Middlesex Governing Body Meeting Minutes December 13, 2021

Mayor Lewis opened the floor up for public hearing comments about the pertaining to 7500 Sq. Ft. Lots & Solar Panels for homes. Clustering from 40,000 Sq. Ft. Lots in the ETJ. There was one public comment. With no further public comments, Mayor Lewis declared the public hearing closed.

After the Public Hearing Mayor Lewis called the meeting to order and gave the invocation. Members present were Commissioners Danny Alford, Cherrye Davis, J.W. McClenny and Harold Meacombs. Commissioner Ann Lewis was not present. Police Chief Mike Collins & Utilities Supervisor James Liles was present, there were five guest at this meeting.

The November meeting minutes were approved unanimously as presented in a motion by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner McClenny.

The meeting agenda was amended to add Matthew Winslow's presentation of a 1,515,000 check from the Federal Government Infrastracture for Sewer repairs and Police department improvements. Police Chief Mike Collins was asked to photograph Mayor Lewis & Matthew holding the check.

The amended meeting agenda was unanimously approved as presented in a motion by Commissioner Meacombs and seconded by Commissioner Alford. The vote was carried unanimously.

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

Police Chief Mike Collins presented a needed development of an Early Warning System. Every agency in the State that employs personnel certified by the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission or the North Carolina Sheriffs Education and Training Standards Commission shall develop and implement an early warning system to document and track the actions and behaviors of law enforcement officers for the purpose of intervening and improving performance. Commissioner Alford made the motion to accept the Early Warning System and Commissioner McClenny seconded it and it was unanimously carried.

Mayor Lewis reported 1 miscellaneous permit and there was 1 new house permit outside town limits being issued for the month of November.

In old business, the position for a public works has not been filled yet. James Liles stated that it is hard to find someone with experience in water & sewer.

At this time Gloria Vinson, the town clerk swore in the Mayor Lewis & Commissioner Meacombs for another term. Ann Lewis was not present at this meeting but will get sworn in at a later date.

In new business, a budget amendment was presented for \$24,500 for a police department grant that was awarded. Commissioner Meacombs made a motion to accept and Commissioner Alford seconded it and the motion was carried. There was a motion to accept the 3 public hearing items: Commissioner Meacombs made the motion to accept that solar panels could be permitted in homes. Commissioner Davis seconded and the motion was carried. Commissioner Meacombs made a motion to accept clustering from 40,000 to 30,000 sq. ft. lots in the ETJ. Commissioner Davis seconded it and the motion was carried. Also Commissioner Davis made the motion to accept new lot size of 7500 sq. ft. with water & sewer. Commissioner McClenny seconded it and the vote was unanimously carried.

There were three public comments at this time.

With no further business, Commissioner McClenny moved to adjourn. Commissioner Davis 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