

July 11, 2005

The Middlesex Governing Body held its regular meeting in the Conference Room of the town hall. Mayor Pro Tem Harold Meacombs called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and gave the invocation. Commissioners Luke Robinson, Derek Bissette and Basco Lewis were present. Commissioner Fred Hough was absent. Guests present were Alvin Brantley, Vennie Brock, Stephen Brubaker, Timothy Capps, and Lu Harvey Lewis.

Mr. Alvin Brantley addressed the Board regarding his concern that a Mayor has not been appointed in over a year and stated that the town needs a full time Mayor. Mayor Pro Tem thanked Brantley for his concerns.

Commissioner Robinson moved to approve the previous meeting minutes. Commissioner Bissette seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bissette moved to accept the June Financial Statements as presented by the Clerk. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson and carried unanimously.

Town Administrator Gordon Joyner distributed the finalized Personnel Policy, Pay Classifications, Job Descriptions, and the adopted 2005-2006 Budget to each Board member.

Joyner presented a proposed resolution for meeting agendas allowing the Board to review requests and estimated time needed for each agenda item and to approve agenda items prior to the beginning of a meeting. Commissioner Bissette moved to adopt the Meeting Agenda Resolution. Commissioner Robinson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Robinson moved to adopt the resolutions and approve the membership agreements to participate in the NC League of Municipalities Health, Property and Liability, and Workers Compensation Insurance Programs. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Bissette and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bissette moved to transfer representation of the town in the Down East HOME Consortium from Peggy Bissette to Gordon Joyner. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson and carried unanimously.

After review of Chief Ferrell's request to attend the Annual Training Conference of the NC Police Executive's Association July 17<sup>th</sup> through 21<sup>st</sup>, Commissioner Bissette moved to approve the registration fee of \$80 and the \$15.00 per day extra cost of the room above the amount specified in the town's personnel policy. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bissette asked if the leak at Powell Memorial Clinic had been checked. Town Administrator Joyner stated that he had checked it on two different occasions. Town employee Herman Ellis checked the area and does not think there is a leak because the area has been dry for several days.

Commissioner Bissette also stated that whatever flushing is necessary, we must get rid of the red-tinted water in town. Peggy Bissette stated that Jeff Waddell had flushed the entire town last Thursday and continued flushing should take care of the problem.

Former Town Administrator Peggy Bissette presented a draft amendment to the Municipal Utilities Ordinance as requested by the Board at the June meeting. The amendment would require separate meters for each user for all new connections to the town system. After a brief discussion, the matter was tabled until the August meeting.

Commissioner Robinson moved to approve a sewer adjustment for the Middlesex Post Office from \$132.00 to \$24.00 due to a faulty commode. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Bissette and carried unanimously.

After a lengthy discussion regarding a leak in the riser at Mildred Daniel's residence on West Hanes Avenue, Commissioner Bissette moved to adjust the sewer for the May bill from 9,000 to 2,000 gallons, which is a minimum bill, and to adjust the entire bill for June of 8,000 gallons. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Bissette also requested that Jeff Waddell place a lock on the meter until the riser could be replaced and the leak stopped.

Commissioner Robinson moved to go into closed session to interview Stephen Brubaker and Timothy Capps for police officer positions.

Once back in open session, the Board instructed Administrator Joyner to gather more information and references on the two applicants before the Board interviews the applicants and makes a hiring decision.

Mayor Pro Tem Meacombs asked that Lu Harvey Lewis return to the meeting room if he was still present. Lewis returned to the meeting and Meacombs asked Lewis if he would be willing to serve as Mayor. Lewis stated that he was interested in serving, but would like the approval of all the commissioners. Commissioner Hough was absent due to family illness and would need to be contacted.

With two items of business incomplete, the meeting was recessed and will reconvene on Monday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room of the town hall.

Jennifer Lambert  
Town Clerk

Mayor Pro Tem Harold Meacombs  
Commissioners  
Luke Robinson  
Derek Bissette  
Basco Lewis