

January 10, 2011  
Meeting Minutes

The Middlesex Governing Body met in regular session in the Conference Room of the Town Hall. Mayor Luther H. Lewis, Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and gave the invocation. Members present were Commissioners Harold Meacombs, Fred Hough, Luke Robinson, Dale Bachmann, and Commissioner J.W. McClenny. Interim Police Chief Dennis Murray and Vennie Brock were present. Guests were Vennie Brock, Cindy and Tom Ridgway and family and Joe Burnette, photographer with the Spring Hope Enterprise.

Mayor Lewis opened the floor for the public comment session and there were no comments and the session was closed.

Commissioner Hough moved to approve the December minutes as presented. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson and carried unanimously.

Mayor Lewis requested to add Item C under New Business, Resolution of Adoption of the Nash County 2010 Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. The amended agenda was approved in a motion by Commissioner Robinson, seconded by Commissioner Bachmann, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Lewis thanked Cindy Ridgway for organizing "Christmas ~N~ Middlesex" and all the hard work on the Christmas parade, which had a great turnout considering the weather. He presented Ridgway with the Distinguished Citizen Award and her name has been added to the plaque of Distinguished Citizens displayed in the town hall. Cindy thanked everyone for their assistance, especially the Middlesex Fire Department.

Clerk Lambert reviewed the December financial statements and reviewed a summary of debt service due for the next twelve months. The financial statements were accepted as correct in a unanimous motion by Commissioner McClenny, which was seconded by Commissioner Bachmann.

Interim Police Chief Dennis Murray advised the Board everything was running smoothly, but he needs some part time help.

The painting of fire hydrants on South Nash and West Hanes Avenue, and the mulching and cleaning flower beds was omitted from the Utility Department report. Commissioner Bachmann added that only eight meters need to be installed and the lift stations are functioning fine.

Commissioner Bachmann asked that we find the problem with a sagging ceiling at the front door at The Next Level Salon, a town owned rental building.

Plans for the Nash Health Care facility have been received and will be reviewed by the Planning Board. A pre-construction meeting is scheduled in the conference room at the town hall on January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

Mayor Lewis will begin obtaining health insurance quotes from another source and believes he has a source that may be less expensive than Blue Cross. He also added that measurements had been taken to obtain pricing for community building repairs and that quotes will be presented at a later date.

Chapter 2, Garbage and Refuse Collection and Disposal Ordinance was reviewed and the following amendments were approved in a motion by Commissioner McClenny, seconded by Commissioner Robinson and carried unanimously:

Under Section 3-2-5 Containers Required, the first four sentences were deleted and replaced with "Trash and recycle containers will be provided by the town". The final sentence. "All containers shall be kept in a reasonably clean condition" was left in the ordinance.

Under Section 3-2-6 Pre-collection Practices, the word "Fireplace" was added in front of ashes and cinders to clarify burned materials. The last sentence in this section was deleted.

In Section 3-2-9 Special or bulk collections regulated, the rate was changed to \$100 per load, not per hour.

In Section 3-2-10 Materials collected, the following sentence was added, "Yard waste generated by contract labor will not be removed by the town".

The Board reviewed the Planning Board's recommended changes to Article VI Mobile Home Provisions of the Zoning Ordinance to allow a mobile home older than five (5) years but not more than fifteen (15) when replacing a mobile home in a mobile home zone if the home does not meet the Minimum Housing Code and is declared condemnable. The replacement unit must pass inspection by Nash County health and building inspectors, meet all county and town codes and the person desiring replacement must pay all inspection costs. Also, the deteriorated or dilapidated unit must be removed from the town's jurisdiction or disposed of within ten (10) days of being replaced. The amendment was approved by Attorney Liz Fairman. Mayor Lewis added that this exception would be a plus for the citizens as well the town. Commissioner Bachmann asked if the mobile home had to be occupied and the majority agreed

that it did not have to be occupied. Commissioner Bachmann moved to hold a Public Hearing at 7:30p.m. at the beginning of the February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011 regular scheduled town meeting. Commissioner Robinson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The Planning Board also recommended that the Board amend the Zoning Ordinance to allow Fire, Police and Rescue buildings in all zones. Mayor Lewis advised that Rosemary Dorsey with Nash County Planning advised that this would be the easiest way to amend the ordinance and that Nash County allows Fire Departments in all zones. The current ordinance allows public building uses and utilities in Residential and Commercial Zones only by Special Use Permit. Commissioner Meacombs moved to include this in the Public Hearing on February 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm to hear the mobile home age rule amendment. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson and carried unanimously.

The following tax discoveries received from Nash County were approved in a motion by Commissioner Bachmann, seconded by Commissioner McClenny and carried unanimously:

- (1) 2010 discovery for Manning Brothers \$7.83
- (2) Family Supermarkets, c/o Jose Rodriquez:
  - 2006 \$99.00
  - 2007 \$92.40
  - 2008 \$85.80
  - 2009 \$79.20
  - 2010 \$72.60

Resolution #R2011-1061 adopting the Nash County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan was approved unanimously in a motion by Commissioner McClenny and seconded by Commissioner Meacombs. The Plan has already been approved by FEMA.

In a motion by Commissioner Robinson, seconded by Commissioner Bachmann and carried unanimously, the Board went into Closed Session under G.S.143-318.11(a)(5) to negotiate a contract and under G.S.143-318.11(a)(6) to discuss employee performance evaluations.

Back in Open Session, Commissioner Meacombs moved to hire Vennie Brock as a part time Police Officer effective immediately at the current part time police hourly rate. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson. Four voted in favor and Commissioner McClenny voted against the motion.

Commissioner Bachmann moved to adopt a contract with Envirolink to provide specified water and wastewater services pursuant to the handling of a personnel issue at the next meeting. Commissioner Meacombs seconded the motion and there were four affirmative votes and one dissenting vote by Commissioner Hough.

Commissioner Meacombs moved to increase the salaries of Scott Pollard and Shelly Woodruff by 5% effective with their respective anniversary dates. Commissioner Bachmann seconded and the vote was four affirmative with one dissenting vote by Commissioner Hough.

Being no further business, Commissioner Bachmann moved to adjourn.

Jennifer Lambert  
Clerk

Mayor Luther H. Lewis, Jr.  
Commissioners  
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