

May 12, 2003

The Middlesex Governing Body met in regular session on May 12, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room on the Town Hall. Members present were Mayor Bobby R. Bissette, Commissioners Harold Meacombs, Luke Robinson, Larry Daniel, and Bascoe Lewis. Commissioner Fred Hough was absent. Mayor Bissette called the meeting to order and Commissioner Daniel gave the invocation. Mayor Bissette welcomed guests Nancy Nixon, Randy Pace, Paula Wheeler and Naomi Powell and the press.

Mayor Bissette invited Nancy Nixon, Planner for Nash County, to address the board summarizing the purpose and findings of SONAC and its' importance to Southern Nash County. Ms. Nixon stated the number one concern was service demands of population growth in surrounding towns and areas and the significant impact on infrastructure. She requested the town to endorse the SONAC report and process of developing an intergovernmental steering committee and at the June meeting to appoint (1) elected official, (1) planning board member, and (2) citizens to the steering committee. No action was taken at this time. Mayor Bissette thanked Ms. Nixon for her presentation.

Mayor Bissette then invited Randy Pace, President of the Corinth Community Recreation, to speak. Mr. Pace wanted the town and its citizens to be aware of their football and cheerleading programs for ages 8 through 12. They participate in the Coastal Plain League and about half of their participants are from the Middlesex area. Registration starts the week of May 19th and August 1, 2003 is the first practice. Cost is \$40 per person, and a \$10 discount (or \$30 fee) for additional children in the same household. Any questions may be directed to Mr. Pace at 919-269-9207. Mayor Bissette thanked Mr. Pace for attending.

Commissioner Daniel moved to accept the minutes of the April 14, 2003 meeting and the Budget Workshop Meeting on May 5, 2003 as correct. Commissioner Robinson seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

The Clerk presented the financial statements for April 2003. Commissioner Meacombs moved to accept the financial statements as being correct, Commissioner Daniel seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

Chief Ferrell reported that Officer Judy Heath completed her six-month probationary period of employment May 11, 2003.

Utilities Director Jeff Waddell reported that Sullivan Construction had replaced three broken hydrants, and will continue to work on our list of problem hydrants until the project is completed. He also stated he had problems with a lift station pump and discovered a hole in the side wall at the pump station on S. Elm Street which Sullivan Construction is scheduled to repair on May 16, 2003.

Commissioner Daniel asked about a community service worker providing help to paint at the park. Chief Ferrell stated we had a worker coming May 13, 2003 to perform 24 hours of service. Jeff Waddell agreed to use the worker to do the painting project. Commissioner Daniel also stated we had \$7,500 for the Southern Nash Youth Athletic Association for the Middlesex ball field project and needed another \$2,500 to meet the expenses. The field is finished and playing has commenced.

Mayor Bissette stated that he would be talking to Michael Acquesta of Peirson and Whitman Engineers regarding the accuracy of the flow meter to Zebulon, which was tabled at our May meeting.

Commissioner Meacombs moved to hold a Public Hearing on Monday, June 9, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. for our proposed 2003-2004 Budget prior to the regular scheduled meeting. Commissioner Robinson seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

Commissioner Daniel stated that the Library Board is requesting the town to contribute more funding to the library. Naomi Powell addressed the board stating that the library did not have the resources for increasing income and requested that the town increase its' annual contribution to meet the budget, which would amount to a contribution of \$6475.00 to balance the Library budget. Mayor Bissette stated that the town increased the annual contribution from \$3,000 to \$4,000 in the proposed 2003-2004 budget and the town was dipping into the fund balance to increase the contribution. No action was taken.

After some discussion regarding closing town hall for the lunch hour, Commissioner Robinson moved to close town hall everyday between 1:00 and 2:00 p.m. to avoid confusion. Commissioner Meacombs seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

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

- a. Wendy Brantley from \$88.00 to \$40.00
- b. Trans Minit Mart from \$176.00 to \$96.00
- c. Middlesex Enterprise from \$432.00 to \$32.00
- d. Emily Stallings from \$112.00 to \$40.00

Mayor Bissette invited the commissioners to a meeting of the Nash-Edgecombe General Assembly delegation on May 19th at 8:00 a.m. in the Warner Room at Braswell Memorial Library and asked anyone interested to contact him.

Commissioner Meacombs reminded everyone that there is a leash law and stated we continue to have a problem with dogs running around town.

Being no further business, Commissioner Robinson moved to adjourn.

Jennifer Lambert
Clerk

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Commissioners
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