

Middlesex Governing Body Meeting Minutes  
June 08, 2020

Mayor Lewis called the meeting to order and gave the invocation. Police Chief Mike Collins was present. Public Works Supervisor James Liles was present. Lindell Kay from The Wilson Times was not present. There were no guest at this meeting.

The May meeting minutes and the Special Meeting minutes were approved as presented in a motion by Commissioner Lewis and seconded by Commissioner McClenny and the motion was carried unanimously.

The agenda was amended to add a closed session for personnel discussion which was approved in a motion by Commissioner Alford and seconded by Commissioner Lewis and the vote was carried unanimously.

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

Police Chief Mike Collins stated he had performed a highway safety checkpoint that is required of them. He commented that he tried to stop someone because they threw out a McDonald's cup and he just wanted to let them know to pick it up but they took off and instead of it turning into a high speed chase he stopped. Bailey police became involved and made an arrest. He also discussed that it would be difficult to hold National Night Out this year due to Covid 19 and that they would not have time to contact all the vendors needed in time to schedule. Hopefully we can hold this event next year.

Mayor Lewis commented that we had 5 miscellaneous building permits. There was 1 new house permit in town issued at this time.

James Liles the Utilities Supervisor for public works commented that the pumps at Cedar Run had to be worked on three times this month because of grease and disinfecting wipes which is still a big problem.

Commissioner Lewis commented that the drive for the seniors went well.

In old business, the revised budget has a \$.50 cents Sewer increase and \$.50 cents Water increase and \$1.00 dollar sanitation increase was discussed in detail with another special meeting being schedule to finalize on June 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. Fund 10 equals 1,216,690.00 and fund 30 equaling 572,470.00. The budget so far is totaling 1,789,160.00.

In new business, there is \$3037.49 in utility bills that are old and need to be written off. Commissioner Lewis made the motion to write off old utility bills and Commissioner McClenny seconded it and the motion was carried unanimously.

We received a grant/loan package that included a new Chevrolet truck at a cost of \$27,635.70 from Capital Chevrolet. After following up with them they do not have a truck and cannot get one. So we went back to Modern Chevrolet in Winston Salem and they had a new truck on the lot that we needed. It's priced at \$30,200.00 a difference of \$2,564.30. The town would have to pay this difference of \$2,564.30 out of pocket above any Grant/loan funds to make this work. Commissioner Meacombs made the motion to accept and Commissioner Davis seconded it and the motion was carried unanimously.

We have received a notice of wastewater capacity cost from the city of Raleigh for purchasing more sewer flow. We have the option to purchase 30,000 gallons a day additional flow for a price of \$710,057 to be paid in full by July 21, 2020. This would take us to 270,000 gallons per day. We need to apply for a Loan/Grant from USDA To pay for this. Grant will be 45% or \$319,525, Loan would be \$390,532. This would be at 1.875% interest for 40 years with no repayment penalty with a payment of about \$12,000/yr with the customers we have today that would be about \$2.00 per month per customer. This information is from Dennis Delong USDA representative for our area. Commissioner Alford made the motion to move forward and Commissioner McClenny seconded it and the motion was carried unanimously.

Then the Board was presented a contract for professional services to do the preliminary engineering report for this grant. Staff recommends to let Mack Gay Associates, PA with Mike Tolson perform this for us. Commissioner Lewis made the motion to move forward with Mack Gay Associates and Commissioner Davis seconded and it was carried unanimously.

There was no public comment at this time.

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

Back in open session 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

