

September 9, 2002

The Middlesex Governing Body met in regular session on September 9, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Town Hall. Members present were Mayor Bobby R. Bissette, Commissioners Harold Meacombs, Fred Hough, Luke Robinson, Larry Daniel and Bascoe Lewis. Mayor Bissette called the meeting to order and invocation was given by Commissioner Daniel. Guests were Tom Faulkenberry, Pauline Hinnant, Ben Earp, Lois Stewart, Vennie Brock, Alvin Brantley, and James Montgomery. Judy Heath, an applicant for a vacancy in the police department, was also present.

Mayor Bissette opened the floor for a Public Hearing on a proposed Curfew Ordinance. Mayor Bissette read the proposed ordinance. After several minutes of questions and discussion regarding the age and time limits, Mayor Bissette declared the Public Hearing closed.

The board then went into regular business. Commissioner Robinson moved to approve the Minutes of the previous meeting, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.

The Deputy Town Clerk presented the Financial Statements for the month of August. Commissioner Hough moved to accept the presented Financial Statements as correct, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson and carried unanimously.

Acting Chief Ferrell requested to have the Police Department sign redone. Mayor Bissette ask him to check on the cost of painting and new lettering.

Utilities Director Jeff Waddell was present and gave a report on his department stating that the trash truck burned and Tyson Sanitation Service assisted in trash pickup. Mr. Tyson stated he would be glad to help us until we decided what course of action we will take. Mayor Bissette asked the Clerk to put figures together for the current cost of our trash pick up, quotes on contract sanitation, and prices of a new trash truck.

The Board tabled the Curfew Ordinance until next meeting on October 14, 2002 to give them more time to review the ordinance.

Commissioner Daniel moved to adjust \$40, 830 of property valuation of J. Davenport due to a fire, was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and carried unanimously.

Acting Chief Ferrell stated that his department had only two bulletproof vests. He presented the Soft Body Armor Program sponsored by the League of Municipalities Risk

Management Services which reimburses the town \$250 per vest purchased. He also stated the federal government had a grant program that would reimburse 50% of the cost remaining after the League's reimbursement. The newer, more lightweight and safer vests costs approximately \$1,000 each, leaving \$250 total out of pocket for the town for each vest. Commissioner Meacombs moved to purchase vests for each officer under state contract price if possible, and if not, to purchase at \$1,000 each. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hough moved to adjust sewer bills as follows:

1. Darlene Bell from \$193.75 to \$38.75
2. Guilford Chapel Church from \$325.50 to \$23.75
3. Jonathan Rushing from \$302.25 to \$23.25

Commissioner Daniel seconded his motion and was carried unanimously.

Mayor Bissette stated that renters were defacing the walls and ceilings of the Community Building and suggested we put tougher restrictions on using tape or anything for decorating that would deface the building and post signs in the building accordingly.

James Montgomery stated that there was no street light at the First Baptist Church on North Oak Street and requested the town to place one there. Mayor Bissette and Jeff Waddell will take a look at the street lights in the area.

Commissioner Robinson moved to go into Closed Session to interview Judy Heath for a position with the Police Department. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Daniel and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hough moved to return to Open Session and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Meacombs moved to hire Judy Heath as a part time police officer at a rate of \$10 per hour to be paid every two weeks for hours worked up to 84 hours. Commissioner Hough seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bissette noted that there would be a meeting at the Middlesex Methodist Church on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. to plan and organize the Christmas program.

Being no further business, Commissioner Meacombs moved to adjourn.

Jennifer Lambert  
Deputy Town Clerk

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Commissioners  
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