

March 8, 2004

The Middlesex Governing Body met in regular session on March 8, 2004, in the Conference Room of the Town Hall. Members present were Mayor Bobby R. Bissette, Commissioner Basco Lewis, Larry Daniel, Luke Robinson, and Harold Meacombs. Commissioner Fred Hough was absent. Mayor Bissette called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and welcomed the press. Commissioner Daniel gave the invocation.

Commissioner Robinson moved to accept the minutes of the February 2004 meeting as correct. Commissioner Daniel seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Commissioner Daniel moved to accept the February Financial Statements as correct. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Utility Director Jeff Waddell reported that all excavation is completed on the sewer rehab project and relining has now begun. Jeff also advised that Danny Brown had completed the roof repairs at the tennis court well house.

Commissioner Robinson requested Jeff Waddell to place gravel in the driveways at the park.

After some review, the Board tabled the town hall roofing repairs until another estimate could be obtained from Danny Brown.

The Clerk presented an estimate from Danny Brown for \$1500 to repair the ridge cap on the police department building. Jeff tacked the cap down after Hurricane Isabel. Due to no visible leak at this time, the project was tabled.

The Police Department received equipment (respirators, etc.) from the Homeland Security Grant through Nash County EMS. Scott Rogers advised the Clerk that the funds should be released within two weeks for the alarm systems for the three wells and they would be contacting the vendor. The Board requested the Clerk to clarify how future alarm monitoring fees will be handled.

Mayor Bissette requested the Board to consider raising Freda Bailey's salary from \$5.84 to \$6.00 per hour. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Lewis moved to raise her salary to \$6.10 per hour. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the following sewer adjustments:

1. Diane Brown from \$90.75 to \$24.75.
2. Rodger's Lodge from \$156.75 to \$24.75.
3. Gillistine Pearce from \$99.00 to \$33.00.

Commissioner Meacombs seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The Clerk requested the Commissioners and all Department Heads to submit any capital projects to be included in next fiscal year budget by April 1st, 2004.

Commissioner Robinson moved to schedule a Budget Workshop for the regular scheduled meeting on April 12th, 2004. Commissioner Meacombs seconded and it carried unanimously.

Jeff Waddell advised the Board that Chuck Braswell & Sons would be starting on the fire hydrant project soon.

After some discussion, the Board tabled a request for additional funding for the \$2800 remaining from the Southern Nash Athletic Association's fencing project at the new ball field at Middlesex Elementary School until needed projects were completed at the park.

Mayor Bissette and Commissioner Robinson stated that they receive complaints weekly regarding the Cameron's junkyard in the vicinity of South Elm Street, Pamlico and East Hanes Avenue. Commissioner Daniel moved to send letters to Ray Cameron and Cash Cameron and give them 30 days to begin cleanup procedures or the Board will take action at the next regular meeting on April 12th. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Being no further business, Commissioner Robinson moved to adjourn.

Jennifer Lambert
Clerk

Mayor Bobby R. Bissette
Commissioners
Luke Robinson
Larry Daniel
Basco Lewis
Harold Meacombs