

Middlesex Governing Body Meeting Minutes
June 14, 2021

Mayor Lewis opened the floor up for public hearing comments about the 2021-2022 budget. There was one public comment. 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 not present, and there were one other guest at this meeting.

The May meeting minutes were approved unanimously as presented in a motion by Commissioner Lewis and seconded by Commissioner Davis. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting agenda was amended to add a closed session and it was unanimously approved as presented in a motion by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner McClenny. 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 carried unanimously. .

Mayor Lewis reported four miscellaneous permits and one new house permits outside town limits being issued for the month of May.

In old business, Mayor Lewis said he had talked to them at the USDA again they had got with Mike Tolson about some more information. Talked also about receiving the State Grant for working on our sewer inflow. Commissioner Alford asked about fixing the manholes and Mayor Lewis answered that we haven't had any alarms go off since they had been fixed. 15 manholes & the wet well on Elm street we can tell a measurable difference.

In new business, the town will be receiving American Recovery Act Funds. This is money that the president has put out due to the pandemic covid 19 should be 240,000 to 262,000. There is a 22 page document that I have read about the uses what the money can be used for and one of them was

fixing infrastructure. Not for building any new construction but for repairing what you have. You can use it for fixing our sewer & water system. We have filled out the necessary paperwork. I talked with someone at the NC Recovery Fund office and we should receive the monies possibly by the end of the month. You have until December 31st 2026 to spend this NC Recovery monies which will provide recipients a reasonable amount of time to complete projects funded with Fiscal Recovery Funds.

There was no public comment at this time.

Mayor Lewis touched base on the 2021-2022 budget. Commissioner Meacombs & Commissioner McClenny met with Mayor Lewis. We know Envirolink is increasing 4%, so we will be increasing sewer .50cents and sanitation .50cents. As we sit here tonight this is a balanced budget of \$1,606,415.00. Mayor Lewis asked that the board of commissioners to go home and go thru each item on the budget and make sure we are where we need to be. Mayor Lewis recessed the budget workshop for the 28th of June at 7:30pm. to finalize the budget for 2021-2022.

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

Back in open session, Commissioner Meacombs made the motion to recess the current meeting until June 28th at 7:30pm and it was seconded by Commissioner McClenny and it passed unanimously.

Gloria Vinson, Town Clerk/Finance Officer

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

