

Middlesex Governing Body Meeting Minutes
September 09, 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, Harold Meacombs and Ann Lewis. Police Chief Mike Collins was present. Public Works Supervisor James Liles was also present. The Enterprise newspaper representatives were present. There were 4 other guest.

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

The meeting agenda was amended for a type o error concerning the Building Reuse Grant date it was turned in by Mayor Lewis. The agenda stated that Mayor Lewis turned it in on 9-29-19 which should have been dated 8-29-19. It was then approved in a motion by Commissioner McClenny and seconded by Commissioner Lewis and the vote was carried unanimously.

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

Mayor Lewis commented that we had 2 miscellaneous permits. He also commented on a new business opening up sometime in January called Premium Propane and Hardware. The store will be the first new construction since Dollar General located in town in 2008.

Mayor Lewis asked the commissioners, if they had anything? Commissioner McClenny stated that for anyone to please not spread rumors unless they have all the facts.

In old business, Mayor Lewis stated that he had turned in the Reuse Grant on 8-29-19 and should be hearing from this sometime in the future. We also closed on the USDA grant loan for the 2 Kubota Lawn Mowers and a Jetter August 19th that was delivered.

In new business, Cathy Callahan's resignation was accepted by the board. She was a Part-time police officer. Commissioner Meacombs made a motion to officially accept her resignation and Commissioner Alford seconded and the motion was carried unanimously. There is a public hearing that has been scheduled for October 14th 2019 at 7:30 pm before the regularly

scheduled meeting. The purpose of this hearing is to talk about and hear public comments on the Leasing with the option to purchase with the lease being for 5 years or less. The town currently owns at 11180 East Finch Avenue was formerly used for a dentist office. Lane & Associates seeks to enter into an agreement with the town to put a dentist office back in this building with a Building Reuse Grant to pay for the renovations. The lease payment will be between \$95,000 and \$125,000 per year depending on the grant amount.

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

Commissioner Lewis made a motion to go into closed session as authorized by G.S.143-318.11(a)(6). Commissioner Davis seconded it and it was carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lewis made a motion to go back into open session. Commissioner Alford seconded and it was carried unanimously.

Back in open session, Commissioner Meacombs made the motion to hire Gerod Farmer from part time Police office to a full time Police Officer with benefits with a starting salary of \$32,000.00 annually with a start date of September 19, 2019. Commissioner Alford seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

With no further business, Commissioner Lewis 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

