

July 14, 2003

The Middlesex Governing Body met in regular session on July 14, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Town Hall. Members present were Mayor Bobby R. Bissette, Commissioners Fred Hough, Luke Robinson, Larry Daniel, and Bascoe Lewis. Commissioner Harold Meacombs was absent. Mayor Bissette called the meeting to order and the invocation was given by Commissioner Daniel. Guests were Ann Whitley, Pauline Hinnant, and Vennie Brock.

Commissioner Hough moved the accept the minutes of the June meeting. His motioned was seconded by Commissioner Robinson and was carried unanimously.

The Clerk presented the June financial statements. Commissioner Robinson moved to accept them as correct, Commissioner Daniel seconded his motion and the motion was carried unanimously. The Clerk advised the Board that the Conference Room roof has a leak and the Board requested that she get three quotes for repair. The Clerk also advised that all of the hazards stated in both OSHA consultation visits have been abated and safety training is continuing.

Utilities Director Jeff Waddell advised the Board that the filters for Well #4 on Finch Avenue will ship from the factory July 25th, be installed the week of July 28th and approximate startup will be August 1st. The test filters proved to reduce the manganese levels significantly.

Chief Ferrell stated he had received approval for a \$2300 reimbursement for the bulletproof vests purchased last fiscal year and the funds will be deposited directly into our bank account.

Mayor Bissette asked Chief Ferrell about progress on the investigations of several break-ins recently. Chief Ferrell said they have some suspects and are continuing investigations.

Paula Wheeler, Librarian, is out on maternity leave and Cecile Tripp will be taking care of the library until Paula's return.

Commissioner Robinson stated that he had some citizens complain about juveniles riding bicycles in the streets in groups and late at night. Chief Ferrell advised that Officer Heath had stopped several in the last week and the officers will continue to monitor the situation.

Haag Enterprises has vacated the building next door. Three people are interested in renting, but none of the interested parties were present. Commissioner Robinson moved to rent the building for \$300 per month, with a \$300 deposit after a background check on the interested parties. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and was carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lewis moved to participate in the 2004 Community Development Block Grant Scattered Site Housing Rehabilitation Program. This grant was issued to Nash County and the county will handle all advertising, applications and bookkeeping. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lewis moved to adopt the Resolution accepting the conditions set forth in the Letter of Conditions dated July 8, 2003 for the Sewer Rehabilitation Loan and Grant from the Rural Development Center. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Daniel and was carried unanimously.

Commissioner Daniel moved to adopt an updated Privilege License Ordinance with no increase in the license fees. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson and was carried unanimously.

Commissioner Daniel moved to adopt the updated Employment Application. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson and was carried unanimously.

The Clerk announced that the filing period for the upcoming November 2003 election began July 4, 2003 and ends 12:00 noon August 1, 2003 and that filing forms are in the Town Hall for anyone interested. The forms must be completed and returned to the Board of Elections in Nashville for certification.

After some discussion regarding have the town's employee handbook updated, the Board asked the clerk to call the League and get more detailed information about the process and present at the next meeting.

Ann Whitley, Planner with the Upper Coastal Council of Governments reviewed the 2003 Nash County 10-Year Solid Waste Management Plan which is updated every three years. Commissioner Hough moved to adopt the Resolution accepting and endorsing the Solid Waste Management Plan of 2003 for Nash County. Commissioner Lewis seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Commissioner Daniel moved to go into Closed Session under G.S. 143-318-11(a)(6) to allow the Board to address a Police Department personnel matter. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson and was carried unanimously.

Commissioner Robinson moved to return to Open Session. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Daniel and it was carried unanimously. No action was taken from the discussion during the Closed Session.

Being no further business, Commissioner Hough moved to adjourn.

Jennifer Lambert
Town Clerk

Mayor Bobby R. Bissette
Commissioners
Fred Hough
Luke Robinson
Larry Daniel
Bascoe Lewis