

September 10, 2001

The Middlesex Governing Body met in regular session on September 10, 2001 at 7:30p.m. in the Conference Room of the Town Hall. Members present were Mayor Bobby R. Bissette, Commissioner Harold Meacombs, Fred Hough, Luke Robinson, Larry Daniel and Bascoe Lewis. Mayor Bissette called the meeting to order and the invocation was given by Commissioner Daniel.

Commissioner Hough moved to accept the Minutes as being recorded correctly and his motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Meacombs moved to accept the Financial Statement as correct, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and carried unanimously.

John Anthony was present to give a report on the audit for the fiscal year ending June 2001. He stated that the audit was very clean audit, and that the town was in sound financial condition and extremely good for a town this size. He commended the town for the upgrade of its bookkeeping system with new computer software, and stated he found that the transition to the new system had gone very well.

Chief Ridgway stated that he had sent the revised parking ordinance to Attorney Liz Fairman and she was recommending changes, that were in the process of being done. He further stated that the application for the computer software grant was not funded this year because of budget cuts.

Ridgway then informed the board that Sgt. Gant had purchased a new home approximately three miles out of town and he asked the board for a decision on whether to allow him to continue to drive the police vehicle back and forth from home. He said that one of the disadvantages of parking the car on the streets, was damage done by vandalism and other cars backing out from the grocery store.

Commissioner Hough stated that he rather keep the cars parked in town if possible, and Mayor Bissette stated that we should table this issue until the police commissioners could meet and make a decision to present to the board.

The board reviewed a letter from the Rural Center stating that the grant applied for was not funded to correct the infiltration of surface water, and the clerk was instructed to apply for the next round of funds.

Commissioner Hough moved to remove \$156.71 levied on Mark & Debbie Baker, and is not inside city limits, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lewis moved to adjust the following water bills per written request:

- a. Ozzie Howard from \$503.25 to \$277.75
- b. Guilford Chapel Church from \$236.75 to \$134.25

Lewis' s motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.

Charles Beaman was present to discuss renting the building vacated by Middlesex Video, and he stated that he would have general merchandise, that he bought truck loads of items at the time. Mayor Bisette told him that the board would get back in touch with him when a decision had been made.

Bruce Swain of T.V. A Pipe was present and show the board a slide of the problems he had found while doing the t.v. inspection of the town's sewer line. Swain said that he had overrun the budget figure by \$1800.00 and wanted to know if the town would allow him to be paid for it, and also wanted to know if the town wanted the remainder of approximately 12,500 feet to be inspected.

Commissioner Daniel moved to pay the \$1800.00 overrun, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Meacombs and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lewis moved to have Swain to t.v. the area around Stallings Brothers to see if there were major problems there as Swain suspected, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Meacombs and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Robinson moved to allow Jennifer Lambert, Assistant Clerk to be able to sign checks on the town's account under the direction of the town clerk, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.

Being no further business, Commissioner Daniel moved to adjourn.

Peggy Bisette,
Town Clerk

Mayor Bobby R. Bisette
Commissioners
Harold Meacombs
Fred Hough
Luke Robinson
Larry Daniel
Bascoe Lewis