

Middlesex Governing Body Reconvened Meeting Minutes
June 28, 2021

Mayor Lewis called the meeting to order 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 two other guest at this meeting.

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

Commissioner Meacombs made the motion to approve a resolution for the ARPA bonus funds we will be receiving from the president approved bill. Commissioner Lewis seconded and the vote was carried unanimous.

Mayor Lewis covered the 2021-2022 budget, the General Fund totaled \$981,330 requires \$30,035 in fund balance appropriations to meet expenditures. The Water Fund totals \$208,285 needs \$3,279 from fund balance. The Sewer Fund totals \$504,473 needs \$29,289 from fund balance to meet expenditures.

We have received notification of an increase from Envirolink for the existing contract as the town's ORC, however an anticipated 4% increase is included in this budget for water and sewer services for 2021-2022. GFL (Green for Life) contract will increase by 3%. Based on this, there will be an increase on sewer and sanitation of .50 cents each. The community building rental rate will also increase from \$175.00 to \$200 for a weekend rental. Rate will stay the same for weekday rental at \$30.00. Swimming pool rental fees will also increase from \$175.00 to \$200. Utility deposits, copies, faxes, dispensed water, and grave lots and opening fees, and zoning permit fees remain unchanged. Employee raises and insurance will be paid from ARPA funds (American Rescue Plan Act) administered by NCPRO.

In conclusion, retirement contribution rates for Local General Class (regular employees) are 11.50% from 10.31%, Law Enforcement Class (police department) are 12.04% from 10.84%.

Commissioner Meacombs made the motion to approve the Budget Ordinance and seconded by Commissioner Alford. 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

