

November 10, 2003

The Middlesex Governing Body met in regular session on November 10, 2003 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 the invocation was given by Commissioner Daniel. Mayor Bissette welcomed guest Lois Stewart.

Commissioner Robinson moved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as correct. Commissioner Daniel seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Commissioner Robinson moved to accept the October financial statements as being correct. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Meacombs and it carried unanimously.

The Clerk advised the Board that the town's claim with the Division of Emergency Management for Hurricane Isabel has been finalized and the town should be reimbursed \$3314.24.

Ed Braswell and Sons will give the town a proposal to replace and/or repair fire hydrants that still need attention.

Mayor Bissette instructed Jeff Waddell to cut the dead tree on Pine Street which is on the town's right of way.

Commissioner Hough moved to turn the Christmas lights on Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mayor Bissette notified the Board that the Upper Coastal Council of Government's Annual Banquet is Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. and that he had prior plans. Commissioner Daniel said he would attend.

Chief Ferrell stated that the police report was in the new format due to the new software which was installed and it gives more detailed information. He also stated that several of the breaking and entering and stolen property cases were solved during October and that two stolen bicycles were returned to the rightful owners.

Commissioner Lewis moved to pay Jeff Waddell for 40 hours of his 223 hours of comp time. Commissioner Robinson seconded his motion and it carried unanimously.

After some discussion, the proposed amendment to the Animal Ordinance was tabled to allow time for more research and will be resubmitted at the December meeting.

Commissioner Meacombs moved to purchase a 30,000 BTU (5-brick) LP gas heater for the exercise room upstairs in the Police Department. Commissioner Robinson seconded his motion and it carried unanimously.

Baker Heating and Air checked the air conditioning unit at the Police Department and stated to correct the drainage problem, it would cost about \$1200 to turn the unit sideways and build a pan. Jeff Waddell will replace the bad ceiling tiles. Correcting the problem was tabled until such time the air conditioning would be needed again.

Jeff Waddell stated that the water dispenser was dispensing 75 gallons for 25 cents. The Clerk was instructed to call Wendell and Zebulon to get rates for water dispensed. Commissioner Meacombs stated that probably all water was sold to out-of-town buyers and we have customers on town water that are out of town and pay double the in-town rates.

The Board reviewed bids from Danny Brown Roofing, Benny Lewis, and Rogers Roofing to repair the roof of the well house at the tennis court. Commissioner Meacombs moved to accept Danny Brown's proposal of \$700.00. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Pierson and Whitman Engineers' recommended to award the Sewer I/I Rehabilitation Project to Ed Braswell & Sons of Rocky Mount and to include the two year warranty. Commissioner Daniel moved to award the project to Ed Braswell & Sons and to include the two year warranty. Commissioner Meacombs seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The Resolution to Adopt Absentee Voting was tabled in order for the clerk to discuss with the town attorney.

Mayor Bissette stated that Upper Coastal Rural Planning Organization (RPO) will be submitting project lists for work needed on state-maintained roads for the TIP Program (Transportation Improvement Plan) and needs recommendations from the Board by December 11, 2003. Mayor Bissette stated that extending the curbing and guttering on East and West Finch Avenue (Hwy. 264 Alt) should be on our list of priorities. The matter was tabled until after the November 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the RPO.

Commissioner Hough moved to give Christmas bonuses of \$200 for full time and \$100 for part time employees. Commissioner Lewis seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Commissioner Robinson moved to approve the following sewer adjustments and Commissioner Meacombs seconded and it carried unanimously:

1. Video Control Systems from \$49.50 to \$24.75
2. Emma Lynch from \$74.25 to \$49.50

Mayor Bissette posted a map in the Conference Room of the proposed Southern Nash County Water System for anyone to review.

Being no further business, Commissioner Meacombs moved to adjourn.

Jennifer Lambert  
Town Clerk

Mayor Bobby R. Bissette  
Commissioners  
Harold Meacombs  
Fred Hough  
Luke Robinson  
Larry Daniel  
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