

Middlesex Governing Body Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2020

Before opening up the public hearing Mayor Lewis, in an effort to be safe, told the group, of less than ten, that 3 of the commissioners Lewis, Davis, & McClenny were present at the meeting by phone. He called each name and they answered on speaker phone so everyone would know they were there. Commissioners Alford & Meacombs were present in the meeting room so all Commissioners were present.

Mayor Lewis opened the floor for public comment regarding rezoning request from Bobby R. Bissette to rezone three parcels of land between North Nash Street and North Walnut Street from residential single family to highway commercial. The request is being made to build a storage unit facility on this property. Citizen Pedro Alvarez had some concerns about putting up a fence to divide his property but Mayor Lewis let him know that a fence is already going to go up at that property. Alvarez wanted to know who was going to cut the grass. Mayor Lewis said Derek Bissette's employees would cut the grass. With no further comments Mayor Lewis declared the public hearing closed.

Mayor Lewis called the meeting to order after the public hearing and gave the invocation. Police Chief Mike Collins was present. Public Works Supervisor James Liles was not present. Lindell Kay from The Wilson Times not was present. There were four guest at this meeting.

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

The meeting agenda was amended to add number E on the new business about the resolution by governing body of applicant and to add a closed session for police department personnel. The agenda was then approved as amended in a motion by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Meacombs and the vote was carried unanimously. A copy of this resolution is attached to these meeting minutes.

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

Police chief Mike Collins commented that the National Night Out is still remains scheduled for when all this has cleared up.

Mayor Lewis commented that we had 4 miscellaneous building permits. We also had 1 outside town permit and 0 inside of town new house permits.

There was no old business at this time.

In new business, the vote to rezone request from Bobby R. Bisette was made to approve by Commissioner Alford and seconded by Commissioner Meacombs. The vote was unanimous.

We will not have a budget discussion at this time but will have a preliminary budget put together at the next meeting. If anyone has anything to present for the budget please do so. We will be glad to review it before the next meeting.

We had a budget amendment for \$2,010.54 for the Nash County Board of Elections that was omitted from last year's budget. Commissioner Meacombs made a motion to accept the budget amendment and Commissioner Lewis seconded it and it was approved unanimously.

Full-time Police Officer Dakota Toms turned in his resignation from full time and in it requested to stay on the part-time list of officers. He has been offered a full-time position with Franklinton Police Dept. with the benefits of funding for school. Commissioner Alford made a motion to accept his resignation from full-time and move him to part-time and it was seconded by Commissioner McClenny and the vote was approved unanimous.

We also had a resolution by governing body of applicant granting Mayor Lewis the authority to sign the applications for Grant/loans for the sewer lines & lift stations repairs. Commissioner McClenny made the motion to accept the resolution and Commissioner Alford seconded and it was unanimous.

There was one public comment at this time.

Commissioner Lewis made the motion to go into closed session for personnel discussion and Commissioner McClenny seconded it and the vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Meacombs made the motion to go into open session and it was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and it was unanimous.

Back in open session, Commissioner Meacombs made the motion to accept Dakota Toms resignation from a Full-Time Police Officer to a Part-time Police Officer and to hire Trevor Collins as a Full-time Police Officer with a starting yearly salary of \$33,000.00. Trevor's hire date will depend upon his state approval sworn date. Commissioner Alford seconded it and the vote was unanimous.

With no further business, Commissioner Meacombs 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

