

August 14,2000

On August 14, 2000 the Middlesex Governing Body met in regular session in the Conference Room of the Town Hall. Members present were Mayor Bobby R. Bissette, Commissioners Fred Hough, Luke Robinson and Bascoe Lewis. Commissioner Harold Meacombs was absent.

Commissioner Lewis moved to accept the Minutes of the previous meeting, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson and carried unanimously.

The Financial Statements were presented by Clerk Bissette, accepted as correct in a motion by Commissioner Robinson, seconded by Commissioner Lewis and carried unanimously.

Chief Ridgway was present with a report on the activities of the police department for the previous month. He stated that Officer Staci McGhee had submitted her resignation in order to take a job with the Nashville Police Department. He presented Jason Newsome for the board to interview for a replacement of McGhee.

Ridgway stated that he thinks the violation penalty for parking in spaces reserved for "Handicapped Parking" should be increased from \$10.00 to \$25.00. He presented an employment agreement for the board to review, stating that it had been sent to the town's attorney for approval. Commissioner Hough stated that he felt the last sentence of the third paragraph should be omitted. Chief Ridgway stated that he would present a corrected copy at the next meeting.

Commissioner Lewis had two quotes on repairs to the windows in the Police Department Building, one from Wilson Glass & Mirror and Bennie Lewis. He was instructed by the board to try to get an estimate from Stevens Mill Work to come to the site and repair the existing windows before accepting one of these proposals.

Commissioner Hough moved to give Commissioner Lewis the permission to accept the lowest bid of the three involved after talking to Stevens Mill Work, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson and carried unanimously.

The board reviewed the resignation of Staci McGhee from the police force and Richard Bucklin from the Utility Department. Commissioner Lewis moved to accept both resignations, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson and carried unanimously.

The board reviewed an amendment to The North Carolina Risk Management Services and Commissioner Hough moved to approve the amendment, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lewis moved to adjust the following water bills:

- a) Unice Pope from \$189.85
- b) Buddy Holland from \$124.05 to \$77.05
- c) Chad Dunn from \$255.65 to \$133.45

his motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson and carried unanimously.

The board reviewed a letter from Nash County appropriating **\$10,000 to the Middlesex Library for this fiscal year.**

**Commissioner Lewis moved to require the Library Board to submit a financial statement on the library funds in order to continue to receive funds from the town, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.**

**Commissioner Hough moved to go into closed session for the purpose of interviewing Jason Newsome for police applicant and to discuss Charles Ward's probationary period with him, Hough's motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and carried unanimously.**

**After the interview of Newsome and discussion with Ward, Mayor Bissette declared the meeting back into open session and allowed the press and citizens back into the meeting room.**

**Commissioner Lewis moved to hire Newsome at a salary of \$20,008.00 contingent upon him passing the required testing, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.**

**Commissioner Robinson moved to release the extended probationary period of Charles Ward effective immediately and to increase his pay to \$8.50 per hour, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and carried unanimously.**

**Being no further business, Commissioner Hough moved to adjourn.**

**Peggy Bissette,  
Town Clerk**

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