

July 11, 2011
Meeting Minutes

The Middlesex Governing Body met in regular session in the Conference Room of the Town Hall. Mayor Luther H. Lewis, Jr., called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and gave the invocation. Members present were Commissioners J.W. McClenny, Luke Robinson, Dale Bachmann, Harold Meacombs, and Fred Hough. Police Chief Dennis Murray was present and the only guest was Vennie Brock.

Mayor Lewis opened the floor for the Public Comment Session to hear any public comment. There were no comments and the session was closed.

The June 13th and June 27th, 2011 meeting minutes were approved unanimously in a motion by Commissioner Robinson and seconded by Commissioner McClenny.

Commissioner Meacombs requested to add a Closed Session to the agenda under G.S.143-318.11(a)(6) to discuss qualifications of candidates for the vacant Police Officer Position. In addition, he requested to add Under New Business any action taken as a result of the Closed Session. The amended agenda was approved unanimously in a motion by Commissioner Bachmann and seconded by Commissioner Robinson.

Clerk Lambert reviewed the June Financial Statements and the Income Statement as of 6/30/2011. The General Fund showed a loss of \$154,419.44; however, \$50,000 was the town's payment for the Bailey Middlesex Sports Complex and \$108,316 was Powell Bill funds for street paving. The Water Fund showed a gain of \$6968.35 and the Sewer Fund showed a loss of \$21,471.14, for a net loss for the Water and Sewer Fund of \$14,502.79. The loss in the Sewer Fund was mainly due to debt service payments of \$115,747, of which \$86,000 in CD's were cashed in to pay. Of the \$86,000 in CD's cashed in to pay the debt service, \$60,000 came from revenues received in this fiscal year 2011-2012, and \$26,000 came from revenues from the prior fiscal year 2009-2010.

Clerk Lambert added that June invoices received in July after the year was rolled over, were paid Friday totaled another \$11,989.17 posted to General Fund and \$5,519.20 posted to Water and Sewer. Lambert also added that depreciation on the town's assets is not included in any of these figures and the final figures will be presented by Auditor John Anthony when the audit is completed. Commissioner McClenny moved to accept the June Financial Statements as correct. Commissioner Robinson seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Also presented was a list of CD Reserves as of June 30, 2011 totaling \$1,048,978.22.

Chief Dennis Murray advised the Board that the July work schedule was subject to change and the August schedule does not have every day covered at this time. He advised the Board that the checkpoints were working well.

Commissioner Bachmann added that the wells are up and running, the inspections went well and everything is running smooth in the Utility Department.

Mayor Lewis advised the Board that he sent quotes totaling \$8,900 for the camera and other computer equipment in the wrecked Crown Vic to the League insurance adjuster, and we should receive \$8,362 to finalize the claim.

Mayor Lewis also added that he is still searching for used Crown Victoria police cruisers and Len Hopkins with the state will search the system for available white Crown Victoria police cruisers and give us a time frame when one might be available.

A new 6' x 10' trailer was purchased for the lawn mower with a tension spring tailgate and heavy duty tongue, which Commissioner Bachmann added was working very nicely. Mayor Lewis added that the trailer was \$1,325 and between Sough Ag, Agri Supply and Rigsbee Auto Parts, Rigsbee had the best price.

As an FYI, a letter from Vance Holloman with the NC Local Government Commissioner advised that Clerk Jennifer Lambert's dual appointment as Finance Officer and Tax Collector was approved. The dual appointment has to be approved every year.

Commissioner Robinson moved to go into Closed Session under G.S.143-318.11(a)(6) to discuss police applicant's qualifications. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bachmann and carried unanimously.

Back in Open Session, Commissioner Hough advised Chief Murray that the Board would not make a decision on the Corporal position until he investigated the bent front rims on the Crown Vic and the dirt and grass causing the car to overheat. He advised Chief Murray to get to the bottom of the situation and get back to the Mayor or Police Commissioners as soon as he had some answers, and that the person responsible should have reported the incident to him. Murray advised the Board that the only notification he received was Officer Scott Pollard called him while he was on vacation to tell him that the car was heating due to tall grass in the radiator. Pollard did say he had pulled off the road shoulder where there was tall grass, and Dennis advised him to have the radiator checked out. Murray added that all the officers had been driving the car since the rims were taken off the wrecked Crown Vic and placed on this Crown Vic and no one had advised him of any problems with the car. Murray said he

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would investigate and get back to Mayor Lewis and the Police Commissioners as soon as possible.

Commissioner Meacombs, moved to hire Crystal Daughtry at a salary of \$27,200 as a full time Police Officer effective August 1, 2011. He also added that the Board would hold off on the Corporal appointment to find out how the rims got bent on the Crown Vic until the next meeting and asked Dennis to investigate with Middlesex Motor and Woodruff Tire & Alignment to get the facts. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Bachmann and carried unanimously.

With no further business to discuss, Commissioner Robinson moved to adjourn.

Jennifer Lambert
Clerk

Mayor Lu Harvey Lewis, Jr.
Commissioners
Harold Meacombs
Fred Hough
Luke Robinson
Dale Bachmann
J.W. McClenny