

Middlesex Governing Body Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2019

The Public hearing was held before the regular meeting. It started at 7:30pm. There was two public comments for Lane & Assocs. Citizen Becky Strickland had some concerns about the dental office making a go of it here. Also citizen Chuck Corbett said that it took a lot of effort for the Mayor and the board to get this deal together and that he appreciates it. Brent Barringer attorney for Lane & Assocs. attempted to put all her concerns to rest stating that they had never gone out of business in opening any business. That in 42 years they have never had to open & closed an office. They have dental offices all over the triangle, Knightdale & Garner. The lease payment will be between \$95,000 and \$125,000 per year depending on the grant amount received.

Mayor Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:30pm and gave the invocation. Commissioners present were Danny Alford, Cherrye Davis, Harold Meacombs and Ann Lewis. Police Chief Mike Collins was not present. Commissioner J.W.McClenny was not present. Lieutenant Joe Amos was present representing the police department. Public Works Supervisor James Liles was not present. The Enterprise newspaper representative was present. There were 7 other guest.

The September meeting minutes were approved as presented in a motion by Commissioner Lewis 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 carried unanimously.

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

Mayor Lewis commented that we had 1 miscellaneous building permit. He also had 1 in town new house permit and 2 outside of town new house permits. I had a conversation with some people trying to build houses in town. Nothing pertinent yet.

Mayor Lewis asked the commissioners, Commissioner Cherrye Davis commented that she met with Braswell library and that they commended the town on its speedy repairs on the library with repairing the electric panel box outside. Commissioner Ann Lewis commented that the light pole she had

called Duke Energy about she had received an email and it would take 10 days for it to be repaired because it had more problems than just a light out.

In old business, Mayor Lewis stated that the Builder Reuse Grant is expected to be granted on Oct 17. We probably will not know anything until Oct 18. We had a site visit on Oct 3rd.

In new business, the board approved a budget amendment for moving monies for the new police department improvement grant using monies from police salaries until we bill to get reimbursed. This will be a one time grant billing and we will get all the monies back. Commissioner Meacombs made the motion to approve. Commissioner Alford seconded and the motion was carried. The 2004 Crown Vic was listed on Deals.Gov and was sold for \$2603.00. We received a 100kw Generator and a Bandit Chipper from the grant monies. We are also going to receive the F150 Ford Truck for the police department being delivered around lunch time tomorrow. Trey Barnette, the town's attorney brought the checks for the truck and a check for the DMV fees. That will be everything except paying for the generator when it is up and running.

It is Christmas Parade time again already. The Christmas parade is scheduled for Saturday December 14. We are hoping to have some food vendors not sure how many at this time. The Mayor is open for suggestions. Christmas parade applications are available at the town hall. Please see Gloria or Lorrie for details.

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

The Board meeting was recessed until Oct 22, 2019 at 6:00pm.

Gloria Vinson, Town Clerk/Finance Officer

Mayor Luther H. Lewis, Jr.
Commissioners
Ann Lewis
Danny Alford
Cherrye Davis
J.W. McClenny
Harold Meacombs

