

December 10, 2007

The Middlesex Governing Body met in regular session on December 10, 2007. Mayor Luther H. Lewis, Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and gave the invocation. Commissioners Derek Bissette, Luke Robinson, Fred Hough, Harold Meacombs, and Basco Lewis were present. The guest list is attached and made a part of these minutes.

Mayor Lewis opened the floor for the Public Comment Session and there was no input from the public.

Commissioner Hough moved to approve the November minutes. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson and it carried unanimously.

There were no changes to the agenda, and in a motion by Commissioner Meacombs and seconded by Commissioner Hough, the agenda was adopted unanimously.

Michael Acquesta with Earthtech, introduced Joel Moulin, landscape architect who presented a feasibility report for the Wellness Park. The report included a proposed design which includes a walking trail, restrooms, parking, picnic shelter, exercise course, playground and fitness equipment for all ages at a cost estimate of \$220, 650 for the complete design. Mr. Moulin stated that the plan could be broken down into phases and apply for more grants at a later date. Peggy Bissette stated that the plan shows a paved walking track, but in discussions the town preferred to have screenings if possible. Also, the original request was for \$100,000 grant which USDA advised that we would most likely get a \$20,000 grant and \$80,000 loan, which could be paid back in forty years at \$2,000 per year plus interest with no penalty for early payoff. The Board will review the plan and discuss at the January meeting.

Commissioner Lewis moved to accept the November financial statements as correct. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Chief Ferrell advised that he received a \$400 Wellness Grant from the League of Municipalities and has purchased a treadmill and mat with the grant funds.

Commissioner Meacombs noted a large water leak and a sewer problem in the storm drain near his house. He stated you could hear water running and could smell the chlorine and advised that it needs to be a priority. Mayor Lewis said he would talk to Jeff Waddell on Wednesday when he returns from school and get this on the priority list to call a contractor and get DOT here to resolve the problem.

Mayor Lewis advised the cemetery wall was complete and there was a cost overrun of \$1,500 due to the extra materials and labor to pour concrete in the holes in the blocks for added support.

Commissioner Hough moved to approved the following budget amendments:

<u>FUND 10</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>DECREASE</u>
ADMINISTRATION:			
		\$	
10-420-7400	Capital Outlay-Heat/Air System-Town Hall	5,500.00	
10-420-2600	Advertising-Clerical Asst.	1,500.00	
ZONING/ECON.DEV.			
10-490-2600	Advertising-Town Admin & Annexations	1,500.00	
10-490-3300	Dept. Supplies-Fireproof Cabinet	3,000.00	
STREETS & SIDEWALKS:			
10-560-7400	Patching-Williams Paving	3,500.00	
TOTAL INCREASE - FUND 10		15,000.00	
PUBLIC BUILDINGS:			
10-500-7401	Capital Project-Approp. Public Works Bldg.		15,000.00
TOTAL DECREASE- FUND 10			15,000.00

Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Commissioner Meacombs moved to add the Police Department web pages to the town's website at estimated cost of \$100 per page for 3-4 pages, with no extra cost for hosting. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and it carried unanimously.

A Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for the well grant application is a ten year projected plan with cost estimates which is required by the Rural Center. Commission Meacombs moved to adopt the CIP. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson and carried unanimously.

Mayor Lewis presented a plaque of appreciation to Commissioner Basco Lewis for twenty years of service to the town and thanked him for his dedication.

Being no further business, Commissioner Robinson moved to adjourn.

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Clerk Lambert administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Luther H. Lewis, Jr., and Commissioners Fred Hough, Luke Robinson, and J.W. McClenny.

Mayor Lewis called to the regular meeting to order at 8:30 p.m. and presented his department appointments as follows:

DEPARTMENT

<i>Water & Sewer</i>	<i>Harold Meacombs</i>
<i>Streets & Sidewalks</i>	<i>Fred Hough</i>
<i>Buildings & Cemetery</i>	<i>J.W. McClenny</i>
<i>Sanitation</i>	<i>Derek Bissette</i>
<i>Parks & Recreation</i>	<i>Luke Robinson</i>
<i>Police Commission</i>	<i>Fred Hough</i>
	<i>Derek Bissette</i>
<i>Check Co-signer</i>	<i>Derek Bissette</i>
	<i>Luther H. Lewis, Jr.</i>
<i>Library Board Representative</i>	<i>Luke Robinson</i>
<i>Upper Coastal Representative</i>	<i>Harold Meacombs</i>
<i>Upper Coastal Rep-Alternate</i>	<i>Luther H. Lewis, Jr.</i>
<i>Personnel Director</i>	<i>Luther H. Lewis, Jr.</i>

After a brief discussion, Commissioner Meacombs moved to pursue the grant for \$100,000 for the Wellness Park on NC 231 South, which will be a \$20,000 grant and \$80,000 loan. Commissioner Bissette seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Commissioner Robinson moved to go into Closed Session under G.S.143-318-11(a)(6) to discuss a personnel matter. Commissioner Meacombs seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Back in Open Session with no further business to conduct, Commissioner Robinson moved to adjourn.

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