

**MINUTES OF MIDWAY TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON APRIL 7, 2014
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE MEETING ROOM AT THE 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 Keith Leonard gave the invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance prior to the opening gavel.

Councilors present were: Mike McAlpine, John Byrum, Keith Leonard, and Robin Moon. Absent: Todd Nifong. 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 Mayor Pro Tem Mike McAlpine, seconded by Councilor Robin Moon, Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2014 Town Council Planning Workshop as presented.

On motion by Councilor John Byrum, seconded by Councilor Keith Leonard, Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2014 Town Council Regular meeting as presented.

PUBLIC ADDRESS

Mr. Dan Wishnietsky, 300 Bent Oak Road, addressed the Council to express his concerns regarding the Council's plans for the Town's property on Gumtree Road, especially the possibility of renovating the house located on the property to be used as the new town hall. Mr. Wishnietsky urged Council to please give careful consideration as they go through the planning process to be sure that what they decide is what's best for the Town. Mr. Wishnietsky said that if it is decided to renovate the house, he would strongly recommend that Council set a budget and not go over that amount.

ADOPT AGENDA

Town Manager Ryan Ross asked the agenda be amended to add an Item 3. Abandoned Mobile Homes on Bobby Willard Road and Abandoned Building on Spry Road under IX. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORTS.

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

OPENING REMARKS BY MAYOR

Mayor Norman Wilkes reminded Council of the Elected Officials Dinner on Thursday, April 24, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. being hosted by Thomasville. Mayor Wilkes announced he would be riding in the Welcome Easter Parade on behalf of the Town.

PROCLAMATION

SPRING LITTER SWEEP

Councilor Robin Moon read the proclamation declaring April 26 – May 10, 2014 as “Spring Litter Sweep” time Councilor Robin Moon in the Town of Midway and encouraging Midway citizens to take an active role in making the community cleaner.

Mayor Wilkes asked Council who would be willing to coordinate the Spring Litter Sweep this year. Councilor Byrum and Mayor Pro Tem McAlpine agreed to work together in getting the event organized.

REGULAR BUSINESS

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PRESERVING THE COUNTY PROPERTY TAX RATE BY APPROVING REFERENDUM ON ONE-QUARTER CENT (1/4 OF ONE CENT) COUNTY SALES AND USE TAX

On motion by Councilor John Byrum, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mike McAlpine, Council voted unanimously to adopt the Resolution in Support of Preserving the County Property Tax Rate by Approving Referendum on one-quarter (1/4 of one cent) County Sales and Use Tax.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF DAVIDSON
TOWN OF MIDWAY

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
PRESERVING THE COUNTY PROPERTY TAX RATE
BY APPROVING REFERENDUM ON ONE-QUARTER CENT (1/4 OF ONE CENT)
COUNTY SALES AND USE TAX

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Midway adopted a Resolution of Support for Construction of a New High School in Northern Davidson County on June 3, 2013 and formally presented the resolution to the Davidson County Board of Commissioners on July 11, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Davidson County Board of Commissioners has considered alternative revenue sources to pay for new school construction, economic development and other county capital projects; and

WHEREAS, the cost of such necessary school construction and other capital projects could require a significant increase to the county’s existing ad valorem tax rate and could unduly burden property owners in Davidson County; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of North Carolina General Statute §163-287 and §105-537 authorize county boards of commissioners to levy a one-quarter cent (1/4 of a cent) county sales and use tax, contingent on an advisory referendum in which the majority of those casting ballots voted for the levy of the tax; and

WHEREAS, the passage of the one-quarter cent (1/4 of a cent) county sales and use tax would help to prevent an increase in the property tax burden on homeowners and local businesses and encourage economic development while providing for the educational needs of the children of Davidson County and the demands for new classroom space; and

WHEREAS, the levy of such a one-quarter cent sales and use tax would provide sufficient revenue for the anticipated debt service for such proposed school construction and would enable the

County to continue necessary repairs and improvements to other school facilities and meet its other capital needs; and

WHEREAS, it is the considered judgment of the Board of Commissioners that the levy of a one-quarter cent sales and use tax would be the most fiscally prudent and appropriate manner in which to finance the needs of local schools and meet other capital needs of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Board has directed the county board of elections to conduct an advisory referendum on the 6th day of May, 2014, on the question of to levy the one-quarter cent (1/4 of one cent) County Sales and Use Tax in Davidson County; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners further reviewed and approved an informational flyer that will be distributed to the voters of the County to present questions and answers concerning the one-quarter cent (1/4 of one cent) sales tax proposal to fund education in Davidson County; and

WHEREAS, by this resolution the Town Council of the Town of Midway does indicate its support for approval of the one-quarter cent (1/4 of one cent) sales tax proposed on the May 6, 2014 referendum.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

- 1) That the Town Council of the Town of Midway encourages the voters of Davidson County to review the informational flyer that presents questions and answers on the one-quarter cent (1/4 of one cent) sales tax proposal; and
- 2) Further, that the Town Council of the Town of Midway endorses and supports the passage of the referendum for the sales tax and encourages the voters of Davidson County to vote for the local sales and use tax at the rate of one-quarter cent (1/4 of one cent) on the May 6, 2014 referendum.

This the 7th day of April, 2014.

POWELL BILL

Town Manager Ryan Ross informed Council that the deadline for applying for Powell Bill (Street-Aid) Funds is April 14, 2014.

Council briefly discussed their positions on Powell Bill funding. Councilors Moon and Byrum are in favor while Councilor Nifong and Mayor Pro Tem Mike McAlpine are not in favor of applying for Powell Bill funds. Councilor Leonard is undecided.

No action taken. Discussion only.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORTS

REMINDER - TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP – APRIL 14, 2014 AT 6:00 P.M.

Town Manager Ryan Ross reminded Council of the Budget Workshop scheduled on Monday, April 14, 2014, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall.

APPOINTMENT OF PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD REGULAR MEMBERS AND ALTERNATE MEMBER

Town Manager Ryan Ross reminded Council that currently there are two vacancies on the Planning and Zoning Board/Board of Adjustment.

- One to replace a member
- One to replace Alternate member

In addition, the following terms expired on March 31, 2014:

- Charles Waddell
- LeeAnn Thomas
- Jamie Hester (filled unexpired term of Keith Leonard)

It was the consensus of Council to place the appointments/reappointments to the Planning and Zoning Board/Board of Adjustment on the May 5, 2014 agenda for action.

CAPITAL RECOVERY FEES FOR FUTURE SEWER LINES

Town Manager Ryan Ross stated the The Wooten Company engineering firm has agreed to provide its services in determining an estimated cost to extend the sewer line to the proposed new road at Exit 100 on US Highway 52, which could be used as a basis for establishing the capital recovery fee for future sewer lines.

Mayor Pro Tem Mike McAlpine said he would like to go ahead and get the fees ready and get the fee structure in place. He suggested that possibly he and Councilor Byrum could meet with John Grey of The Wooten Company prior to Council's meeting in May to discuss the details.

For information only.

ABANDONED MOBILE HOMES ON BOBBY WILLARD ROAD AND ABANDONED BUILDING ON SPRY ROAD

Town Manager Ryan Ross stated the owners of the properties listed above have been sent letters notifying them that they are in violation of the Town's ordinance pertaining to Condemnation, Repair, and Demolition of Unsafe Structures. Both properties have been determined to be health and safety hazards. Mr. Ross said the Town will have to follow the Health Department process.

For information only.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Mayor Pro Tem Mike McAlpine, seconded by Councilor Nifong, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Norman L. Wilkes, Mayor

Linda A. Hunt, Town Clerk