

Middlesex Governing Body Special Meeting Minutes  
May 22, 2017

Mayor Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:30pm and gave the invocation. Members present were Commissioners J.W. McClenny, Ann Lewis, Cherrye Davis, Danny Alford, and Harold Meacombs. Only three guests attended, including a representative from the ***Spring Hope Enterprise***.

With swimming pool season near, it is time to hire the Seasonal Pool Attendants for the 2017 pool season. Mayor Lewis recommended to hire Aaron Sullivan, Susan Sessoms, Tonya Turner, and Joseph Whittington. Alex Strickland, who has been assisting us every year, will continue to work also when available. Commissioner Lewis moved to hire Aaron Sullivan, Susan Sessoms, Tonya Turner, and Joseph Whittington as Seasonal Pool Attendants at the rate of \$9.00 per hour effective May 27, 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McClenny and the vote was unanimous.

Clerk Lambert distributed the resignation of full time Police Officer Tristan Stallings effective May 23, 2017. Mayor Lewis noted that Tristan had a job opportunity with a significant pay increase and he didn't blame him for accepting. Commissioner Meacombs moved to accept the resignation of Tristan Stallings effective May 23, 2017. Commissioner Alford seconded and the vote was unanimous.

After a brief discussion, Commissioner Meacombs moved to post an ad for the full time Police Office vacancy at a salary range of \$25,000 to \$30,000 to run for thirty days. Commissioner Lewis seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Mayor Lewis recommended we hire another Reserve Police Officer since we only have Sammy Drake and Stephanie Anders Kittrel, and we don't know how much Stephanie will be available to work. Commissioner Meacombs moved to post an ad for a Reserve Police Officer at the rate of \$11.75 per hour for thirty days. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Alford and the vote was unanimous.

Clerk Lambert requested a motion for a budget amendment needed for the two Police Department ads. Commissioner Lewis moved to approve an amendment to increase the Police Department advertising budget for \$600. Lambert noted that she would take the \$600 from extra General Fund Revenue overages if possible, instead of General Fund Balance. Commissioner Davis seconded and the vote was unanimous.

With Tammy Pittman being out for an indefinite period of time due to an accident, the town hall is short staffed. Mayor Lewis advised the Board that we may

have Ann Lewis and Casey Liles, who are on the town's payroll, come in to assist if needed for a few days. Everyone was in agreement.

The last item of business is a 2017-2018 Budget Workshop. With the absence of Tammy Pittman, and training Administrative Assistant Gloria Vinson, the budget worksheet is not available. Mayor Lewis added we would need to schedule another budget meeting before the June 12, 2017 regular meeting. Clerk Lambert advised that a budget must be posted in the Clerk's office on June 1, and a Public Hearing must be advertised at least ten (10) days prior to the Public Hearing. Everyone agreed to schedule a Budget Workshop on Wednesday, May 31, at 10:00am in the Conference Room at the town hall.

Clerk Lambert distributed the draft Envirolink proposed contract. Mayor Lewis advised that the proposed contract amount has increased \$4,000 from last year, from \$220,000 to \$224,000. Lewis thinks the town will still save approximately \$50,000 outsourcing all of Public Works to Envirolink. Mayor Lewis asked everyone to mark it up, highlight items, write down their questions, and make any changes they feel necessary before the next workshop. Commissioner McClenny asked what the annual increase of such a contract would be based upon. Mayor Lewis replied that it would be based on the CPI (consumer price index), versus the current contract increase, which has been 2% per year. After everyone has reviewed the proposal, at some point there will be a roundtable discussion with Envirolink to ask questions and negotiate. Mayor Lewis requested everyone submit their questions before the meeting so Envirolink can review the questions. Everyone agreed.

With no further business, Commissioner Meacombs moved to adjourn. Commissioner Lewis seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Jennifer Lambert, Town Clerk

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