

Middlesex Governing Body Meeting Minutes
June 11, 2018

Public hearing was called to order to discuss the Financial Budget for the town by Mayor Lewis. The \$1,477,775 budget was passed unanimously. The tax rate will remain unchanged at \$.57 per \$100 valuation. Mayor Lewis stated that as we continue to build houses that is allowing the town to keep the tax rates the same. Water and Sewer rates will also remain unchanged at a base of \$41.25. Sanitation rates for trash and recycling pickup will remain the same at \$20 per month for residences and \$28 per month for businesses, and \$3 per month recycling fee. The new budget includes \$40,000 for Hanes Street Park improvements and \$20,000 for repairs on public buildings. The new budget also includes pay raises for many town employees.

Mayor Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:30pm and gave the invocation. Members present were Commissioners J.W. McClenny, Danny Alford, Ann Lewis, Cherrye Davis, and Commissioner Harold Meacombs was also present. Police Chief Mike Collins was present. Public Works Supervisor James Liles was not present. The ***Spring Hope Enterprise*** was present. There were 5 other guests.

The May meeting minutes were approved as presented in a motion by Commissioner Lewis and seconded by Commissioner Davis and the motion was carried unanimously.

The meeting agenda was approved unanimously in a motion by Commissioner McClenny and seconded by Commissioner Alford and the vote was unanimous.

Gloria Vinson, The Town Clerk, reviewed the May financials, which were unanimously approved as presented in a motion by Commissioner Alford and seconded by Commissioner Lewis. The vote was unanimous.

Mayor Lewis reported that we had a water castrophy on Monday June 4th 2018 from an outside company drilling underground for fiber optic lines. They drilled thru a 6" water line which caused us to lose water pressure all over town. We are looking at a phone system to alert people by telephone in the future for if this happens again. It's all hands on deck when something like this happens which was out of the town's control. It is just one of the circumstances that can sometimes occur in our town because these pipes are old. Mayor Lewis stated that I will go on record to say that we have got one of the best public works department for a town of this size as anywhere. In permits we wrote 2 new permits for houses in town.

In old business, the grant for the new police cars closing will be June 27, 2018 at 3:00pm. The old police cars vehicles need to be moved and dispersed off or sold. Mayor Lewis asked the board to make a motion to get these old police cars sold or auctioned off and he will let them know what will be done pertaining to these cars. Commissioner Alford made a motion to approve. Commissioner Davis seconded and the motion was carried.

Mayor Lewis stated that he had already spoken with Monica with the USDA about moving forward to get another grant approved for another police car and town service truck.

The credit card process has been put on the website called Blue-Pay and is now available to pay your water bill online by creating a username & password for personal use. Bank draft is also available for people.

Painting was completed at the Wellness park and it looks really good. Mayor Lewis also stated that the Golden Leaf Grant foundation update has approved the town allowing Nash County to administer the \$1.25 million grant for utilities and roads for the Middlesex Industrial Park.

In new business, we will be getting quotes from Window World for repairs on the police station windows. Commissioner Lewis asked if the windows from Window World were guaranteed. Mayor Lewis stated that the windows are guaranteed for life. Mayor Lewis will call the salesmen and discuss more pricing at this time and all commissioners agreed. We also received a quote from Ronald Hopkins for \$2,875 for wood replacement on the windows.

A Budget Amendment for Nitrogen fees to Raleigh for new homes was approved for \$1750. Commissioner Meacombs made the motion and it was seconded by Commissioner McClenny.

The budget ordinance was presented at the Public hearing, Commissioner Alford made the motion to adopt the new budget ordinance and it was seconded by Commissioner Lewis. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mayor Lewis opened the floor for public comment. There was 3 public comments at this time.

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

Gloria Vinson, Town Clerk/Finance Officer

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