

October 9, 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 Hough moved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson and it carried unanimously.

Mayor Lewis opened the floor for the public comment session. No one reciprocated.

Commissioner Robinson moved to adopt the agenda with no changes. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and it carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hough moved to accept the September financial statements as correct. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and it carried unanimously.

Due to medical reasons, Administrator Joyner asked former Administrator Peggy Bissette to fill in during his absence. Bissette advised the Board that Joyner could possibly be out for several weeks.

After two requests were presented for training seminars for the Police Department, the Intoxilizer 5000 Training for Sgt. Glover and Corporal Murray was determined to be mandatory and therefore no board approval was needed. Commissioner Meacombs moved to approve for Corporal Murray to attend a seminar at an approximate cost of \$225 which will provide the tools and information to set up a Community Crime Prevention Program in Middlesex. Commissioner Hough seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Bissette advised the Board that she is obtaining bids for the cemetery column/wall that was torn down by a vehicle last week and will turn these bids over to the lady's insurance company. The Board agreed that we should not repair the wall or rebuild the wall as it exists because it has needed so much rework in the past. After the settlement is received, the Board will then decide how they would like to pursue the wall. Commissioner Hough suggested an interlocking retaining wall and Meacombs stated that we need a new sign.

Dale Bachmann, a member of the Beautification Committee, updated the Board regarding the walking track area and the proposed site of the Centennial Park. Bachmann advised that he had discussed a design proposal with Joe Cooley of Yardscapes at a rate of \$50 per hour (approximately \$250) for a preliminary sketch, which would go toward shrubs, trees, and the project if he was awarded the project. Commissioner Bissette moved to appropriate an expenditure of \$500 for a preliminary design sketch to get the project started. Commissioner Robinson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The Board agreed to place the Public Works Building Project on hold until Administrator Joyner returns.

Bissette presented a new lease agreement between Officer Kapp and the town which includes the release of liability to the town in the event the K-9 "Maggie" is injured or killed while on duty. Town Attorney Liz Fairman recommends that the town void the existing lease and enter into this new lease with Officer Kapp, which relieves the town of health and mortality insurance. The town currently carries liability insurance for "Maggie". Commissioner Hough moved to void the current lease and enter into the new lease as recommended by the attorney. Commissioner Meacombs seconded and it carried unanimously.

Commissioner Robinson moved to accept the resignation of Bobby Bissette from the Land Use Plan Committee. Commissioner Hough seconded and the motion carried unanimously. His replacement will be discussed at next meeting.

The Board agreed to participate in the Christmas in Middlesex celebration with a \$500 contribution as budgeted. Mayor Lewis spoke with the Methodist Church Association in Rocky Mount and they stated that the Methodist Church and grounds could be used again this year.

Commissioner Hough moved to go into Closed Session under G.S. 143-318.11 (a) (6) for an update on an ongoing personnel matter.

Back in Open Session, and being no further business, Commissioner Meacombs moved to adjourn.

Jennifer Lambert
Clerk

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Commissioners
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