

June 14, 2004

The Middlesex Governing Body met in regular session on June 14, 2004, in the Conference Room of the Town Hall. Members present were Mayor Bobby R. Bissette, Commissioner Basco Lewis, Larry Daniel, Luke Robinson, Fred Hough and Harold Meacombs. Mayor Bissette called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Commissioner Daniel gave the invocation. Guests present were Martha Thompson, Jamie Jernigan, Edna Mount, and Mae Mitchell.

Commissioner Robinson moved to accept the minutes of the May meeting as correct. Commissioner Meacombs seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

Martha Thompson, the Progress Energy representative for our area, addressed the Board and stated she looked forward to working with Middlesex and solving any problems or concerns.

Jamie Jernigan, owner of The Tackle Box, requested to add a pool table and two video games in his business, stating his hours were Wednesday through Sunday from 5:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m. A Public Hearing was set for July 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. (before the regular scheduled meeting) to hear his request.

Utilities Director Jeff Waddell advised the Board that Bill Majet completed installation of the cycle stop valve at Well #4 on Finch Avenue. Jeff stated that Mr. Majet should be contacting him within the next week or two to schedule closing the water tower to test the valve. Once this test is satisfactory, we can schedule with Utility Services to paint the inside of the water tower.

Chief Ferrell advised the Board that he needs an additional bulletproof vest in addition to the two he has already requested. He stated he will be receiving federal grant funds of \$944 and \$378 already approved, in addition to the \$250 per vest from the League of Municipalities Safety Grant. The net cost to the town per vest will be \$200 each. Once these vests are purchased, he will apply for reimbursement. The League Grant is on a “first come, first served” basis and receipts need to be submitted as soon as possible. Chief Ferrell also noted we have the \$300 from the sale of Jason Newsome’s vest to the Town of Nashville. Commissioner Daniel moved to purchase the additional vest as recommended by Chief Ferrell. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.

Chief Ferrell presented the following proposed ordinances for adoption:

- (1) Loitering in parking lots in a manner that disturbs the peace
- (2) Loitering for drug related activities
- (3) Loitering for begging activities
- (4) Loitering which obstructs the flow of traffic

Commissioner Hough moved to adopt the four loitering ordinances as recommended by Chief Ferrell. Commissioner Daniel seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Commissioner Robinson presented three bids to remove seven trees at the park and recommended that we table the project until the fall and everyone agreed.

A workshop was set for Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, at 7:30 p.m. for a presentation from Nancy Nixon of the Nash County Planning Office to review annexation procedures. Also, Susan Ennis of the MAPS Group will give a presentation on the salary study she conducted and the proposed personnel policy.

Commissioner Meacombs moved to adopt a Resolution to support federal transportation reauthorization as requested by the League of Municipalities. Commissioner Lewis seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The Library Board recommended to hire Stephanie Davis as librarian at \$7.50 per hour for 27.50 hours per week. Commissioner Robinson moved accept the Library Board's recommendation and hire Stephanie Davis as librarian. Commissioner Meacombs seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The Clerk presented a revised Lease Agreement for the Community Building recommending that the renter is responsible for all juveniles attending their function, that the rent covers from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 midnight only, and deposits will not be refunded until after 2:00 p.m. on the first business day following use. Commissioner Lewis moved to accept the revised Lease Agreement as recommended by the Clerk and Chief Ferrell. Commissioner Daniel seconded his motion and it carried unanimously.

Commissioner Daniel moved to decline participation in the League's actuarial study for separation allowances for law enforcement at this time. Commissioner Hough seconded his motion and it carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lewis moved to adopt the following budget amendments to the 2003-2004 Budget:

General Fund Revenues:

10-367-0300 Telecommunication Taxes from \$3,500 to \$4,600

General Fund Expenditures:

Public Buildings:

10-500-5700 Miscellaneous from \$50 to \$1,150

Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Commissioner Meacombs recommended a water rate of \$3.50 per 1,000 gallons and a sewer rate of \$12.00 per 1,000 gallons with a 2,000 gallon minimum for the 2004-2005 Budget. Commissioner Daniel moved to accept Commissioner Meacombs' proposed water and sewer rates and to adopt the 2004-2005 Budget as presented by the Clerk incorporating these new rates. Commissioner Robinson seconded his motion and it carried unanimously. The adopted 2004/2005 Budget is as follows:

#### **2004-2005 APPROVED BUDGET**

General Fund Revenues:	\$655,960
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#### General Fund Expenditures:

Governing Body	\$4,280
Administration	\$103,170
Tax Collections	\$1,000
Legal	\$3,000
Zoning	\$3,900
Public Buildings	\$10,730
Community Building	\$2,550
Police	\$303,030
Police Drug Fund	\$1,200
Public Safety	\$18,800
Streets & Sidewalks	\$54,340
Powell Bill	\$61,140
Sanitation	\$53,210
Parks & Recreation	\$6,500
Cemetery	\$600
Non-Departmental	\$9,000
Library	\$19,510

Total General Fund Expenditures:	\$655,960
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#### Water & Sewer Revenues:

Water	\$106,700
Sewer	\$824,100

Total Water & Sewer Revenues:	\$930,800
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#### Water & Sewer Expenditures:

Water	\$106,700
Sewer	\$824,100

Total Water & Sewer Expenditures:	\$930,800
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<b>GRAND TOTAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004-2005</b>	<b>\$1,586,760</b>
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Commissioner Hough moved to approve the following sewer adjustments:

- (1) Carlton Lewis, Jr. from \$57.75 to \$24.75
- (2) Betty Hinnant from \$66.00 to \$33.00
- (3) Yunus Coovadia from \$132.00 to \$24.75
- (4) Carl Herndon from \$57.75 to \$24.75

Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mayor Bissette recognized Mae Mitchell who requested to address the Board regarding the alleged complaints against the Police Department. Ms. Mitchell declined to speak.

Mayor Bissette recognized Ms. Edna Mount who also requested to address the Board regarding the same alleged complaints. Ms. Mount started by stating the citizen complaint forms she had used have been voided and she apologized to the Board, the Police Department, and the citizens and stated that it was not her intention in any way to misrepresent herself as a representative of the town or the Police Department. She stated she was trying to bring the situation to light to prevent any escalation of the alleged problem. She stated that every African-American had the right to be in and around town without fear of being stopped by the Police.

Mayor Bissette advised Ms. Mount that she previously misled the Board and the citizens of Middlesex, that she was not a representative of the town, and that we were advised that she did not represent the NAACP in these alleged complaints against the Middlesex Police Department. Mayor Bissette also advised Ms. Mount that her time and efforts would be better spent encouraging all citizens to abide by the law.

Being no further business, Commissioner Hough moved to adjourn.

Jennifer Lambert  
Clerk

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