

Middlesex Governing Body Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2020

Mayor Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and gave the invocation. Members present were Commissioners Harold Meacombs, Danny Alford, Cherrye Davis, Ann Lewis and Commissioner J.W. McClenny. In addition to Police Chief Mike Collins and Utilities Supervisor James Liles, there were no guest at this meeting.

Mayor Lewis opened the public hearing for comments pertaining to the resolution combining of the two boards; the planning board and the board of adjustments into one 7 member board. There were no comments at this time so Mayor Lewis closed the public hearing.

The August meeting minutes were approved unanimously as presented in a motion by Commissioner Alford and seconded by Commissioner Lewis. The vote was carried unanimously.

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

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

Police Chief Mike Collins commented that the police department had a shaved ice vendor truck that was given away free shaved ice. It had rained the day before so he would make another trip the following day. It was something that he wanted do for the community. He also had the police calendar pictures done for next year.

Commissioner Alford let Police Chief Mike Collins know that he really appreciated what all the police officers do for the community.

Mayor Lewis reported 3 miscellaneous permits. He commented that there would not be a Christmas parade this year. Police chief Mike Collins stated that Spring Hope & Bailey have canceled all festivities for upcoming events due to the coronavirus pandemic.

In old business, there is a couple of FYI budget amendments first one that increases the town's budget by \$709,700 USDA funds for the City of

Raleigh 30k cap Loan/Grant for \$389,700 USDA funds for the City of Raleigh 30k cap Loan/Grant for \$320,000. Mayor Lewis stated that all 4 generators have been received that would need to be installed as soon as the pads & concrete was prepared & finished. A resolution was presented for the Middlesex Sanitary Sewer Manhole Rehabilitation Project. Commissioner Meacombs moved to make a motion and Commissioner McClenny seconded it and the vote was unanimously carried.

In new business, Commissioner Meacombs made a motion to accept the budget amendment to pay Nash County property taxes for the Manning property that was sold. Commissioner McClenny seconded and it was unanimously approved. Commissioner Meacombs made a motion to approve the resolution to combine the Planning board & board of adjustments into one 7 member board. Commissioner McClenny seconded it. The vote was unanimous. The contract for Anthony & Tabb was presented to the board for them to do our yearly audit again. Their contract price is similar to last year not to exceed \$12,100. Commissioner McClenny made a motion to go with Anthony & Tabb, P.A. again this year for the annual audit. Commissioner Davis seconded and it was unanimous. Nash County dispersed 30,880 for Covid-19 expenses which we will have to account for all funds used for coronavirus such as panel and door installed for front desk, disinfecting wipes, Lysol spray, labor & materials used for decontamination room at police department, etc.

There was no public comment at this time.

Commissioner Lewis made a motion to go into closed session as authorized by G.S.143-318.11(a)(4) and G.S.143-318.11(a)(5). Commissioner McClenny seconded it and it was carried unanimously.

Commissioner McClenny made a motion to go back into open session. Commissioner Davis seconded and it was carried unanimously.

Back in open session, Commissioner Meacombs made a motion to hire Brandon Strickland as a part-time police officer at an hourly rate of \$14.00 an hour starting when his certification comes back from the state. Commissioner McClenny seconded the vote and it was carried unanimously.

With no further business, Commissioner McClenny 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