

**Middlesex Governing Body  
Meeting Agenda  
July 11, 2016 – 7:30pm  
10232 S. Nash Street**

1. Call the meeting to order and give the invocation.
2. Approve the June meeting minutes     **Pages 1 – 14**
3. Approve the agenda
4. Reports:
  - a. Clerk                     **Pages 15 – 61**
  - b. Police Chief           **Pages 62 – 65**
  - c. Public Works Supervisor   **Page 66**
  - d. Library                 **Page 67**
  - e. Mayor
  - f. Commissioners
5. Old Business:
  - a. Rental of town building at 10220 S. Nash Street (former bakery)

**ADDED:**

- b. **Nash County Housing Urgent Repair Assistance Program**
    - c. **Bulk and Yard Waste Pickup and Policy**
6. New Business:
  - a. Request from the Board of Elections to hold early voting at the community building from October 27 through November 5, 2016
7. Public Comment Session
8. Adjourn

Middlesex Governing Body Meeting Minutes  
July 11, 2016

Mayor Lewis called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and gave the invocation. Members present were Commissioners Harold Meacombs, Danny Alford, Cherrye Davis, Ann Lewis, and J.W. McClenny. Joe Burnette with the **Spring Hope Enterprise** was the only guest.

The June meeting minutes were approved as presented in a motion by Commissioner McClenny and seconded by Commissioner Alford

Mayor Lewis requested to add to the following to the agenda: Item (b) under New Business: Nash County Housing Urgent Repair Assistance Program; and Item (c) Bulk and Yard Waste Pickup and Policy. The amended meeting agenda was unanimously approved in a motion by Commissioner Meacombs and seconded by Commissioner Lewis.

Clerk Jennifer Lambert advised the Board that Mayor Tim Johnson with the Town of Bailey is in the process of arranging the webinar for Ethics Training for Local Elected Officials. They will advise us the date, time and Middlesex's half of the cost.

Lambert also advised the Board she received a letter from Nash County today advising the approval of the \$13,500 appropriation for the library for 2016-2017, which is the same contribution from the county as last fiscal year.

The June 2016 financials were unanimously approved as presented in a motion by Commissioner Lewis and seconded by Commissioner McClenny.

Utility Supervisor James Liles noted the 5.31 ton increase from May to June in bulk waste picked up. Mayor Lewis noted this was added to the agenda for discussion.

Mayor Lewis reported that Paradise Homes has two more modular homes going in Southwinds Subdivision on Stokes Road and KB Building and Development will build about six more homes in Cedar Run Subdivision. Renovations are also taking place on several older homes in town.

After advertising in both the **Wilson Times** and the **Spring Hope Enterprise**, only one application was received to lease the town's building at 10220 S. Nash Street. Letecia Cavazos would like to rent the building for catering and supplies for special events, such as weddings, receptions and birthday parties. She has an established business providing these services and also has a large supply of bridal gowns for sale. She has looked at the building and has paid the \$250 deposit. She has requested permission to paint the walls. A refrigerator in the building was left by a former tenant and she was advised that it does not belong to the town. Ms. Cavazos would like to lease the building for a period of one year and she will provide the \$1,000,000 property and liability insurance required before she occupies the building.

Commissioner Alford moved to lease the building to Letecia Cavazos effective August 1, 2016 for a period of one year, with a \$250 building deposit and \$250 per month rent. Commissioner Lewis seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Mayor Lewis received a request from the Nash County Board of Elections to hold early voting at the community building from October 27 through November 5, 2016. No compensation will be received for utilities, etc. Voting will be held Monday through Friday from 9:00am to 6:00pm and Saturday from 9:00am to 1:00pm and no voting on Sunday. There will be no rentals during this time frame if they decide to use the community building. The Middlesex Baptist Church Family Life Center, which is the normal voting place, may be used. Commissioner Davis moved to allow the Nash County Board of Elections to use the community building for early voting if they choose to do so. Her motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and the vote was unanimous.

Nash County announced a housing repair assistance program for low income home owners, "Nash County Urgent Repair Program (URP16)" totaling \$100,000 from the NC Housing Finance Agency for to repair approximately 13 homes. Qualified applicants must complete an application before 5:00pm on the July 27, 2016 deadline. Contact information will be posted at the town hall for interested persons.

Over the years, the town has tried to accommodate all yard and bulk waste pickup. At one time, the town had someone that would take all the bulk because it was of some value. Since the price of metal is down, no one gets the bulk and the bulk waste has gotten totally out of hand. People have been placing a whole room or house full of furniture at the street for pickup. The town has an ordinance and a policy in place. We have been going above and beyond our duty versus what the policy requires. Commissioner Alford asked what qualifies as a bulk load for which a charge would be incurred. Mayor Lewis replied "If it requires the backhoe and two men, it qualifies for a bulk load". He referred to the meeting handout, which is sanitation brochure given to all new utility account customers. The brochure states we will pick up "an appliance, a piece of furniture, or other large item that is not considered household garbage or yard waste". Special bulk waste collections consists of numerous appliances or pieces of furniture, or other large items which must be scheduled and paid for in advance at \$100 per load. Mayor Lewis added that this was already town policy and no vote was necessary unless the Board wishes to increase the \$100 per load fee. No action was taken to change the fee.


The same thing is happening with yard waste because we have been doing an extra good job of retrieving, citizens are generating more yard waste. Also, citizens are placing large piles of mixed yard waste, not separated and not cut according to the size specified by the town for pickup. Brush and small branches that can be chipped must be separated from larger limbs. Large limbs must be cut into four foot lengths and weigh no more than fifty pounds. Branches must be separated from leaves in order for the leaves to be picked up by the leaf vacuum system. We are also have a problem with citizens having someone cut down trees and clean their lot and leave for the town to pickup. The town will not remove yard waste generated by contract labor.

Mayor Lewis said the time has come this must stop and we must adhere to our ordinance and policy. He advised he would be writing a letter, which will be mailed to all citizens, advising that we will begin strictly adhering to our town policy.

Mayor Lewis will call Waste Industries and check the price of a 40 foot roll-off dumpster also. The dumpster may be more cost efficient than making extra trips to Wilson due to bulk waste. Electronics would not be allowed in the dumpster and only town employees would have access to the dumpster.

Mayor Lewis opened the floor for the public comment session. No one wished to speak and the session was closed.

With no further business, Commissioner Meacombs moved to adjourn. Commissioner McClenny seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

  
Jennifer Lambert, Clerk

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