

September 11, 2006

The Middlesex Governing Body met in regular session at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Town Hall. Members present were Mayor Luther H. Lewis, Jr., Commissioners Fred Hough, Harold Meacombs, Luke Robinson, Derek Bissette and Basco Lewis. Mayor Lewis called the meeting to order and gave the invocation. The guest list is attached and are part of these minutes.

Commissioner Robinson moved to accept the minutes of the previous minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and it carried unanimously.

Mayor Lewis opened the floor for the public comment session. Mr. Cephus Ray gave an update on his talks with Nash County regarding a senior center and a recreation center in this district. After speaking with Bob Murphy, Nash County Manager, and Claude Mayo, Chairman of the Nash County Board of Commissioners, they said Nash County would fund half and Middlesex would have to fund half of a senior center, but the county would apply for a full grant for a recreation center. The county will contact the municipalities to set up a meeting in the near future.

Ms. Edna Mount thanked the town and the police department for the participation of Sergeant Steve Glover in the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council.

Administrator Joyner asked to add to Old Business (1) A Resolution authorizing Chief Ferrell to file the contract application for federal grants funds through GHSP for the police vehicle and equipment, and (2) Fees for copying records for the public. Also, he requested to add to New Business (1) Closed Session regarding an ongoing discussion of possible acquisition of real property, and (2) Approval of the Centennial Park concept. Commissioner Meacombs moved to adopt the agenda with the four additions requested. Commissioner Robinson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hough moved to accept the August financial statements as correct. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson and it carried unanimously. Clerk Lambert requested the Board to approve Kim Clarke's request for a sewer adjustment that was denied earlier. Ms. Clarke was eligible for the adjustment because twelve months had passed since her previous adjustment but Lambert had made a mistake with the date. Commissioner Bissette moved to adjust Kim Clarke's June 2006 sewer bill from \$324.00 to \$49.00. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and it carried unanimously.

Chief Ferrell stated he had a lot of positive feedback for the K-9 officer and Steve Stancil volunteered to letter the new police vehicle free of charge when it arrives.

Commissioner Hough requested that DOT be contacted to repair the pothole on North Nash Street again.

Administrator Joyner reported that the Middlesex web page had 3,665 hits since it was created. Joyner reviewed projects for which he is still awaiting bids and will report in October and also presented a list for the Board endorsement before generating specs and pursuing bids. From the list, the Board agreed the priorities are: (1) the Library roof, which the Board requested Joyner to proceed to get 2-3 bids, award the bid and have roof fixed; (2) the Public Works facility- which the Board requested Joyner to present options with ballpark figures at the next meeting; and (3) sidewalks on Hanes Avenue (S. Nash to S. Spruce and Manning Street to the elementary school. Paving projects could possibly wait because cold weather is near, but we could make a list of streets with measurements to pursue at the right time.

Joyner requested the Board's approval to pay \$400 to Shawn Bradshaw, the designer of the town's logo, for a CD formatted for us to use the logo and to release the copyright. Liz Fairman, town attorney, advised that it appears Mr. Bradshaw does have a copyright to the logo. Commissioner Hough moved to pay the \$400 for the CD and copyright release. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bisette and carried unanimously.

The League of Municipalities does not offer mortality insurance for the K-9 officer if she is not owned by the town. Commissioner Robinson moved to pursue the cost of mortality insurance through an independent agent or if the town could purchase the dog for a minimal amount agreeing to sell her back to Officer Kapp if and when he no longer worked for the town. Commissioner Meacombs seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

After reviewing the current Privilege License Ordinance, Commissioner Hough moved to change the ordinance as follows: Article II. Levy Item 4. Who Must Pay Tax. Change the first sentence only to read: "Each person who conducts a business which is their primary occupation, trade, profession, business, or franchise within this city is subject to this ordinance." The motion was seconded by Commissioner Meacombs and it carried unanimously.

The Beautification Committee requested some direction from the Board in regard to their concept of a Centennial Park and Walking Trail at the sight of the current walking track. We would begin with a Master Plan, which would be a five year plan and early estimates of a basic layout sketch would be approximately \$7,500, but alternatives will be explored. Commissioner Meacombs moved to approve the Centennial Park concept. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Bisette and it carried unanimously.

Commissioner Meacombs moved to adopt a Resolution authorizing Chief Charles Ferrell to file the contract application for federal grant funds through GHSP for a police vehicle and equipment for the vehicle. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bisette moved to release \$38,494 personal property totaling \$211.72 in 2006 property taxes for Suburban Tool & Die as a result of a release received from Nash County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Meacombs and it carried unanimously.

After a review of a proposed Utility Boundary Map and Resolution agreeing to the utility boundary line between the Town of Middlesex and the Town of Zebulon, Commissioner Robinson moved to adopt the Resolution of Agreement with the Town of Zebulon to the Utility Boundary and the map. Commissioner Bisette seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Administrator Joyner presented a proposed fee change for copying records for the public. Since state statutes requires to charge the same fee to in town and out of town requestors for public records, Joyner recommended to simplify the current policy and charge twenty (.20) cents per page for all copies, public or personal, in town or out of town residents. Commissioner Bisette moved to approve the change as recommended. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and it carried unanimously.

Commissioner Robinson moved to go into Closed Session under G.S. 143-318.11 (a) (5) regarding an ongoing discussion for possible purchase of real property.

Back in Open Session, Commissioner Bisette moved to pay an invoice for \$675.00 to Skinner, Lamm & Highsmith for architectural services relating to investigation and cost projections related to a possible acquisition of real property. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Meacombs and it carried unanimously.

Being no further business, Commissioner Meacombs moved to adjourn.

Jennifer Lambert
Clerk

Mayor Luther Harvey Lewis, Jr.
Commissioners
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