

Middlesex Governing Body Meeting Minutes  
May 09, 2022

Mayor Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and gave the invocation. Members present were Commissioners Danny Alford, J.W. McClenny, Ann Lewis, Cherry Davis and Harold Meacombs were present. Police Chief Mike Collins and Public Works Supervisor James Liles were present. Five guests attended.

There was 2 public hearings: **1). A public hearing Monica Thornton with the USDA to present the USDA grant for an additional police car and a Utility UTV for public works & the police dept. There was one comment. Citizen Becky Strickland wanted to know why we needed an additional police car when one was always parked at the bank all the time. With no further comments Mayor Lewis declared the public hearing closed.**

**2). a Public hearing for comments on an annexation request of land owned by Nash County (94 acres) and land owned by a partnership (31 acres). There was one comment. Becky Strickland commented that she did not know the people for the partnership and she would like their names at the next meeting. With no further comments Mayor Lewis declared the 2<sup>nd</sup> public hearing closed.**

The meeting agenda was amended to present the budget after public comment section. The amended meeting agenda was unanimously approved as presented in a motion by Commissioner Alford and seconded by Commissioner Lewis.

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

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

Mike Collins, the police chief commented that the equipment (trailer, and body cameras) that the \$24,500 grant paid for has been delivered.

Mayor Lewis reported that he had written 1 new house permit & 4 that were outside town limits being issued for the month of March and 1 miscellaneous permit.

In old business, Monica Thornton presented a USDA grant for 7 years at 21/2 % interest for a new police car & a UTV. Grant will be \$50,000, loan \$16,700, \$50 town to pay. Commissioner Alford made a motion to go ahead with the USDA grant/loan for a police car & UTV. Commissioner Meacombs

seconded and the vote was passed unanimously. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the contract with the Braswell Library and Commissioner Lewis seconded and it were passed unanimously. Resolutions #R2022-1195, and Resolutions #R2022-1196, for the request for annexation were all approved by Commissioner Lewis and seconded by Commissioner Davis. The motion was carried.

There were two public comments at this time.

Commissioner Meacombs moved to go into Closed Session as allowed by G.S.143-318.11(a) (6) to discuss employee's reviews for raises. Commissioner Alford seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Back in open session, Commissioner Meacombs made the motion to approve the Budget amendment for \$37,000 to come from Fund Balance to a line item in the police department to purchase the new police car if needed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Alford and approved. Commissioner Lewis made the motion to raise the rent on the two buildings owned by the town to \$350.00 effective September 1, 2022. Commissioner McClenny seconded the vote and it was unanimous.

Commissioner Lewis moved to reconvene the meeting until May 24, 2022 at 4:00p.m. Commissioner McClenny seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Gloria Vinson, Town Clerk/Finance Officer

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

