

Middlesex Governing Body Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2014

Mayor Lewis called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 7:30 pm and gave the invocation. Members present were Commissioners Harold Meacombs, Danny Alford, Cherry Davis, Ann Lewis, and J.W. McClenny. Approximately ten guests attended.

Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the October meeting minutes as presented by Clerk Lambert. Commissioner McClenny seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Mayor Lewis requested to add the following items to the agenda under New Business: Item c. Accept Sergeant Scott Pollard's resignation and discuss his vacation pay; Item d. Discuss hiring a full time officer to replace Sergeant Pollard; and Item e. Approve 2014-2015 Budget Amendment to cover the "Shop with a Cop" Christmas Program. Commissioner Alford moved to approve the amended agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Meacombs and the vote was unanimous.

Clerk Lambert presented the October financial statements, which were unanimously approved after a motion by Commissioner Alford and a second by Commissioner McClenny.

Mayor Lewis added that work on lift stations continues. Two new pumps have been ordered for Lift Station #8 on Selma Road. Once these are received, and Russell Underwood, Inc. completes the quote for the remainder of the lift station overhaul project, the Board will decide the final amount to borrow from Southern Bank to complete the project. Lewis noted that will probably be in January 2015.

Commissioner Davis advised that the three computers from the town hall are up and running in the library. One workstation is dedicated to public access to the catalogue from other libraries through the One Card System.

Mayor Lewis read aloud Resolution R2014-1133 to approve the closing of 231 (South Nash Street) and Hanes Avenue to hold the Christmas Parade, Saturday, December 13, 2014 between 2:00 and 3:00 pm. The resolution was adopted unanimously after a motion by Commissioner Meacombs and a second by Commissioner Davis. The Resolution is attached and is part of this set of minutes.

Mayor Lewis asked each Board member to review the sample Code of Ethics in their packets and to make notes for discussion at the next meeting. The sample presented was "A Model Code of Ethics for NC Local Elected Officials" written by A. Fleming Bell, II, retired Professor from the UNC School of Government.

The resignation of Police Sergeant Scott Pollard was read aloud by Mayor Lewis. Pollard's last day will be November 20, 2014. Sergeant Pollard addressed the Board, thanking them personally for giving him the opportunity to work with the Town of Middlesex and for the training and experience he gained. He also thanked them for the mutual respect and trust they placed in him by promoting him to the Sergeant's position with little experience. The Board members thanked Scott for his service and the good job he did for Middlesex. Mayor Lewis added "and as I told Scott, it will be hard to replace him". Commissioner Meacombs moved to accept Scott's resignation. Commissioner Alford seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

After a brief question regarding town policy, Commissioner Alford moved to pay Sergeant Pollard for 95 hours of accumulated vacation leave. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and the vote was unanimous.

Police Commissioners Meacombs and Alford had met with Chief Dennis Murray and Mayor Lewis earlier in the day to discuss how to proceed with replacing the vacancy left by Sergeant Pollard. Commissioner Meacombs advised the Board they recommend the town advertise for a patrol officer within the pay range of \$24,500 - \$28,500 depending on experience. Everyone was in agreement to run an ad with an application deadline of December 1, 2014 at 5:00pm. Commissioner Meacombs moved to post an ad for a patrol officer with a pay range of \$24,500 - \$28,500 depending on experience with an application deadline of December 1, 2014 at 5:00pm. Commissioner Alford seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

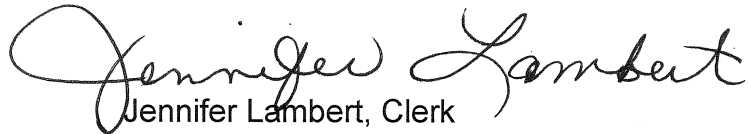
Police Chief Dennis Murray and his staff have collected \$1,795 in contributions for the "Shop with a Cop" Christmas Program. Clerk Lambert presented a 2014-2015 Budget Amendment as follows to cover the revenues and expenditures for the program:

<u>GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:</u>		<u>INCREASE</u>
<u>Police Department:</u>		
10-510-5800	Shop W/Cop Program	2,000.00
<u>GENERAL FUND REVENUES:</u>		
10-371-1200	Shop W/Cop Program	2,000.00

Commissioner McClenny moved to approve the amendment as presented. Commissioner Lewis seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Mayor Lewis opened the floor for the Public Comment Session. Citizens Edna Mount, James Manning, and Robert Johnson addressed the Board about various concerns. The session was then closed.

Being no further business, Commissioner Meacombs moved to adjourn.
Commissioner McClenny seconded and the vote was unanimous.


Jennifer Lambert, Clerk

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

**TOWN OF MIDDLESEX
RESOLUTION APPROVING A STREET CLOSURE**

WHEREAS: The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Middlesex approved to hold the Christmas~N~Middlesex Event and Parade as a town-sponsored event; and

WHEREAS: The Board of Commissioners appointed Cindy Ridgway as Chairperson of the Christmas~N~Middlesex Committee on October 13, 2014; and

WHEREAS: Christmas~N~Middlesex will be held on Saturday, December 13, 2014 between 11:00 – 4:00, with the parade beginning at 2:00pm and ending at 3:00pm; and

WHEREAS: The Town of Middlesex requested approval from the NC Department of Transportation to close NC 231 (Nash Street) and SR 1120 (Hanes Avenue) in order to hold the Christmas Parade; and

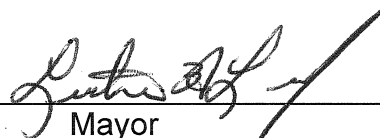
WHEREAS: The Middlesex Police Department will provide proper traffic control and safety precautions; and

WHEREAS: Business owners along the parade route have been notified of the street closure; and

WHEREAS: Written approval has been received from the NC Department of Transportation for the closure of public streets as listed above;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Middlesex, to approve the street closing of NC 231 (Nash Street) and SR 1120 (Hanes Avenue) between 2:00 and 3:00pm on December 13, 2014 to hold the 2014 Christmas Parade.

Adopted, this the 10th day of November, 2014.



Mayor





Town Clerk