

Middlesex Governing Body Meeting Minutes
Reconvened June 21, 2016 from 06-13-2016 Recessed Meeting

Mayor Lewis reconvened the June 13, 2016 meeting to order at 10:00am and gave the invocation. Members present were Commissioners Harold Meacombs, Danny Alford, Cherrye Davis, and J.W. McClenny. Commissioner Ann Lewis was absent. There were no guests.

Mayor Lewis gave a recap of the proposed the 2016-2017 Budget and the budget workshop discussions on June 13, 2016. The Grand Total Budget proposed is \$1,242,300 and a public hearing has been scheduled for June 27, 2016 at 7:30pm. Public Works and Police Department requests are included in the Budget along with salaries increases and benefits. This budget continues all Public Works functions in-house as opposed to a proposal to outsource to Envirolink.

Needed library improvements will be completed before June 30, so no improvements are included for the 2016-2017 budget. New paint, addition of a doorbell at the rear for handicapped patrons, a handicap sign, along with screenings at the rear entrance should be completed next week. However, new paint and carpet for the town hall are included in the 2016-2017 public buildings budget.

Mayor Lewis also brought to the attention of the Board the \$39,600 in revenue from the rental of the dental office. The 2016-2017 year is the final year of the contract and we need to be thinking about how to replace that revenue if Southern Nash Dental does not renew the contract. The \$39,600 is equivalent to \$.08 in property tax. Commissioner McClenny asked if we have heard anything from Southern Nash Dental. Commissioner Alford added he wish we could get some input from them. Mayor Lewis has called and left messages, but has not received a reply. No commitment has been made by Southern Nash Dental to move or to stay at this time. Lewis added that we should be concerned about how to fill that revenue void if we have to find another revenue stream.

The General Fund budget totaling \$703,930 and calls for \$18,370 in Fund Balance, which is equivalent to \$.04 increase in taxes. No tax increase is included at this time. Mayor Lewis reminded that Board of his recommendation to increase the grave opening fees and the zoning permit fee.

The Water Budget totals \$165,715, using \$8,415 in Fund Balance and the Sewer Budget totals \$538,370, needing \$27,745. Mayor Lewis feels we should be okay without increasing water or sewer rates.

Nash County thinks they will suffer a 7-8% decrease from the property evaluation for 2017 tax year. Growth should offset the decrease for Middlesex, if any, as a result of the revaluation of property.