

Middlesex Governing Body
Special Emergency Meeting Minutes
February 24, 2016

Mayor Lewis called the Special Emergency meeting to order at 10:00am. Members present were Commissioners Harold Meacombs, Danny Alford, Cherrye Davis, Ann Lewis, and J.W. McClenny. Town Attorney Elizabeth Fairman was present, along with representatives of the *Wilson Times* and the *Spring Hope Enterprise*, and a couple of citizens.

The purpose of the emergency meeting is to hold a Closed Session as allowed under G.S.143-318.11(a)(6) to discuss a personnel matter with the town attorney.

Commissioner Meacombs moved to go into Closed Session as allowed by G.S.143-318.11(a)(6) to discuss personnel matters. Commissioner McClenny seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Back in Open Session, Mayor Lewis stated the town has completed its' investigation and considered the facts and the legal advice of the town attorney regarding the suspension of Administrative Assistant Tammy Pittman.

Mayor Lewis asked for the Board's decision in this matter. Commissioner Meacombs moved to reinstate Administrative Assistant Tammy Pittman effective immediately. After a second by Commissioner McClenny, the vote was unanimous.

Mayor Lewis commented that the town has found no criminal record of Pittman being charged, much less convicted, of the embezzlement allegations made at the February 8, 2016 meeting during the public comment session. Lewis also stated that Pittman's suspension was in no way related to cyberstalking allegations by her ex-husband, so there was no double standard with Pittman and Chief Murray as alleged by the media. Pittman was on paid suspension during the investigation.

Being no further business, Commissioner Meacombs moved to adjourn. Commissioner McClenny seconded and the motion passed unanimously.


Jennifer Lambert, Clerk

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