

Meeting Minutes
October 8, 2012

Mayor Lewis called the regular meeting to order at 7:30pm and gave the invocation. Members present were Commissioners Harold Meacombs, Danny Alford, Cherrye Davis, Dale Bachmann, and J.W. McClenny. Approximately 30 guests attended.

Mayor Lewis opened the floor for Public Comment. Brandie Holt, Robert Johnson, Edna Mount, and McKinley Pulley addressed the Board with various concerns. Mayor Lewis thanked the citizens for their comments and closed the session at 7:40 pm.

The September meeting minutes were unanimously approved in a motion by Commissioner Alford and seconded by Commissioner Bachmann.

Mayor Lewis requested to add Item 7 (c) under New Business, "discuss fee schedule". Commissioner Bachmann requested to add Item (e) under Old Business, "discuss yard waste". Commissioner McClenny moved to approve the amended agenda. Commissioner Meacombs seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Clerk Lambert reviewed the September financial statements and also updated the Board on the town's debt service obligations. The September financials were unanimously approved in a motion by Commissioner McClenny and seconded by Commissioner Meacombs.

Sergeant Scott Pollard represented the police department in Chief Murray's absence. The speed cart borrowed from the Town of Spring Hope is currently on Rockside Road.

Commissioner Bachmann advised he is continuing to follow up weekly with NCDOT on the resurfacing of West Hanes Avenue and Wilson Street. He also pointed out that state mandated lead and copper testing has been reduced from testing 20 sites twice a year to testing 10 sites once a year.

Commissioner Bachmann asked citizens to pick up the free publication "Discover Nash County", in the town office, and review and compare the information on tax and utility rates for all Nash County towns. Many other towns rates are higher than Middlesex rates.

In answer to Mr. McKinley Pulley's request to fix the water discoloration problem on the dead end of S. Oak Street, Commissioner Bachmann promised to have the matter resolved by the 15th of November.

Mayor Lewis thanked all the citizens for their attendance and interest in the matters of the town. As pointed out at the September meeting, the proper channel for receiving answers to questions and concerns is to come to town hall, not through the public comment session at town board meetings. He added that the town is an open book and he invited anyone to take time to come to the town hall if they have a question or concern.

After a brief review regarding allowing inflatable devices at the community building and parks, Commissioner Bachmann moved to allow inflatable devices at the community building, the West Hanes and the Wellness Park with proof of insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000 and a signed hold harmless agreement. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McClenny and carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed a list of eleven delinquent taxpayers, with current addresses on file, who have either ignored all opportunities to set up a payment arrangement or will not adhere to a signed payment arrangement on file. The town attorney quoted \$50 per letter. Commissioner Alford moved for the town attorney to send a collection letter to each of the eleven taxpayers and approved the following budget amendment to cover the cost:

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES: **INCREASE**

Taxes:

10-460-3800	Professional Services	600.00
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GENERAL FUND REVENUES:

10--310-0100	Prior Year Taxes	600.00
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The motion was seconded by Commissioner Meacombs and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Bachmann moved to adopt the Nash County Animal Ordinance and the Interlocal Agreement, contingent upon providing staffing on weekends. Commissioner McClenny seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The July wastewater treatment bill from the City of Raleigh indicated an increase of approximately 15%. Mayor Lewis asked the Board if they wished to take any action on rates. Commissioner Bachmann requested the matter be tabled for a couple of months and review the financials at that time.

The Board asked for the citizens' cooperation with yard waste pickup. For easier and more efficient pickup, the town is requesting citizens to place yard

waste in a container no larger than a 32 gallon trash container or place curbside in plastic bags.

Commissioner McClenny confirmed a telephone poll vote by moving to approve the ABC permit for off premises unfortified wine to Cecilia Mullins, owner of Amber's Place, 10220 S. Nash Street. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis, and unanimously passed.

The Christmas ~N~ Middlesex Parade will be held on December 8, 2012 . NC DOT approval has been received for the closing of W. Hanes and S. Nash St.

Mayor Lewis requested the Board to adopt an hourly rate for extensive research requests for public records requiring more than an hour of administrative time. Depending on the request, the appropriate rate for the person completing the research will be charged. As confirmed by the town attorney, a special charge is allowed by the General Statutes to bill actual costs to the town for extensive research. When a request takes more than a hour, the town staff is operating outside the scope of their normal activities for all taxpayers and working solely for the person making the request. Commissioner Bachmann moved to charge the necessary fees to cover extensive research. Commissioner Alford seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Meacombs moved to go into Closed Session under G.S.143-318.11(a)(6) to review applications for the Utility Worker vacancy.

Back in Open Session, Commissioner Meacombs moved to allow the Town Administrator and the Utility Supervisor to review the applicants, decide, and select the candidate, and FYI the Board. A motion will be made at a later date so the record will reflect the name, employee status, rate of pay, and the effective date of employment for the new hire. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Being no further business, Commissioner Alford moved to adjourn.

Jennifer Lambert, Clerk

Mayor Lu Harvey Lewis, Jr.
Commissioners
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Danny Alford
Dale Bachmann
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