

Middlesex Governing Body Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2018

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 Harold Meacombs. Police Chief Mike Collins was present. Public Works Supervisor James Liles was not present. The **Enterprise** was present. There were 2 other guests.

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

The meeting agenda was amended to add Karen Kemerait Engagement Letter and Governor's Crime Commission Appointee then it was unanimously approved in a motion by Commissioner Meacombs and seconded by Commissioner McClenny and the vote was unanimous.

Gloria Vinson, The Town Clerk, commented that she had attended The Local School of Government with certificate received, and then she reviewed the August financials, which were unanimously approved as presented in a motion by Commissioner Lewis and seconded by Commissioner McClenny. The vote was unanimous.

The police chief, Mike Collins stated that the police department had made 2 arrests in the recent larceny cases.

Commissioner Ann Lewis asked when the ethics class would be scheduled. Mayor Lewis commented that he would let them know as soon as possible.

In old business, The Grant Award letter was received which will allow officials to complete the Middlesex Corporate Centre Project. The grant, which totals \$1,514,600, will be used along with a \$1.2 million Golden Leaf Foundation grant to provide critical infrastructure and water improvements for the corporate park.

In new business, The Contract with David Hartigan to administer Rural Economic Development Grant was made a motion by Commissioner Meacombs and then seconded by Commissioner McClenny. The vote was unanimous. In accordance with one of the grant's requirement, a whistleblower policy "that outlines the necessary steps a town employee should take in the event of actions taken by an

employee that violates policy or the law” was introduced to the board. The policy also states that the Town of Middlesex will not retaliate against an employee who reports such actions. Commissioner Alford made the motion to accept and it was seconded by Commissioner Davis. The vote was unanimous.

A system development fee which used to be acreage & impact fees is being developed and analyzed. A motion to accept was made by Commissioner Meacombs and seconded by Commissioner Alford. The vote was unanimous.

In other news the Christmas parade has been scheduled for December 8th with more discussion at the October Board Meeting.

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

The motion to go into closed session to discuss police personnel was made by Commissioner Meacombs and seconded by Commissioner McClenny. The motion was carried.

Back in open session, Commissioner Meacombs made the motion to hire the Reserve Police Officer Bennett Manson at \$14.00 an hour.

With no further business, Commissioner McClenny moved to adjourn. Commissioner Davis 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

