

Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2012

A Public Hearing was called to order by Mayor Lewis at 7:30 pm to hear public comment for the corrected annexation petition from Nash County for eight parcels of land for the Middlesex Corporate Park. The original annexation petition and map omitted two tracts of land. There was no comment and Mayor Lewis closed the public hearing.

Mayor Lewis called the regularly scheduled meeting to order. Members present were Commissioners Harold Meacombs, Danny Alford, Cherrye Davis, Dale Bachmann and J.W. McClenny. The guest list is attached and is a part of these minutes.

Mayor Lewis opened the floor for Public Comment. There were no comments and the session was closed.

The February minutes were approved unanimously in a motion by Commissioner Bachmann and seconded by Commissioner McClenny.

A Closed Session under G.S.143-318.11(a)(6) to review a personnel matter was added to the agenda. The amended agenda was unanimously approved in a motion by Commissioner Alford and seconded by Commissioner Davis.

The February Financial Statements were unanimously approved in a motion by Commissioner Meacombs and seconded by Commissioner McClenny.

A 2005 Chevrolet Utility truck, formerly a Progress Energy work truck, was purchased for \$10,000 from Ken's Cars in Goldsboro. Commissioner Bachmann added that the extra toolboxes, storage, and lift would prove beneficial.

After a brief discussion, the Board agreed to lower the advertised sale price of \$4900 for the 1987 Ford dump truck, and \$1,500 for the leaf vacuum because there have been no offers.

Commissioner Alford moved to sell the old 1994 Chevrolet utility truck. Commissioner McClenny seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Mayor Lewis agreed to advertise the truck on Craig's list for the market value and inform the Board of offers received.

Mayor Lewis reported that plumbers and electricians are currently retrofitting the Old Powell Clinic building to accommodate the new dental practice and hope to be operational between April 2-16, 2012.

Garbage tons decreased one ton, while recycling increased 800 pounds as reported by Commissioner Bachmann. He also commented that the old pumper truck is being fixed to be used for flushing manholes and Rural Water will camera sewer lines to find infiltration over the coming months at no charge.

Middlesex Health Services, the non-profit entity that was overseeing the Powell Clinic leased by WilMed, has presented the town with \$17,500. Funds remaining in their account will be used for an open house for the new dental office.

Annexation Ordinance 02011-1063, adopted March 14, 2011, recorded in Book 2561, Page 500 in the Nash County Register of Deeds, was repealed unanimously in a motion by Commissioner Meacombs, and seconded by Commissioner Bachmann. Nash County inadvertently omitted two tracts of land in the original annexation petition for the Middlesex Corporate Park.

The corrected Annexation Ordinance 02012-1079, which includes all eight tracts of land, was unanimously adopted in a motion by Commissioner Meacombs and seconded by Commissioner Bachmann.

Commissioner McClenny moved to approve the Hold Harmless Agreement between the town and the Free Will Baptist Children's Home for the water line extension project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis and carried unanimously.

At the recommendation of the town attorney, Commissioner Bachmann moved to amend the Community Building Lease Agreement to add, "No outside rides of any kind, inflatable or otherwise are allowed on the premises". The motion was seconded by Commissioner Meacombs and carried unanimously.

In a unanimous decision, Commissioner McClenny moved in renew Helen Manning's lease agreement for six months with no increase in rent for Four Season's Consignment at 102120 S. Nash Street. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis.

Mayor Lewis read a Proclamation celebrating 100 years of Girl Scouts, which declared March 11-17, 2012 as "Girl Scout Week" in Middlesex. Commissioner Alford moved to adopt the proclamation, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Meacombs and carried unanimously. Deb Cassidy, leader of Girl Scout Troop 86, presented Girl Scout cookies to the Board in appreciation.

With budget time quickly approaching, Commissioner Bachmann moved to hold a Budget Workshop on Monday, March 26, 2012 at 7:30pm in the Conference Room at the town hall. His motion was seconded by Commissioner McClenny and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Alford moved to approve a 2011 tax discovery to Angel Santana Martinez for \$5.50 for a mobile home. Commissioner Bachmann seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

The Richardson's, who reside at 10553 E. Finch Avenue (beside Gerson & Gerson), requested to be connected to the town's sewer. The sewer line runs in front of the house on the same side of the road, a manhole is near, and Commissioner Bachmann stated that the town employees could make the connection. The town would be installing about 40-60 feet of pipe. Mayor Lewis added that they would confer with Mike Meyers at Envirolink before making the connection. Commissioner McClenny moved to add a sewer tap at 10553 E. Finch Avenue. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis and carried unanimously.

Chief Dennis Murray and Sergeant Scott Pollard reported that Nash County will be changing radio bands effective April 20, 2012 and to communicate with Nash County, we must upgrade our radios now, instead of next fiscal year, as discussed previously. Three quotes yielded the best value at \$3,645 for six (6) Kenwood portable units and five (5) Kenwood bases installed, programmed, and ready to go. The only added expense will be if new antennas are needed. Chief Murray commented that \$3,000 was saved by not getting the DCI equipment previously approved. Commissioner Bachmann moved to upgrade the police radios and amend the 2011-2012 budget as follows:

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

Police Dept:

10-510-7405	Police Radio Upgrade	4,000.00
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GENERAL FUND REVENUES:

10-390-0100	General Fund Bal. Approp.	4,000.00
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The motion was seconded by Commissioner McClenny and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bachmann requested the Board to amend the water ordinance to require all new construction and service line replacement to install a shut off valve at the house/business. Commissioner Meacombs moved to amend Title 4, Chapter 1, Water System, Section 4-1-5 to add "All new construction customers or customers replacing service lines are required to

install a shut off valve at the house/business". The motion was seconded by Commissioner Alford and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Bachmann also emphasized he would be implementing the town's water ordinance, which requires certain facilities to have backflow prevention devices. He confirmed that he would be working with customers to ensure the devices were installed and will be testing for compliance as state law also mandates these devices must be in place and operating properly. Any costs associated with installing the device would be paid by the customer.

Jones Street, which is shown on the town's Powell Bill Map, was never cleared and opened from E. Hanes Avenue to W. Pamlico. Cash Cameron, who resides at 12025 E. Hanes Avenue (behind New Life Holiness Church) has no access to his residence without crossing the church property. Mr. Cameron is also not connected to the town's sewer system. Mayor Lewis recommended that we have Civiltek survey Jones street, and he will obtain quotes for clearing and a gravel base and bring back to the Board. He added that opening of Jones Street could be paid for with Powell Bill funds and he would also allow for Mr. Cameron to be connected to the town sewer system. Commissioner Meacombs moved to have Jones Street surveyed and get quotes to clear and gravel Jones Street. Commissioner Davis seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Meacombs moved to go into Closed Session under G.S.143-318.11(a)(6) to review a personnel matter.

Back in Open Session, and with no further business, Commissioner Meacombs moved to adjourn.

Jennifer Lambert
Town Clerk

Mayor Lu Harvey Lewis, Jr.
Commissioners
Harold Meacombs
Danny Alford
Cherrye Davis
Dale Bachmann
J.W. McClenny