

Middlesex Governing Body Meeting Minutes
August 10, 2015

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. In addition to Police Chief Dennis Murray and Utilities Supervisor James Liles, there were only five guests.

The July 13, 2015 minutes were approved unanimously in a motion by Commissioner Alford, which was seconded by Commissioner McClenny.

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

Clerk Lambert presented the July financials and they were unanimously approved after a motion by Commissioner Meacombs and seconded by Commissioner McClenny.

Commissioner Alford asked for an update on the effort to recover more of the stolen merchandise from the recent break-ins. Chief Dennis Murray reported that more items could possibly be recovered, but since the goods were taken to so many different places, chances of recovery were slim.

There were no comments/questions regarding the monthly report presented by Public Works Supervisor James Liles

Cherrye Davis thanked Commissioner McClenny for assembling the four computer chairs for the library.

Mayor Lewis reported two new homes were being built in the Cedar Run Subdivision. Also several older homes have been sold and are being or have been remodeled, and another home sold on West Hanes Avenue is scheduled to close next week. There has been a lot of recent activity in the housing market in town.

Commissioner Meacombs moved to accept the oral resignation of part time Utility Worker Herman Ellis effective July 13, 2015. Commissioner Lewis seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Carolina Coastal Railway notified the town of a price increase in the annual maintenance costs for the Manning Street railroad crossing. The annual cost of \$1,532 will increase to \$1,830 effective with the June 2015 invoice for fiscal year 2014-2015. They will back invoice the \$298 difference. The total cost for fiscal year 2015-2016 will be \$2,128, and \$1,830 for 2016-2017 if no further increases are implemented. These

invoices are paid with Powell Bill funds, as this is an approved expenditure of these funds.

The Board reviewed a Street Closing Permit Application for the Annual Warren "Sneak" Lewis 5K Memorial Run to be held on September 12, 2015. The time and route is the same as last year. We are awaiting the Certificate of Insurance. All other required documents have been received. Commissioner McClenny moved to adopt Resolution R2015-1144 authorizing street closing for the Annual Warren "Sneak" Lewis 5K Memorial Run. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Alford and was adopted unanimously.

The Board reviewed an Audit Engagement Letter and a Contract to Audit Accounts from Anthony and Tabb, PA. The Local Government Commission now requires all audit contracts be submitted to and adopted by the Governing Body before being submitted for their approval before any work can begin. The audit contract was unanimously adopted in a motion by Commissioner Alford and seconded by Commissioner Lewis.

Mayor Lewis opened the floor for the Public Comment Session and no one addressed the Board.

Commissioner Meacombs moved to go into Closed Session to discuss personnel matters as authorized by G.S.143-318.11(a)(6). His motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis and passed unanimously.

Back in Open Session, Commissioner Meacombs moved to hire Stephanie Anders as a full time Police Officer effective August 13, 2015 at a salary of \$29,000 per year. Commissioner Alford seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Being no further business, Commissioner McClenny moved to adjourn. Commissioner Davis 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