

**MINUTES OF THE  
MIDWAY CITY COUNCIL  
(Work Meeting)**

**Tuesday, 19 September 2023, 5:00 p.m.  
Midway Community Center, Council Chambers  
160 West Main Street, Midway, Utah**

**Note:** Notices/agendas were posted at 7-Eleven, Ridley's Express, the United States Post Office, the Midway City Office Building, and the Midway Community Center. Notices/agendas were provided to the 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 the City's website. A copy of the public notice/agenda is contained in the supplemental file.

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. She excused Council Member Drury.

**Members Present:**

Celeste Johnson, Mayor  
Steve Dougherty, Council Member  
Lisa Orme, Council Member  
Kevin Payne, Council Member  
JC Simonsen, Council Member

**Staff Present:**

Corbin Gordon, Attorney  
Michael Henke, Planning Director  
Wes Johnson, Engineer  
Shane Owens, Public Works Assistant Crew  
Chief  
Brad Wilson, Recorder

**Members Excused:**

Jeff Drury, Council Member

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

**2. Pickleball and Sports Courts / Regulations (City Planner – Approximately 30 minutes) –**  
Discuss possible regulations on pickleball and sports courts.

Michael Henke gave a presentation regarding pickleball and sports courts and reviewed the following items:

- Inventory of private courts
- Concerns
- Possible regulations

**Note:** A copy of Mr. Henke's presentation is contained in the supplemental file.

Mayor Johnson made the following comments:

- Recommended regulations because of anecdotal situations and a friend who had multiple neighbors with courts.
- The regulations would protect residents from each other.
- Court lights could be prohibited.
- Park City eliminated courts by requiring a 600-foot setback.
- Some people charged for the use of their courts.

Council Member Dougherty made the following comments:

- From his house he could hear people playing pickleball.
- The sound of pickleball was more obnoxious than construction noise.
- Pickleball should be restricted to certain times of the day.
- It would still be heard even with large setbacks.
- Every driveway was a potential sports court.
- People lit up their homes to show them off.
- Court regulations were not self-enforcing. How would the City enforce them?

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

- Would the City require that any existing court lights be removed?
- More options would be available to the City through a permitting process.
- Any regulations should be fair and even-handed. They should apply to all sports.
- Limiting lighting and having setbacks were viable options.
- Courts should be allowed if the property owner had a lot of space.
- Court fencing was higher than the allowed six feet.
- Regulations were for people who did not do what they should do. They could be adopted and then refined over time.
- Setbacks would have limited utility.

The Council asked staff to come back with regulation options.

**3. Traffic Calming / Enforcement** (Mayor Johnson – Approximately 30 minutes) – Discuss traffic calming and enforcement.

Mayor Johnson reviewed the following items:

- Spring City's one person police force
- Law enforcement backup
- Dispatch
- Policy manual

Mayor Johnson also made the following comments:

- The Council opted to use the money from an increase in the law enforcement contract for something more effective.
- Heber City was willing to consider backing up an officer hired by Midway.

- Heber City or Wasatch County could process any tickets issued in Midway.
- Emergency calls would be handled by Wasatch County.
- Multiple solutions could be tried at the same time.
- The issue could be addressed with the County Council.
- Residents thought that the City eliminated all law enforcement.

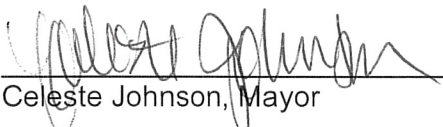
The Council, staff, and meeting attendees discussed the following items:

- More than one officer would be needed for around-the-clock coverage.
- There would be additional costs for law enforcement like equipment.
- The City had a lot of tourists and part-time residents. Even two officers would not be sufficient.
- The problems between the City and the Sheriff's Department should be resolved.
- The City would have paid \$300,000 to the Sheriff's Department for less than one deputy.
- The City was not receiving the hours that it paid for with the Sheriff's Department.
- Streets could be better designed to calm traffic. This had been done in other municipalities.
- The roundabouts on River Road had diverted truck traffic to Center Street.
- Center Street was unsafe.
- The City was doing a study that included traffic calming.
- Traffic tubes could be used annually to determine progress.
- Road striping could be adjusted to help with speeding.
- North Center Street would be the next road improvement project.
- A child had been hit while crossing a street in Heber City.
- A pedestrian crossing and crossing guard were needed by the Midway Elementary School. The school should be contacted to help address the issue.
- The Council would fail as public servants if it did not address the safety of its streets.

The Council agreed to further pursue the City having police officers.

#### 4. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

  
 Celeste Johnson, Mayor

  
 Brad Wilson, Recorder