

April 12, 2004

The Middlesex Governing Body met in regular session on April 12, 2004, in the Conference Room of the Town Hall. Members present were Mayor Bobby R. Bissette, Commissioner Basco Lewis, Larry Daniel, Luke Robinson, and Fred Hough. Commissioner Harold Meacombs was absent. Mayor Bissette called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Commissioner Daniel gave the invocation.

Mayor Bissette welcomed the following guests: Jamie Jernigan, Olga Foxworth, Mary McKnight, Alvin Brantley, Edna Mount, Doris Hicks, Gloria Hicks, Lula Baines, Mellome Eatmon, Stephanie Brown, P. Mitchell, Billy Eatmon, Lena Mitchell, Vinnie Brock, Lu Harvey Lewis, Rodney Hough and Peggy Bissette.

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

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

Utility Director Jeff Waddell reported that Ed Braswell & Sons had completed the fire hydrant repair project. The Sewer Rehab Project is still underway with paving and reseeding remaining. We are awaiting a proposal from Mr. Bill Magette to install a pressure switch on Well #4 (Finch Ave) so we can proceed with painting the water tower.

Commissioner Daniel addressed complaints about trash not being placed in proper containers and requested Jeff Waddell to get a list of these citizens. He requested the clerk to write these citizens a letter explaining the town ordinance.

Commissioner Robinson advised the Board that he is obtaining estimates for cutting several trees down at the park that are causing problems and will present them at a later date.

After hearing a request from Jamie Jernigan to rent the building next to the town hall for a sporting goods/bait and tackle shop and a request from Olga Silver-Foxworth to rent it for a new and used furniture store, Commissioner Daniel moved to rent the building to Jamie Jernigan for \$300 per month, since he was the first to inquire about renting the building. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson and carried unanimously.

After reviewing the proposals for town hall roof repairs, Commissioner Daniel move to proceed with ABC Roofing Company contingent upon the proposal of \$5,775 including all parts and labor, rubber roll roofing, and a written 10 year warranty. Commissioner Hough seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mayor Bissette stated that we adopted the Cable Ordinance in August of 2003, which was recommended by the county, and that a survey is being sent out this week to all town citizens. He urged everyone to give their input on the survey regarding their cable service.

The Clerk advised the Board that the Nash County Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (which includes Middlesex) has been submitted to the N.C. Division of Emergency Management for review and approval before it can be adopted.

Planning Board Chairman Lu Harvey Lewis made the following recommendations:

Amending the Zoning Ordinance as follows:

- (1) Remove the "C" from the table of Permitted Uses to prohibit the use of a mobile home in the RA Zone.
- (2) Remove the "x" from the table of Permitted Uses to prohibit the use of a mobile home in the RA Zone.
- (3) Require that any mobile home pulled in for an initial set up or removed to be replaced, be replaced with a unit no more than five (5) years old from the original date of manufacture. This includes inside the city limit and the ETJ.
- (4) Make the annexation changes, and ETJ changes noted on the map presented to them.

Commissioner Daniel moved to hold a public hearing in the Planning Board's recommendations on May 10, 2004 at 7:30, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.

Edna Mount was present, stating that she was representing Billy Eatmon, who alleged he had been assaulted by the Middlesex Police Department. She gave the board a list of things that she wanted implemented: (1) drug testing for all police officers (2) a time for a public meeting in order for citizens to air complaints on this issue, and (3) a police report made available to her each month on the number of arrests, and a profile on the races of those arrest. Mayor Bissette thanked Ms. Mount for her interest in the town, however no action was taken on her request.

Commissioner Robinson moved to approve the following sewer adjustments:

1. Stallings Brothers from \$140.25 to \$24.75
2. Robert Clark from \$140.25 to \$66.00
3. Lumus Vick from \$148.50 to \$49.50
4. William Crumel from \$379.50 to \$24.75
5. Mazel Williams from \$115.50 to \$24.75
6. Jason Richardson from \$66.00 to \$33.00
7. Jamie Harper from \$57.75 to \$24.75
8. Deborah Baker from \$74.25 to \$24.75

Commissioner Daniel seconded his motion and it carried unanimously.

Zoning Administrator Peggy Bisette presented a map of Winstead Farms Subdivision on Stokes Road for a development of stick-built homes. At the recommendation of the Planning Board, Commissioner Fred Hough moved to approve the subdivision and Commissioner Robinson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Robinson moved to go into Closed Session to interview Brandon Lane for a police officer's position. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and it carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hough moved to go into Open Session and Commissioner Robinson seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hough moved to hire Brandon Lane as a Police Officer at an annual salary of \$23,500 upon satisfactory completion of the drug test and psychological evaluation. Commissioner Daniel seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Chief Ferrell reviewed two proposed amendments to the Code of Ordinances, one for loitering and one for activity in parking lots. The Board tabled this matter until the town attorney could review.

Due to the length of the meeting, Commissioner Hough moved to recess the meeting and reconvene Monday, April 19th, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Town Hall for the Budget Workshop. Commissioner Robinson seconded and it carried unanimously.

Jennifer Lambert
Clerk

Mayor Bobby R. Bisette
Commissioners
Fred Hough
Luke Robinson
Larry Daniel
Basco Lewis

