

May 12, 2008

The regular scheduled meeting of the Middlesex Governing Body was called to order by Mayor Lewis at 7:30 p.m. and he gave the invocation. Members present were Commissioners Harold Meacombs, Fred Hough, Luke Robinson, and J.W. McClenny. Commissioner Derek Bissette was absent. The guest list is attached and are part of these minutes.

Mayor Lewis then opened the floor for a Public Hearing to hear a recommendation from the Bailey Middlesex Recreation Committee to use approximately sixty five (65) acres of land owned by Fred Lamm on Stoney Hill Church Road as the site for the development of the new Bailey Middlesex Recreation Park. Mayor Lewis stressed that this was not approval to purchase but to use this site to file the grant application. Patricia Marlowe, a resident of Stone Heritage Road spoke in opposition stating that increased traffic and crime would be a problem for area residents and they feared the park would be a hangout for undesirables. Marlow also stated that the Board voted to give the town employees a 2% cost of living increase which was less than half the actual cost of living increase, but agreed to spend the money for the park. She believes with the tight economy, individual and corporate sponsors will be harder to obtain and that the park will increase taxes for the citizens of small municipalities. Mayor Lewis thanked Ms. Marlowe for her comments and closed the Public Hearing.

A second Public Hearing was then called by Mayor Lewis to hear comments/questions on the proposed 2008-2009 budget. There was no input from the public and the hearing was closed.

Mayor Lewis then opened the floor for the public comment session. There were no comments and the session was closed at 7:40 pm.

Commissioner Hough moved to accept the April minutes as correct. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson and it carried unanimously.

Administrator Bissette requested to change the agenda to remove Earvin Howell, Jr. as an applicant for a part time police officer and to add Robert Elsey as an applicant for part time police. Commissioner McClenny moved to approve the agenda with the requested changes. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough, and it carried unanimously.

In a motion by Commissioner Robinson, seconded by Commissioner Meacombs and carried unanimously, the April Financial Statements were accepted as presented by the Clerk.

Sergeant Dennis Murray stated that the City of Jacksonville will be releasing their Crown Victoria patrol vehicles for sale next week.

Administrator Bissette introduced Brian Boswell, Todd Gillingham-Kauffman and Robert Elsey, who are all applying for part time police officers. Mr. Boswell left to report for his shift at Sharpsburg, where he is a full time officer. He lives on Bray Road and works the same schedule as our police department.

Administrator Bissette advised the Board that Ray Cameron's deadline for cleanup as set by the judge expired today. Bissette has pictures showing the work not finished and is sending them to Attorney Liz Fairman to schedule another court date.

Durwood Williams, Williams Paving Company, misunderstood some paving instructions and paved ~~North Walnut Street from W. Stewart to N. Nash~~, Amended 6-9-2014
E. Stewart Street from N. Walnut to N. Nash, which was not on the list. His invoice was for \$5,600, but he was requesting the Board to pay him \$4,600, which would be the cost of labor and materials and he would not make a profit. After a brief discussion, Commissioner McClenny moved to pay \$3,700. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson and it carried unanimously. The invoice will be paid from Powell Bill funds.

The Board tabled a resolution to participate in the Rural Transportation Planning Organization until such time the town has a full time Town Administrator.

Commissioner Hough moved to approve the following requested 2007-2008 Budget Amendments:

<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>
EXPENDITURES:		<u>INCREASE</u>
<i>POWELL BILL:</i>		
10-570-4500	Contracted Services	\$27,000
REVENUES:		
10-343-0200	Powell Bill Fund Bal. Approp. (to cover additional paving completed)	\$27,000
EXPENDITURES:		
<i>LEGAL SERVICES:</i>		
10-420-3800	Professional Services	\$10,000
REVENUES:		
10-329-0000	Interest Earned (to cover DFB Dev., Cameron case & Dollar General Annexation)	\$10,000

Administrator Bissette reviewed a letter from the NC DOT Powell Bill Program which stated that we have accumulated over ten years allocations and must spend \$4,851.96 plus this year's allocation plus interest before June 30th or the \$4,851.96 excess will be deducted from our next allocation. Since we have spent \$84,000 on paving this fiscal year, this rule does not apply.

Commissioner Meacombs moved to use sixty five (65) acres of the Fred Lamm property on Stoney Hill Church Road for the park location on the grant application as recommended by the Bailey Middlesex Recreation Committee. Commissioner McClenny seconded and the motion carried unanimously.


Commissioner Robinson moved to go into Closed Session under G.S.143-318.11(a)(6) to interview Todd Gillingham-Kauffman and Robert Elsey for part time police officers, G.S.143-318.11(a)(3) to discuss an ongoing legal matter regarding Creech Farms Subdivision, and under G.S.143-318.11(a)((5) to discuss the town's purchase of property on Selma Road for a lift station. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.

Back in Open Session, Commissioner Meacombs moved to hire Brian Boswell, Todd Gillingham-Kauffman, and Robert Elsey as part time police officers. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson and it carried unanimously.

Administrator Bissette reviewed the proposed 2008-2009 budget figures changing all the salaries and benefits to reflect the 2% cost of living adjustment as requested by the Board at the last meeting. The Board agreed with Bissette that legal services should be increased from \$4,000 to \$8,000. Bissette pointed out that she has included money for random drug testing in the Administration, Streets and Sidewalks, Water, and Sewer Departments. She advised that the budget will be posted June 1st as required, but changes can be made until it is adopted. The budget will be on the agenda for the June 9th.

Being no further business, Commissioner Hough moved to adjourn.


Jennifer Lambert
Town Clerk

Mayor Luther H. Lewis, Jr.
Commissioners
Harold Meacombs
Fred Hough 
Luke Robinson
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