

Middlesex Governing Body Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2015

Mayor Lewis called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 7:30 pm and gave the invocation. Members present were Commissioners Harold Meacombs, Danny Alford, Cherry Davis, Ann Lewis, and J.W. McClenny. Approximately ten guests attended.

Commissioner Meacombs moved to approve the December meeting minutes as presented by Clerk Lambert. Commissioner Alford seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The agenda was unanimously approved as presented in a motion by Commissioner McClenny and seconded by Commissioner Davis.

Clerk Lambert presented the December financial statements, which were unanimously approved after a motion by Commissioner McClenny and a second by Commissioner Lewis. Lambert advised the Board that Tammy Pittman's Utilities Management Training is rescheduled for January 20 and 21 at Logics in Raleigh.

Officer Vennie Brock was present in the absence of Chief Dennis Murray. There were no questions regarding the police report.

Two new sewer pumps were installed at the Selma Road lift station and the grease problem is confined to the area served by the S. Elm Street lift station. James Liles, Utility Supervisor, continues to address the grease problem and is adding enzymes.

Mayor Lewis reported a double wide and a modular home are in the process of being placed on Rockside Road in Southwinds Subdivision and \$4,900 was paid in acreage and impact fees.

Mayor Lewis reviewed a spreadsheet listing Water and Sewer Funds which had been transferred by Board motions to the General Fund to pay off sewer debt in fiscal years 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 totaling \$127,377.80. John Anthony, the town's auditor, advised it will be permissible to repay these funds back to the General Fund, even though there were not originally considered or accounted for as loans. At the December meeting, John addressed his concern over the reduction in the General Fund balance. Repaying these funds, as they become available, will restore the General Fund and help keep future tax increases as low as possible. No action was taken at this time, but the Board will look at this again before this fiscal year ends and during next fiscal year. As surplus funds are available in the Water and Sewer Fund, they will be repaid to the General Fund.

As an FYI, a letter from Waste Industries advised of a price increase effective January 1, 2015. The new gate rate at the Wilson Transfer station will increase from \$55.20 per ton to \$56.99 per ton. The \$1.79 increase per ton will average about \$40 per month increase.

Clerk Lambert presented a 2014-2015 budget amendment to cover the Christmas~N~Middlesex Program. The amendment was necessary to reflect taking over responsibility of the Christmas Parade/Program from the private entity. When the budget was prepared the town did not sponsor the event, but the town budgeted a \$900 contribution to the program. Cindy Ridgway closed the entity's bank account and the funds were turned over to the town. Hot dog & drink sales turned in from the Fire Department, along with parade registrations revenue, resulted in \$2,236 total revenues. Total expenses were \$1,168 this year, leaving a surplus of \$1,068 for next year. The requested budget amendment is as follows:

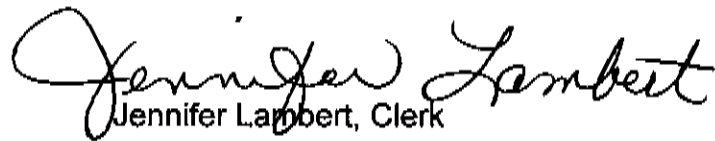
<u>GENERAL FUND REVENUES:</u>		<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>DECREASE</u>
10-362-0000	Annual Christmas Program	2,240.00	
10-390-0100	General Fund Bal. Approp.		900.00
<u>GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:</u>			
<u>Non-Departmental:</u>			
10-660-4200	Annual Christmas Program	1,340.00	

The budget amendment was unanimously approved in a motion by Commissioner Lewis, and a second by Commissioner McClenny.

Clerk Lambert presented a list of 2004 property taxes which are ten years old and must be written off according to N.C. General Statutes. The taxes totaled \$616.74, with \$483.65 in real property taxes, and \$133.09 representing personal property. Mail has been returned from these taxpayers for many years and no social security numbers are available to turn these accounts over to the NC Debt Setoff Program. Commissioner Meacombs moved to write off 2004 taxes totaling \$616.74. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Lewis opened the floor for public comment. Robert Johnson spoke about various concerns, including schedule changes for garbage and recycle pickup. With no further comments, the session was closed. Mayor Lewis advised Mr. Johnson that garbage pickup was delayed twice, once due to very heavy rain, and again one Monday when we had 16 degree weather. Also the garbage truck was broken down one Thursday, so recycle was picked up the following day.

Being no further business, Commissioner Davis moved to adjourn.
Commissioner Alford seconded and the vote was unanimous.


Jennifer Lambert, Clerk

Mayor Luther H. Lewis, Jr.
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