MINUTES OF THE MIDWAY CITY COUNCIL

(Work Meeting)

Tuesday, 4 February 2025, 5:00 p.m. Midway Community Center, Council Chambers 160 West Main Street, Midway, Utah

Note: Notices/agendas were posted at 7-Eleven, The Market Express, the United States Post Office, the Midway City Office Building, and the Midway Community Center. Notices/agendas were provided to the Mayor, City Council, City Engineer, City Attorney, Planning Director, and The Wasatch Wave. The public notice/agenda was published on the Utah State Public Notice Website and on the City's website. A copy of the public notice/agenda is contained in the supplemental file for the meeting.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:11 p.m.

Members Present

Celeste Johnson, Mayor
Jeff Drury, Council Member (Arrived at 5:22 p.m.
Lisa Orme, Council Member
Kevin Payne, Council Member
Craig Simons, Council Member
JC Simonsen, Council Member

Staff Present

Corbin Gordon, City Attorney Michael Henke, City Planning Director Wes Johnson, City Engineer Camille Palmer, Mayor's Assistant Katie Villani, City Planner Brad Wilson, City Recorder

Note: A copy of the meeting roll is contained in the supplemental file for the meeting.

2. TAP Tax / Awards (Mayor Johnson – Approximately 60 minutes) – Discuss awarding Trails, Arts, and Parks (TAP) tax revenue to various applicants.

The Council, staff, and meeting attendees discussed the following items:

- The application process for TAP Tax money needed to be more consistent.
- Changes were needed to protect privacy.
- The Council did not need to approve any applications that night.
- The application should note that money might not be awarded even if it had been in the past.
- Some applications needed more detail.
- Requests should be presented and then the Council should have time to consider them.
- Staff could rank and aggregate the applications for the Council's consideration.
- The Council might not like a portion of an applicant's budget.

- Questionable items in an application should be noted.
- Requests to purchase equipment should be scrutinized. How beneficial would the purchase be to Midway's community over the long term?
- An applicant should submit their entire budget.
- Applications supporting Midway talent and events should have priority.

Note: Council Member Drury arrived at 5:22 p.m.

- One pending applicant requested funding by February 2nd. Another applicant requested funding by April.
- Future applicants would be judged by the same criteria.
- \$82,000 in total was requested by the pending applicants.
- The City had \$103,000 available.
- Excess TAP Tax money was moved to the Capital Improvement Projects Fund at the end of each fiscal year. This helped the City remain within reserve limits in the General Fund. Excess money probably could not be put in escrow to remain in the General Fund but not effect reserve limits.
- The pending applications were from the previous year.
- Applicants awarded money now needed to sign a contract.
- Rules should not be changed during the application process.
- The Council should decide during the budget process how much of the tax money it needed and how much it should award to applicants.
- Two council members should review the pending applications with the Mayor and staff.
- The City should consider how other local governments awarded tax funds.
- The City did not need to fund all the applications.
- The arts were usually not profitable.
- Some events would be held every year with applicants applying every year.
- Applications would be returned if they were not complete.

3. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Ceteste Johnson Mayor

Brad Wilson Recorder