

Middlesex Governing Body Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2015

Mayor Lewis called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and gave the invocation. Members present were Commissioners Danny Alford, Cherrye Davis, Ann Lewis, and J.W. McClenny. Commissioner Harold Meacombs was absent. There were approximately twelve guests.

The August 10, and August 24, 2015 minutes were approved unanimously in a motion by Commissioner Lewis, which was seconded by Commissioner McClenny.

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

Clerk Lambert presented the August financials and they were unanimously approved in a motion by Commissioner McClenny and seconded by Commissioner Lewis.

Commissioner Alford asked about the recent vehicle break-ins. Chief Dennis Murray responded there were a total of eight, but nothing valuable was taken. The car doors were unlocked. Thieves targeted Village Square, Rockside Road, and Colonial Drive. The department is working to resolve the cases.

Public Works Supervisor James Liles brought in a five gallon bucket loaded with solidified grease he had removed from the sewer system so the public could get a visual example of what is happening in the lines, lift stations and pumps. The grease accumulates in the wet wells at the lift stations and messes up the floats. Mayor Lewis added that in addition to typing messages on several of the recent utility bills, and distributing a grease awareness handout to all sewer customers, we recently also mailed a letter to all sewer customers urging cooperation in keeping grease out of the sewer system to keep costs down. An agitator would not fix the problem, but would only pass the problem down the lines to the Mudcat Stadium lift station to Zebulon and cost more money. In the last 30-45 days, Envirolink has been twice and found grease clogs in the lines.

Librarian Cherrye Davis reported that several new books have arrived and been processed.

Mayor Lewis reported that a house just completed on the corner at Village Square is under contract. Lewis issued a permit for a stick built home off Stokes Road, which is in the ETJ, but he added that building is up.

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The following budget amended was unanimously approved in a motion by Commissioner Lewis and seconded by Commissioner Davis:

<u>GENERAL FUND REVENUES:</u>		<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>DECREASE</u>	
10-313-0000	Vehicle Taxes		23,000.00	
10-313-0003	Vehicle Taxes-DMV	23,000.00		
<i>*Separate Vehicle Taxes collected by Nash County and NC DMV</i>				
10-325-0000	Privilege Licenses	100.00		
10-390-0100	Gen Fund Balance Approp.		100.00	
<i>*According to the new legislation passed last year effective July 2015, local governments no longer have authority to issued privilege licenses with the exception of beer and wine. We will continue to bill and collect for Beer/Wine Privilege Licenses. Inspectors are asking to see these licenses. We are using the same software program to bill these licenses and writing "Beer/Wine" and "On/Off Premises", whichever is applicable on the actual license to be posted on site.</i>				

Mayor Lewis reported there is interest in citizens renting the community building on weeknights for a short period of time for activities such as Girl Scouts and exercise classes. The building is not being used during this time and the town needs to generate income and feels this use would be good for the community. The all-day rental rate is \$175. He asked the Board to discuss a reasonable rate and select the time frame. Commissioner Alford asked about \$50. Commissioner Ann Lewis thinks \$50 would be too much for someone renting it to hold exercise classes and thinks it should be more like \$25-\$30. Alford said he's not stuck on \$50 but need one rate for whatever time period. Everyone agreed and the price or hours could be readjusted later if necessary. Commissioner Lewis moved to make the community building accessible for rental at \$30 Monday through Thursday nights from 6:00 – 9:00pm. Her motion was seconded by Commissioner McClenny, and the vote was unanimous.

Mayor Lewis reported that under the town's Minimum Housing Code, he has been inspecting rental houses as it applies to safety features. Sometimes he has been making two or more trips before everything is okay, and went to one house three times a couple of weeks ago. He feels when we have to keep going back, there should be a second trip charge, because the repeated trips waste time and money. He added that rental property has improved in Middlesex. He cannot do anything about aesthetics like paint and carpet, but the homes are safer – electrical outlets are covered, there is a working heat source in the home, smoke detectors are in place, and bedroom windows

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open in case of fire. Commissioner McClenny requested Lewis to check with other towns and see if they charge a second trip fee and how much. The matter was tabled.


Christmas~N~Middlesex will be held Saturday, December 12, 2015. Mayor Lewis asked everyone for suggestions/recommendations. Cindy Ridgway, the town-appointed Chairperson has a couple of people to assist her with organizing the event.

Mayor Lewis opened the floor for the Public Comment Session. Citizens Edna Mount, Robert Johnson, Becky Strickland, and Vennie Brock addressed the Board regarding various topics of concern.

Commissioner McClenny 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, Town Administrator Luther H. Lewis, Jr. read aloud his resignation. Commissioner Ann Lewis moved to accept the resignation of Luther H. Lewis, Jr., as full time Town Administrator effective October 21, 2015 and transfer Luther H. Lewis, Jr., to part time Town Administrator effective October 22, 2015. Commissioner Alford seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner McClenny 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
Danny Alford
Cherrye Davis
Ann Lewis
J.W. McClenny