

February 10, 2003

The Middlesex Governing Body met on February 10, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Town Hall. Members present were Mayor Bobby R. Bissette, Commissioners Harold Meacombs, Fred Hough, Luke Robinson, and Bascoe Lewis. Commissioner Larry Daniel was absent. Mayor Bissette called the meeting to order and welcomed guests Leslie Liles, Harold Boswell, Rocky Winstead, Spencer Lewis and Vennie Brock.

Commissioner Hough moved to accept January Minutes as being correct, Commissioner Robinson seconded and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Robinson moved to accept the January Financial Statements as correct, Commissioner Lewis seconded and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lewis presented a bid from B&S Truck Repair for \$2665.00, which includes sandblasting the sides and rear, repairing rust cracks, and painting the packer. Commissioner Hough moved to accept the bid from B&S Truck Repair. His motion was seconded by Commission Robinson and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Robinson and Mayor Bissette will take a look at water standing in some of the yards on S. Elm Street and stagnate water in the ditches to see what it would take to correct the problem.

Commissioner Hough stated that we need grading work done at our well on East Finch Avenue before we can install a fence around the area. After some discussion, Commissioner Hough moved to get a price (by the hour if necessary) to grade at the well house. Commissioner Lewis seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

The painting of the water tower will be rescheduled for sometime in April 2003.

After some discussion, the Homeland Security grant for police cars was tabled until the next meeting to allow more review of the legal agreement.

Mayor Bissette urged participation in the Planning Board and Board of Adjustment workshops being held by the N.C. League of Municipalities. Information and schedules of the workshops have been given to all members.

Leslie Liles, President of the Southern Nash County Athletic Association addressed the Town Board regarding providing more facilities for children in our area. It will cost approximately \$10,000 to put a ball field at Middlesex Elementary School, \$7,300 of this amount being the fencing, with the remaining being for benches, dugouts, and bases. The Athletic Association is donating \$2,500 to the Middlesex field and they have solicited area businesses for donations (money and materials). The Athletic

Association already has the OK from the County Commissioners and the field is totally insured. Rocky Winstead noted the importance of investing in our children and requested that Larry Daniel volunteer for the Southern Nash County Athletic Association. Before making a monetary commitment, the Town Board would like to get the input of Commissioner Daniel and also Mr. Liles will have a closer estimate of how much more money would be needed to complete the project.

After discussing possible interest in an available grant from the Solid Waste Reduction Assistance Program offered through the NC Division of Pollution Prevention and Environmental Assistance, it was tabled until we could get more information and quotes on chippers. The grant would be for a maximum of \$20,000, with a required cash match from the town of 10%.

Mayor Bissette noted a meeting schedule of the Southern Nash County Leadership Program (SONAC) for organized growth in Southern Nash County and urged anyone interested to attend these meetings.

Clerk Lambert presented a proposal for a cemetery database from Ameritech Computer Consultants for approximately \$850. Commissioner Lewis moved to purchase the program, Commissioner Meacombs seconded and carried unanimously.

The Clerk presented a Proof of Loss Statement covering damages by the ice storm to the Lift Station for \$1,100. Commissioner Meacombs moved to accept the statement and Commissioner Robinson seconded and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Robinson moved to approve the following sewer adjustments. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.

1. Richeal Ainsworth from \$100.75 to 38.75
2. Hannah Whitley from \$112.00 to \$24.00.
3. Earline Hinnant from \$105.00 to \$31.50
4. Gerald Boykin from \$168.00 to \$24.00

Mayor Bissette noted we have been having some problems with people parking in the business district of town from extended periods of time. After some discussion, Commissioner Meacombs moved to amend the parking ordinance to two-hour parking in all marked spaces on Nash Street and Hanes Avenue effective when signs are erected. Commissioner Robinson seconded and carried unanimously.

Mayor Bissette requested that the town go on record to endorse the Commuter Rail System for our area. When this system is in place, it will be very beneficial for area residents commuting to Raleigh/RTP area. Commissioner Meacombs moved to go on record to endorse the Commuter Rail System from Wilson to Raleigh. Commissioner Lewis seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

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Commissioner Lewis moved to go into Closed Session to discuss possible purchase of real estate by the town pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(5). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Meacombs.

Commissioner Robinson moved to go back into open session, Commissioner Meacombs seconded. No action was taken regarding the discussion in the Closed Session.

Being no further business, Commissioner Hough moved to adjourn.

Jennifer Lambert
Town Clerk

Mayor Bobby R. Bissette
Commissioners
Harold Meacombs
Fred Hough
Luke Robinson
Bascoe Lewis