

MINUTES OF MIDWAY TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 2, 2013, AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE MIDWAY FIRE AND RESCUE BUILDING, 228 MIDWAY SCHOOL ROAD IN MIDWAY, NORTH CAROLINA

CALL TO ORDER

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

Mayor Wilkes gave the invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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.

Others present: Senator Stan Bingham and newly-elected Town Councilor Keith A. Leonard.

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

PUBLIC ADDRESS

There were none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Councilor Byrum, seconded by Councilor Stephens, Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2013 Town Council meeting.

ADOPT AGENDA

Councilor Todd Nifong requested the agenda be amended to add Item 2. Request for Additional Town Council Meeting in December 2013 under VIII. REGULAR BUSINESS.

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

REGULAR BUSINESS

PART ONE - INAUGURATION AND ORGANIZATION OF TOWN COUNCIL

Mayor Norman Wilkes called on North Carolina State Senator Stan Bingham to administer the oaths of office for the Town's newly-elected officials.

OATH OF OFFICE – TOWN COUNCIL

Senator Stan Bingham administered the oaths of office for the following newly-elected Councilors.

John E. Byrum took his oath of office as Town Councilor for the Town of Midway. His term will expire December 2017.

Robin S. Moon took his oath of office as Town Councilor for the Town of Midway. His term will expire December 2017.

Keith A. Leonard took his oath of office as Town Councilor for the Town of Midway. His term will expire December 2017.

Senator Bingham stated he appreciated the opportunity to administer the oaths of office and congratulated the newly-elected Council members. Senator Bingham said he looked forward to working with them in the future.

SEATING OF TOWN COUNCIL

Councilor Keith Leonard took his seat at the table that was vacated by former Councilor Sue Stephens. The other seating for the Town Council remained the same.

ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO-TEM AND OATH OF OFFICE

Mayor Norman Wilkes opened the floor for nominations for election of the Mayor Pro-Tem.

Councilor Nifong nominated Mike McAlpine to serve as Mayor Pro Tem.

There being no further nominations, Mayor Wilkes closed the floor for nominations.

On motion by Councilor Nifong, seconded by Councilor Byrum, Council voted unanimously to elect Michael D. McAlpine as Mayor Pro-Tem.

North Carolina State Senator Stan Bingham administered the oath of office for Mayor Pro-Tem to Michael D. McAlpine.

RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING TOWN COUNCILOR SUE STEPHENS

Mayor Wilkes presented Sue Stephens with a plaque in recognition of her years of service on the Town Council and the Midway Planning and Zoning Board.

Ms. Stephens said she was honored to have served the Town of Midway.

PUBLIC ADDRESS

There were none.

REGULAR BUSINESS – PART TWO

APPOINTMENT TO PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD/BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Town Manager Ryan Ross stated that with the election of former Planning Board member Keith Leonard to Town Council, a replacement is needed to fill his seat on the Planning Board. Mr. Ross recommended Council appoint Ms. Jamie Hester to fill the vacant seat on the Board, noting that currently Ms. Jamie Hester serves as an alternate on the Board. Ms. Hester is in agreement with the recommendation.

It was the consensus of Council to appoint Jamie Hester as a full voting member of the Midway Planning and Zoning Board/Board of Adjustment. Her term will expire February 28, 2014 at which time she will be eligible for reappointment.

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING IN DECEMBER TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM THE HOUSE RENOVATIONS COMMITTEE

This item was added to the agenda at the time of its adoption.

Councilor Todd Nifong, who serves as Chairman of the House Renovations Committee, stated the Committee is ready to present its report to Town Council and he would like for Council to schedule an additional meeting this month to receive the report prior to the New Year.

A brief discussion about available meeting dates was held.

On motion by Councilor Nifong, seconded by Councilor Robin Moon, Council voted unanimously to set the additional meeting for Monday, December 30, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORTS

UPDATE ON STREETLIGHTS – HICKORY TREE ROAD AND U.S.HIGHWAY 52 INTERCHANGE

Town Manager Ryan Ross reported he had received a letter from Pat Ivey, Division Engineer, with the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), notifying him that the Town's request for interchange lighting on US Highway 52 at Hickory Tree Road has been denied. Based on a review by the NCDOT Roadway Design Unit – Special Design Section in Raleigh, interchange lighting at this location is neither warranted nor justified at this time. However, the Department may allow interchange lighting to be installed at this location if the Town of Midway can secure funding for the initial construction, estimated at \$300,000, and be responsible for annual maintenance and power costs for the system.

Mr. Ross stated that State Senator Stan Bingham believes he can obtain the necessary funds for the interchange lighting through the State Revolving Grant Program. The Town will need to submit a resolution adopted by Council to formally request the funds from the State. In addition, the Davidson County Board of Commissioners will be requested to support the Town's request by adoption of a resolution of support of the Town's request for the funds to install the interchange lighting.

For information only.

RECYCLING

Town Manager Ryan Ross reported that from January 1, 2013 to November 1, 2013, the Town has recycled 608,320 pounds (304.16 tons), saving the Town \$10,949.76 in tipping fees this year.

For information only.

TOWN HALL CLOSINGS

Town Hall will be closed in observance of the following holidays as indicated below:

- December 24, 25, 26, 2013 – Christmas
- January 1, 2014 – New Year's Day

ADJOURNMENT

Prior to adjournment, Mayor Norman Wilkes wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

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

Norman Wilkes, Mayor

Linda A. Hunt, Town Clerk