

Middlesex Governing Body Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2021

Mayor Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and gave the invocation. Members present were Commissioners Danny Alford, Cherrye Davis, J.W. McClenny, and Commissioner Harold Meacombs. Commissioner Ann Lewis was not present. Police Chief Mike Collins was present. Utilities Supervisor James Liles was present, and there were no guest at this meeting.

The February meeting minutes were approved unanimously as presented in a motion by Commissioner Alford and seconded by Commissioner McClenny. The vote was carried unanimously.

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

John Anthony, our CPA for the town went over the town's audit report for the budget year 2019-2020. He stated that the town had an overall good report with everything going on in the world. The town is very good financial standing from the audit report for financial year 2019-2020.

Mayor Lewis called Monica Thornton and she was on speaker phone during the meeting. This was due to the police car wreck involving Trevor Collins to replace the police car that was totaled. She went over the grant packet with all the board members. The USDA grant funds which are being considered are \$15,200.00. Insurance claim from NC League of Municipalities Insurance Division in the amount of \$29,181.00 and applicant contributions in the amount of \$49.00 for a total project cost of \$44,430.00. The car will be ready for pickup by Monday or Tuesday. Commissioner Meacombs made the motion to accept and Commissioner Alford seconded it. The vote was unanimous.

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

Police chief Mike Collins let the board know that Trevor Collins would be returning to work on March 17th.

Mayor Lewis reported one new house permit out of town at this time.

In old business, Mayor Lewis discussed the USDA grant loan application for sewer rehab and had received the PER from the engineer today. He said he should have it ready to send to them by Wednesday. With all the rain we have had 15,000 gallons a day of water over the limit for our Raleigh sewer bill. January & February's Raleigh sewer bill totaled \$34,000.00 for them together. Mayor Lewis recommended after speaking to Robert Massengill the director of public works in Raleigh that we approve a sewer budget amendment for \$38,000 to use the money to rehab some of our manholes to help stop the inflow of rain water into our sewer system. Raleigh agreed to let us spend the money working on our inflow problem instead of paying it to them in the form of a penalty. Commissioner Meacombs made a motion to approve the budget amendment for \$38,000.00 for the sewer manhole & wet well rehab. Commissioner Davis seconded it and the vote was unanimous. Mike Tolson from Mack Gay Assocs. will be here on Monday Mar 22nd to work with Neal from CTR Coatings on manholes & lift stations.

In new business, the budget workshop was scheduled for April 12th next board meeting.

Mayor Lewis commented that he did have a prospect come and look at the dress shop next door. He gave them a price at \$100,000.00 to purchase the building. They will get back to him.

There was no public comment 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

