

Middlesex Governing Body Meeting Minutes
October 12, 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, Cherye Davis, Ann Lewis, and J.W. McClenny. Approximately twenty guests attended.

The September 14, 2015 minutes were approved unanimously in a motion by Commissioner McClenny, which was seconded by Commissioner Davis.

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

Bailey Middlesex Girl Scout Troup 86 gave a presentation on Grease Education/Awareness in the Middlesex Sewer System. Scouts Caroline Parrish and Blaise Elbert are working to earn their Bronze Award, which is the highest award for fourth and fifth graders. They presented a model home, complete with kitchens, bathrooms, sinks and toilets, and people. The model indicated the incorrect and correct way to dispose of paper and grease. The model will be on display in the foyer of the town hall. They visited over 100 residents distributing flyers and asking citizens to pledge to "trash it". The girls thanked the town for their effort and support. Mayor Lewis thanked the Girl Scouts for their efforts and their continuing efforts to help resolve the grease problem. Deb Cassidy, Scout Leader, then presented both girls with their Bronze Award pin. The room erupted with applause and congratulations. The presentation is attached and are part of this set of minutes.

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

Commissioner Danny Alford asked Public Works Supervisor James Liles if the grease problem is getting better. James replied that it seems to be getting a little better but it's too soon to tell. He added that time would tell and that there is a lot of talk and awareness of the problem since the town mailed a letter to all customers on the sewer system.

Mayor Lewis reported that the fire hydrant at the corner of Manning and West Hanes Avenue which was damaged in a wreck was replaced and we are in the process of invoicing the person's insurance company for all damages and labor.

Two more zoning permits were written in September – one for a new house in Cedar Run and one in Village Square. Within the next couple of months, three more houses will be built in Cedar Run, and more are expected to be built on the remaining empty lots in Village Square.

A letter from the NC Department of Transportation was presented informing all participating municipalities of the October 1, 2015 Powell Bill Allocations being distributed and the formula used to determine the allocations.

A Resolution, North Carolina “Breaking the Silence” on Domestic Violence Day”, was read aloud by Mayor Lewis. The resolution, in recognition of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month is sponsored by Mothers on a Mission Domestic Violence Organization. The Resolution proclaims Saturday, October 31, 2015 as “North Carolina ‘Breaking the Silence’ on Domestic Violence Day”. The resolution was unanimously adopted after a motion by Commissioner Alford and seconded by Commissioner Davis.

Mayor Lewis reviewed a letter from the City of Raleigh which explained a billing oversight for total nitrogen and phosphorus. They will begin billing but will not back bill for these charges. Included in the letter were two examples of the June 2015 bill showing the difference in the bill amount. Even with the 6% increase in the sewer volumetric rate and adding the billing of nitrogen and phosphorus, the bill remained lower due to the reduction in the rates effective July 1, 2015 for BOD’s and TSS’s (solids) in the wastewater.

NC Department of Transportation will have a new policy for street closures on state maintained roads effective January 1, 2016. A written notification of the street closing event must be sent sixty (60) days in advance of the event date. The municipalities must adopt an ordinance approving the event, stating they are responsible for all aspects of the event. A copy of the ordinance is sent to NC DOT and they review the ordinance for conflicts or concerns.

Mayor Lewis then opened the floor for public comment. Robert Johnson and Gillistine Pearce spoke about various concerns.

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

Back in Open Session, Commissioner Meacombs made a motion that upon the resignation of Luther H. Lewis, Jr., as full time Town Administrator, that he be retained part time at a rate of \$28.13 per hour. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McClenny and passed unanimously.

Being no further business, Commissioner Lewis 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

Caroline: Hi, I'm Caroline Parrish.

Blaise: And I'm Blaise Elbert.

Caroline: We are from Girl Scout Troop 86. We have recently completed a project to earn our Bronze Award. The focus of our project was to assist our community in solving a problem. As many of you know, Middlesex is having issues with the sewer system. This is due mainly to residents pouring kitchen grease down their drains and also flushing various items down their commodes. The first part of our project was getting as many citizens as possible to pledge to "trash it" instead. Our efforts included an information booth at the Middlesex Elementary open house as well as the Fireman's Day Celebration. We also went house to house collecting pledge signatures. We visited over 100 homes where we spoke to residents or left informative flyers.

Blaise: For the second part of our project we built a display model for Town Hall. This will help inform future residents about the problem. Our model shows both the correct and incorrect method for disposing of kitchen grease and paper products in the bathroom. (Physically show the model and explain)

Our Girl Scout troop will continue to distribute flyers to the remaining houses in Middlesex when the weather permits. The flyers encourage them to stop by town hall to see the display or let us know if they have questions.

Both: We would like to thank the town for all of your support and effort.

Office of: Mayor Luther H. Lewis, Jr.
Town of: Middlesex
North Carolina

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North Carolina "Breaking the Silence" On Domestic Violence Day

WHEREAS, in recognition of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and

WHEREAS, Mothers On A Mission Domestic Violence Organization is committed to "Breaking the Silence" On Domestic Violence in the state of North Carolina, and

WHEREAS, between January 2009 and December 2014 there were 411 Domestic Violence Homicides in the state of North Carolina, and

WHEREAS, Ninety-five (95) of those homicide victims were under the age of 25 years old, and

WHEREAS, out of the 95 homicide victims under the age of 25 years old, 29 were under the age of 16 years old, and

WHEREAS, out of the 411 homicide victims, 34 were over the age of 60 years old, and

WHEREAS, one hundred of those homicides resulted in Murder/Suicides, and

WHEREAS, eighty-two of the 100 counties in North Carolina were affected by domestic violence homicides, and

WHEREAS, fifty-four of the perpetrators were females and 280 were males, and

WHEREAS, one hundred and twenty-four of the victims were murdered by their spouse, and

WHEREAS, five of the victims were On-Duty Law Enforcement Officers, and

WHEREAS, one hundred and twenty-eight of the victims were murdered by their boyfriend/girlfriend, and

WHEREAS, twenty-three of the victims were murdered by "EX" of their current girlfriend/boyfriend, and

WHEREAS, one hundred and nine of the perpetrators were males under the age of 35 years old and fifteen were females under the age of 35 years old, and

WHEREAS, North Carolina endured an average of 68.66 Domestic Violence Homicides each year for the past six years, and

WHEREAS, Mothers On A Mission Domestic Violence Organization will dedicate Saturday October 31, 2015 to "BREAKING THE SILENCE" On Domestic Violence in our state by setting up educational workshops and booths to distribute informative information to the public, radio and television interviews;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the city of Middlesex, hereby officially proclaim SATURDAY OCTOBER 31, 2015 as

NORTH CAROLINA "BREAKING THE SILENCE" ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DAY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND CAUSED TO BE AFFIXED THE SEAL OF THE TOWN OF MIDDLESEX, NORTH CAROLINA, THIS THE 12th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2015



Luther H. Lewis, Jr. Mayor
Luther H. Lewis, Jr.