

Middlesex Governing Body Meeting Minutes  
May 10, 2021

Mayor Lewis opened the floor up for public hearing comments. We had one written response from Mr. George Stokes and he had no objection to the petition about the change in the zoning map. A concerned citizen asked why wasn't the property owners names posted on the map? Mayor Lewis response was because that was a sketch of the map not the final map. She also asked about why are there street stubs? Mr. Leathers the engineer for the subdivision addressed the question and answered because anytime in a project of this size and you have an adjoining land you always leave street stubs out to that property so if you expand to the next tract of land. Street stubs also provide a way in and out of the subdivisions for the citizens so there will be no fire hazards or collisions. At this time, Mayor Lewis closed the public hearing.

Mayor Lewis called the meeting to order after the public hearing and gave the invocation. Commissioners present were Danny Alford, Cherrye Davis, J.W. McClenny, Harold Meacombs and Commissioner Ann Lewis. Police Chief Mike Collins not was present. Utilities Supervisor James Liles was present, and there were two other guest at this meeting.

Guest speaker Dr. Lew K. Hunnicutt from Nash Community College was present. He addressed several topics of interest to everyone concerning education for the Town of Middlesex for young people. He emphasized how young people need to have a skill not just a degree. A concerned citizen asked if they would be offering any audio program at the college? He responded not at this time. Commissioner Davis asked if they offer GED degrees. He stated yes they have GED testing and they can get you to certificates & degrees. Commissioner Lewis asked if they would offer any senior classes? Absolutely, he responded sure they have from 30 up to 68 years old. We need to figure out transportation issues for them. If anyone had any more questions they can email him at [lkhunnicutt002@nashcc.edu](mailto:lkhunnicutt002@nashcc.edu)

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

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

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

Commissioner Alford asked the Public Works Supervisor James Liles how was the grease problem. He said it still remains a big problem it gets better then it gets bad again. A concerned citizen asked why is that and James stated people keep pouring grease down the drains.

Mayor Lewis reported three miscellaneous permits and two new house permits outside town limits being issued for the month of April.

Commissioner McClenny had a question the flag pole outside of the town hall. Mayor Lewis stated that he may have a solution and it should be resolved by next month.

In old business, we did submit the SRF sewer rehab grant for 859,000.00 and also the 2 million USDA grant. We should know about the USDA Grant/loan in two weeks and we have to get the maximum 500,000.00 grant for SRF.

In new business, on the rezoning request from Graham Wood from residential agriculture to residential single family. Commissioner Meacombs made a motion to accept the request for rezoning and Commissioner Davis seconded and it was unanimously.

There will be a ribbon cutting for Lane & Assocs. on May 18<sup>th</sup> from 2pm to 4pm. with a desert truck. Everyone is invited to attend.

There was one public comment at this time.

Mayor Lewis went over 2021-2022 1<sup>st</sup> copy of the preliminary budget numbers. Total for General Fund 10 is \$903,960.00 and Fund 30 Water & Sewer is \$622,695.00. Salaries increases were not included.

Commissioner Lewis moved to go into closed session as allowed by G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) to discuss employee's performances and salaries. Commissioner McClenny seconded and motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Lewis made the motion to go back into open session and Commissioner McClenny seconded it and it was passed unanimous.

With no further business, Commissioner Meacombs moved to adjourn. Commissioner Lewis 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

