

Middlesex Governing Body Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2019

Mayor Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:30pm and gave the invocation. Members present were Commissioners J.W. McClenny, Danny Alford, and Cherrye Davis, Ann Lewis and Harold Meacombs. Police Chief Mike Collins was present. Public Works Supervisor James Liles was present. A representative from the ***The Zebulon Times & The Wilson Times were present.*** There was 5 other guest.

The February meeting minutes were approved as presented in a motion by Commissioner McClenny and seconded by Commissioner Davis and the motion was carried unanimously.

The meeting agenda was approved in a motion by Commissioner Meacombs and seconded by Commissioner Alford and the vote was unanimous.

Gloria Vinson, The Town Clerk, reviewed the February financials, which were unanimously approved as presented in a motion by Commissioner Meacombs and seconded by Commissioner Lewis. The vote was unanimous.

The painting of the water tower process has begun. The mayor is going to call about the police department roof repairs. It has been delayed because of the weather. Mayor Lewis spoke with some potential builders with interest about building new houses in town. Mr. Stephen Hall is in the process of remodeling the trailer park on South Chestnut Street. Lord knows the weather has not been good for ya'll Mayor Lewis commented. Next month Envirolink will be starting on the AIA grant process so you might notice or be seeing some workers in the town jetting sewer lines and inspecting manholes. We have two good prospects about buying the shell building but no takers as of yet. The dental office is still available with a couple of potential people looking at it but no rental or purchase yet.

Commissioner J.W. McClenny commented on a 1951 map of the town that was presented for the town hall to hang. Mayor Lewis commented that it is a good compliment for the room.

Commissioner Lewis added that if anyone did not get over to the Middlesex/Bailey Senior Center they should go and that it had a good crowd for the grand opening on Friday March 8th. It has a lot to offer.

In old business, FYI on the 2019 grant request that was proposed at our January 14th town meeting to the board has been amended from \$82,923 to \$314,176.25. Mayor Lewis presented a 2019 grant request item form listing 11 requested items. The amended proposal, valued at \$314,176, includes additional “wish list” items such as Bandit chipper with holding box, \$39,023.60, a 100-kilowatt, \$29,371.03, Massey Ferguson GC 1705 4x4 tractor with 60-inch mower, \$11,635.75, 2 Kubota zero turn mowers, \$12,703.25, 4000psi Jetter, \$25,368.00, 2019 Chevrolet 4wd truck, \$27,635.70, 2019 Ford F-150 4wd Crew-cab truck, \$43,323.00, playground equipment, \$51,512.69, three 3-Phase generators, totaling \$70,768.44, with taxes, tags, and other fees including attorney fees, \$2,834.79. Commissioner Meacombs moved to amend the motion from the January meeting to read apply for \$314,176.25 instead of \$82,923. Commissioner Alford seconded and it was carried unanimously. A public hearing will be scheduled for our April monthly meeting for public comments about the new grant funds requested before our regularly scheduled meeting.

In new business, Commissioner Meacombs made a motion to schedule a budget workshop after the April 8th board meeting, to start work on the 2019-2020 budget. Commissioner Lewis seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

Mayor Lewis opened the floor for public comment. There were two public comments at this time.

The motion to go into closed session to discuss an employee review was made by Commissioner Alford and seconded by Commissioner McClenny. The motion was carried unanimously.

Back in open session, Commissioner Lewis made the motion to hire the Public Works worker Cody Wilson from Part-time to a Full-time position at 12.50 an hour with benefits with another review at budget time. Commissioner McClenny seconded and the motion was unanimous.

With no further business, Commissioner Meacombs moved to adjourn. Commissioner McClenny seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Gloria Vinson, Town Clerk/Finance Officer

Mayor Luther H. Lewis, Jr.

Commissioners

Ann Lewis

Danny Alford

Cherrye Davis

J.W. McClenny

Harold Meacombs