

Middlesex Governing Body Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2019

Mayor Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:30pm and gave the invocation. Members present were Commissioners J.W. McClenny, Danny Alford, Cherrye Davis, Ann Lewis and Harold Meacombs. Police Chief Mike Collins was present. Public Works Supervisor James Liles was present. A representative from ***The Southern Nash News & the Wilson Times were present.*** There was 1 other guest.

CPA, John Anthony of Anthony & Tabb firm was not present because the GASB 73 report pertaining to certain law enforcement officers upon their departure from service has not been completed. John needs this report to complete his past audit report for the town. Mayor Lewis let the board know because of this delay that we would schedule another meeting for Tuesday, June 4th at the town hall at 9:30am for this audit report for 2017-2018 to be presented at this time.

The April 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 amended to add an item c under old business pertaining to the swimming pool.

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

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

Mayor Lewis commented that we had 4 miscellaneous permits and 1 new house permit for April. We are still entertaining different builders on a track of land that is for sell. Nothing has become of that yet.

In old business, we received a quote from Window World for \$6921.87. With the town paying half of the bill upfront and the remainder to be paid out of next year's budget coming up in July. Commissioner Ann Lewis asked if they would be guaranteed for life. Mayor Lewis stated yes. Commissioner Lewis made a motion to accept the Window World quote as received and get the windows put in at the police department. Commissioner McClenny seconded. The vote was unanimously carried.

There is no news about the USDA grant that we have applied for. As soon as Monica hears anything she will let us know.

The swimming pool will open Saturday May 25th just in time for Memorial Day. Mayor Lewis asked the board if they would make a motion to hire pool workers if needed. Commissioner Davis made the motion to hire pool people if needed. Commissioner McClenny seconded and it was carried.

In new business, Police Chief Mike Collins presented to the board an idea about having a National Night Out. Collins stated that this will help promote strong police-community partnerships and neighborhoods to come together and make things safer and more caring places to live and work. Collins said he plans to hold the event on Monday August 5th from 6pm to 8pm. There will be hot dogs & drinks to be given away. Police Chief Collins would like to make this an every year event for the town of Middlesex. Commissioner Meacombs made a motion to approve this night and Commissioner Lewis seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

The reduction of speed at Selma and Stokes road was voted to be reduced from 55mph to 45mph. Commissioner Meacombs made the motion to vote to reduce the speed limit. Commissioner McClenny seconded and it was unanimously carried.

The board also discussed the Hanes Park playground equipment to be replaced and repaired. \$40,000 was budgeted for this purpose but the board discussed with the Mayor forgoing replacing all the equipment and to repair & paint the equipment that could be saved and repaired. Mayor Lewis stated that with this idea the new costs would not exceed \$20,000 but said he would come back to the board should the final estimate exceed that amount. Commissioner Meacombs made a motion to go ahead with replacing & repairing and painting the old playground equipment. Commissioner Davis seconded and it was carried unanimously.

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

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

Back in open session 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