

Middlesex Governing Body Meeting Minutes
April 08, 2019

Mayor Lewis called the public hearing meeting to order for public comments concerning the \$314,176.25 grant request. Mayor Lewis discussed in full detail all the grants that we have received and applied for during this meeting. See page 1202b for complete details on the grants that the town has received and also applied for. We only had one person from the public to comment on the grant. Becky Strickland expressed her concerns for the amount of the grant and what it was being asked for. She felt that the town did not need some of the equipment or vehicles that were on the grant. Thought it was unnecessary. With no other comments Mayor Lewis declared the public hearing meeting closed.

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. Commissioner Meacombs was not present. Police Chief Mike Collins was present. Public Works Supervisor James Liles was present. A representative from ***the Southern Times & The Wilson Times were present.*** There were 4 other guests.

John Anthony, a certified public accountant with Anthony & Tabb, P.A. was present and gave a report on the 2017-2018 audit. The general fund experienced a \$94,000 increase in unrestricted cash from \$609,000 in 2017 to \$704,000 in 2018. The Water and Sewer fund experienced a more modest increase, from \$583,000 in 2017 to \$592,000 in 2018. John stated that the audit was late this year due to a life threatening illness from one of his associates. He stated that the town is in good financial condition. John spoke that there is nothing sinister going on here with the audit quote unquote due to being late. He will be here at next month's meeting to present the final draft of the audit.

Tammy Bissette from the Southern Nash Senior Center in Bailey was present. She stated that the new center has Bingo, Pool Tables, Friday Night Movie, Aerobics & crafts. She invited all seniors to come and enjoy themselves.

Mayor Lewis apologized for some special Meeting Minutes that had been left out that needed to get approval before the board. He stated that they were not deliberately left out. It had been a mistake on our part and the mayor apologized for that reason. Moving forward the March meeting minutes & the special meeting minutes for the months of January, March, July, and December were approved as presented in a motion by Commissioner Alford and seconded by Commissioner Davis and the motion was carried unanimously.

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

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

In old business, Mayor Lewis commented on the painting of the water tower & the police department roof as being completed. We are very pleased with the outcome.

In new business, we have received two quotes on painting the public works building. One from Johnnie Denton for \$1700 and one from Kenneth Keen for \$2250. Commissioner Alford made a motion to approve the quote by Johnnie Denton for \$1700. Commissioner McClenny seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

A budget amendment was presented in the amount of \$6154 to move these funds from the police department insurance line item to various departments for group insurance. These funds were allocated to the wrong department at the time the last year's budget was prepared. This budget amendment will be done to move the appropriate funds to group insurance accounts for the public works department to correct. Commissioner Alford made the motion to approve the presented budget amendment to move monies from police line item to other accounts for group insurance. Commissioner McClenny seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Police chief Mike Collins presented a new Police Department Manual for board approval. Commissioner Alford made a motion to approve and Commissioner McClenny seconded and it was approved unanimously.

Mayor Lewis opened the floor for public comment. There were no public comments at this time.

The board then moved into the scheduled budget workshop. Mayor Lewis told the board that it looked like the town would receive about \$15,000 more in revenue from the increase in tax base. This is a product of the new home construction. He also told the board that Waste Industries would have an increase in price of about 3% because of the GDP being up. He asked the board members and department heads to bring anything that they thought should be included in the budget to the staff. Commissioner Lewis made a motion to hold another workshop at the end of the May 13th regular meeting that would include a closed session for employee reviews. Commissioner McClenny seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

With no further business, Commissioner Davis moved to adjourn.
Commissioner McClenny seconded and it was unanimous.

Grant # 1 Received

Two Police vehicles \$50,000 Grant \$22,000 Loan
Loan payment \$3599 for 7 years starting in 2018
Tax increase it would take to get \$50,000 = 9.5 cents
Town contribution was \$87.00

Grant # 2 Received

Three Police vehicles and a Public Works Truck
\$110,000 Grant and \$46,000 Loan
Loan payment \$7630 for 7 years starting in 2019
Tax increase it would take to get \$110,000 = 20.5 cents
Town contribution was \$788.00

Grant # 3 Applied for

9 pieces of equipment to include new playground equipment for Hanes
Park and two vehicles

Total amount we applied for is \$314,176

We do not currently know what amount we will be offered If we were
to get the full amount of Grant which would be 75% the Grant amount
would be \$235,632 with a loan for \$78,544 This loan would be reduced
by the \$40,000 in our current budget to be used on Hanes Park leaving
us a loan amount of \$38,544 then a payment based on that amount for
7 years starting in 2019 or 2020 depending on when we close the grant

Tax increase it would take to get \$235,632 = 44 cents

These tax increases are related to getting the grant received back in
one year if spread over 7 years it would be around 10.5 cents

Gloria Vinson, Town Clerk/Finance Officer

Mayor Luther H. Lewis, Jr.

Commissioners

Ann Lewis

Danny Alford

Cherrye Davis

J.W. McClenny

Harold Meacombs