Section III. Standards of Employment may need to be made, the Personnel Policy can be adopted as presented and amended at a later date.

On motion by Councilor Todd Nifong, seconded by Councilor Keith Leonard, Council voted unanimously to adopt the Personnel Policy for the Town of Midway as presented.

TOWN HALL

Councilor Nifong gave the following update on the project to Town Council:

- ❑ Approved Change Order #3 to paint the bricks on the exterior of the building.
- ❑ Approved Change Order #4 to level the carport that will be enclosed and used as additional space in Town Hall.
- ❑ Requested Council’s input on painting or staining the interior doors. Contractor Frank Thomas recommends staining the doors.
- ❑ Project is ahead of schedule.
- ❑ Heating and air conditioning work completed. Waiting on inspection.

- ❑ Framing on the outside of the structure has begun.

For information only.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORTS

YMCA SURVEY

Town Manager Ryan Ross distributed copies of information regarding the survey that is currently being conducted by the YMCA to gather information from the residents in northern Davidson County to help assess the needs and support of the communities in the area. This includes those who live and work in Arcadia, Midway, Reedy Creek, Wallburg and Welcome. Copies of the survey have been distributed to area schools, churches, businesses, etc. The survey has been posted online and Mr. Ross has also posted the survey on the Town's website.

The YMCA Community Needs Assessment explains the reason for survey as follows:

At the Y, strengthening community is our cause. The Y has listened and responded to communities' most critical social needs for more than 160 years, and we're determined to keep doing it. Based on this community needs assessment, the J. Smith Young YMCA in Lexington and members of the Northern Davidson County YMCA Research Committee will discuss potential new programs and services that address critical issues in the areas of youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility. Your responses are not individually tracked and are kept confidential and it should take no more than 5 minutes of your time to take this survey.

If residents have any questions about this survey, they may contact Gene Klump, J. Smith Young YMCA CEO at 336-249-2177 or by email at gene@lexingtonymca.com or Randy Turner, Committee Chairman at 336-731-5246 or by email at randy.turner@walkerfirst.com.

Residents must be at least 18 years old to complete the survey.

The survey addresses the most pressing needs of adults, youth and teens and demographic information.

Town Manager Ryan Ross commented that he felt raising enough funds to build the satellite YMCA would be the hurdle to overcome.

For information only.

CLEAN-UP OF AREA FROM FRED SINK ROAD TO THE BRIDGE

This item was discussed at the Joint Meeting of the Town Council and the Planning Board held on Tuesday, March 31, 2015 and will be placed as an item on the agenda for the Budget Workshop.

SET DATE FOR BUDGET WORKSHOP

On motion by Councilor Todd Nifong, seconded by Councilor John Byrum, Council voted unanimously to set Monday, April 27, 2015 at for the Town Council Budget Workshop to begin at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall, 125 Gumtree Road in Midway, North Carolina.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Norman L. Wilkes, Mayor

Linda A. Hunt, Town Clerk