

Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2014

Mayor Lewis opened the floor for a Public Hearing at 7:30pm to hear an amendment to the town's Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance to update the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMS) and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) completed by FEMA effective July 7, 2014. Mayor Lewis explained that two map panels were changed that effect Middlesex – one on Highway 264 and one on Claude Lewis Road. There were no comments or questions from the public and the hearing was closed.

Mayor Lewis called the regular meeting to order at 7:31pm and gave the invocation. Members present were Commissioners Danny Alford, Cherrye Davis, Ann Lewis, and J.W. McClenny. Commissioner Harold Meacombs was absent. Close to twenty guests attended, including representatives from the *Nashville Graphic*, *Spring Hope Enterprise* and *Wilson Times*, and Town Attorney, Elizabeth Fairman.

The March meeting minutes were unanimously approved with a motion by Commissioner Lewis and seconded by Commissioner Davis.

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

Mayor Lewis opened the floor for the public comment session. He reminded guests of the three minute time limit and requested that they use respect and good manners address the board. Three guests addressed the board and the session was then closed.

Commissioner Alford moved to approve the March financial report as presented by Clerk Lambert. Commissioner Davis seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Police Chief Dennis Murray reported the DWI checkpoint last Saturday night netted twelve citations considering the bus did not show. There were approximately twenty officers present for the event.

Mayor Lewis reviewed the March activities of the Utility Department, which included working on lift stations daily. Smoke testing netted sixty cleanout problems and fifty have been corrected, and the remaining will be fixed when proper materials are obtained. Lewis continued to meet with Mike Myers and Dennis Patton to prepare for the CDBG grant application to fix the sewer lift stations.

Mayor Lewis attended the Nash County Board of Commissioners meeting last week and spoke against the fee to be charged to municipal customers for use at the Solid Waste Center on Stoney Hill Church Road. Lewis met with the other seven Mayors in the county and all are against the fee and will continue to try to do something positive.

Commissioner Davis corrected the library report from eighteen to forty five Wi-Fi users. The One Card System is in place and Middlesex patrons can check out or place "holds" on books at the Bailey, Spring Hope, Nashville, and Rocky Mount libraries. The catalog is on the website.

Commissioner Ann Lewis reported she received several very positive comments on the improvements at the community building and the parking lot.

Mayor Lewis reported he has a list of streets to be paved before the end of the fiscal year and will be sending these out for bids shortly.

Mayor Lewis addressed the public regarding the behavior of a couple of citizens in the town hall requesting information. He emphasized that if you come into the town office, treat the town staff with respect. They are doing their job and they treat you with respect and we expect it in return. We also expect you to act in a professional manner. To the citizens which we have experienced recent problems who have been disrespectful, insulting, and making threats to our town staff, you will take a ride to Nashville if it happens again. Mayor Lewis pointed to the police officers in the room, adding these gentlemen will escort you out. He advised the public to "take heed to the warning however it affects you".

Southland Partnerships, LLC approached the town last month with a gift of two tracts of land. Both tracts are on Schoolhouse Road – one in town and one out of town. The out of town tract adjoins the Middlesex Elementary School property. Mayor Lewis has contacted the county about their interest in the tract adjoining the school property but has not received a reply. Rosemary Dorsey with Nash County advised Mayor Lewis that the town could possibly use the in town lot for mitigation purposes in the future. This matter is tabled until we get answers from Nash County.


Commissioner Lewis moved to adopt the amendment to the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance which includes the updated map panels effective July 7, 2014. Her motion was seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

A budget workshop meeting was scheduled for Thursday, May 1, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. at the town hall. The motion was made by Commissioner McClenny, seconded by Commissioner Davis and carried unanimously.

Mayor Lewis read aloud a resolution stating the need and agreeing to apply for CDBG grant funds up to \$600,000 to repair/replace eight sewer lift stations. The resolution authorizes Mayor Lewis to execute all paperwork related to the grant application on behalf of the town. Mayor Lewis noted that the second public hearing has been scheduled for Monday, April 28, 2014 at 9:00 am. Commissioner Alford moved to adopt Resolution R2014-1120 as presented. His motion was seconded by Commissioner McClenny and passed unanimously.

With no further open session business, Commissioner Lewis moved to go into Closed Session under G.S.143-318.11(a)(6) to discuss a personnel matter. Commissioner Davis seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Back in Open Session and with no further business, Commissioner McClenny moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Alford and the vote was unanimous.


Jennifer Lambert, Clerk

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