

Middlesex Governing Body Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2014

Mayor Lewis opened the Public Hearing at 7:30 pm for comments/questions pertaining to the 2014-2015 proposed budget. Approximately twenty five people were in attendance. Mayor Lewis presented the 2014-2015 Budget Ordinance totaling \$1,297,395. The General Fund represents \$803,365 and uses \$154,355 in fund balance appropriations. The Water Fund Budget totaling \$142,500 uses no fund balance, while the Sewer Fund Budget of \$351,530 needs \$43,480 in fund balance.

Citizens Becky Strickland, Brandy Holt, and Robert Johnson spoke in opposition to the proposed two cents (\$.02) tax increase from \$.50/100 to \$.52/100 in valuation. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:40pm.

Mayor Lewis then called the regularly scheduled meeting to order and gave the invocation. Members present were Commissioners Meacombs, Alford, Davis, Lewis, and McClenny were all present.

The May 12, 27, and June 2, 2014 meeting minutes were approved unanimously in a motion by Commissioner McClenny, which was seconded by Commissioner Alford.

The agenda was unanimously approved as presented in a motion by Commissioner Meacombs and seconded by Commissioner Davis.

Mayor Lewis opened the floor for the Public Comment Session. Mac Stewart, Brandie Holt, Becky Strickland, Dwain Stallings, and Edna Mount spoke about various concerns.

The May Financials Statements were unanimously approved as presented in a motion by Commissioner Meacombs and seconded by Commissioner McClenny.

Mayor Lewis reported the Utility Department continued smoke testing sewer lines in May and repaired two fire hydrants.

Librarian Cherrye Davis reported the library was holding a summer reading program June 24 through July 29.

Mayor Lewis thanked Robert Johnson for his recommendation to place a handicap ramp at the police department entrance. Upon checking, there was sufficient space to do so and the ramp has been completed.

The May 12, 2008 meeting minutes recorded a street name incorrectly in regard to a Powell Bill paving project. Commissioner Meacombs moved to correct the May 12, 2008 meeting minutes to delete "**paved North Walnut Street from W. Stewart to N. Nash**" to

Commissioner Alford moved to apply for a 50/50 grant for four bulletproof vests for the full time Police Officers. The current vests are expired. Commissioner McClenny seconded and the motion carried unanimously. The town will pay for the vests and be reimbursed for half by the grant. This is included in the 2014-2015 budget.

<u>GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>DECREASE</u>
Public Buildings:		

****Moved to cover dental office cabinets, sinks and related labor, and labor to install 2 doors we already have.***

****Budgeted collection fee based on Tax Scroll Estimate was low
Increase revenues for Prior year taxes-not using fund
balance***

****Largely due to increased costs for solids (BOD's& TSS's going to Raleigh) & partially due to infiltration, which we continue to look for.***

Commissioner Alford seconded Meacombs' motion and the amendments were approved unanimously.

Commissioner Meacombs moved to adopt the 2014-2015 Budget Ordinance as presented. Commissioner McClenny seconded. The budget passed by a four to one vote, with Commissioner Alford being the dissenting vote. The 2014-2015 Budget Ordinance is attached and are a part of this set of minutes.

Commissioner McClenny moved to hold a Special Meeting on June 24, 2014 at 9:00am to discuss and approve any needed 2013-2014 Budget Amendments. Commissioner Alford seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Meacombs moved to go into Closed Session as allowed by G.S.143.318-11(a)(6) to discuss a personnel matter. Commissioner McClenny seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Back in Open Session, Commissioner Meacombs moved to terminate Administrative Assistant Shelly Woodruff effective Friday, June 6, 2014. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McClenny and the vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Meacombs then moved to advertise for an Administrative Assistant with a salary range of \$25,000 – \$30,000 contingent upon experience, with Logics experience a plus, and efficient in Microsoft Office with a Monday, June 23, 2014 5:00pm deadline for applications. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Alford and the vote was unanimous.

With no further business, Commissioner McClenny moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and meeting was adjourned.

Jennifer Lambert, Clerk

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