

November 10, 2008

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

Mayor Lewis opened the floor for the public comment and there was no input from the public, so the public comment session was closed.

Commissioner Robinson moved to accept the October minutes as being recorded correctly. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Meacombs and carried unanimously.

Administrator Peggy Bissette requested two additions to the agenda: adding Item d under New Business, Millie Phillips request for tree removal and Item C under Old Business, Painting the town buildings on S. Nash Street. Mayor Lewis requested to have the review of the Town Code of Ordinances to the final item of business after the Closed Session. Commissioner McClenny moved to approve the agenda with the requested changes. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Bissette and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hough moved to accept the October financial statements as correct. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson and carried unanimously.

Mr. Will Hooker, the dowser from NC State checked a map for well sites on Stokes Road near 264A, next to Marie Manning's house, and at Middlesex Elementary School. He advised the best place to dig was located at the walking track, which would provide 237 gallons per minute at 275 feet deep. Administrator Bissette requested direction whether this flow was enough, or whether to look for another site for a second well. After a brief discussion, the Board was in agreement that we should proceed with two wells to try to double our current capacity. Mr. Hooker will be coming to Middlesex within the next few weeks and Bissette will get some answers on well sites.

In a motion by Commissioner Meacombs, seconded by Commissioner McClenny and carried unanimously, Rodney Bass Quality Painting's bid of

\$2,765 to paint the towns buildings on S. Nash Street was awarded. The bid includes power washing and two coats of paint and was chosen from bids by Ricky Pearce Painting for \$1,350, and Williamson Painting for \$3,200.

Commissioner Bisette moved to release \$35.04 in personal property taxes from the town's scroll which was not in the town's jurisdiction. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Meacombs and carried unanimously.

A library patron questioning the town's policy for internet use in the library prompted Administrator Bisette to draft and present a Library Internet Use Policy for adoption. Liz Fairman, town attorney, provided Bisette with a copy of the Town of Nashville's policy to use as a guideline. In a motion by Commissioner Robinson, seconded by Commissioner McClenny, and carried unanimously, the policy was adopted as presented.

Utility Director Jeff Waddell and Administrator Bisette worked with Randy Moss with NC Rural Water to draft a Water Shortage Response Plan as required by NCDENR. After a brief discussion, the Board agreed the fees set forth in the plan were reasonable. Commissioner Meacombs moved to adopt the Water Shortage Response Plan as presented. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Bisette and carried unanimously.

Millie Phillips residing at 10067 N. Oak Street requested the Clerk to find out if an oak tree which she would like to see cut down is in the town's right of way. Jeff Waddell advised that the tree was twenty feet from the center line, was in the town's right of way, and appeared healthy. After a brief discussion about the town's policy on tree removals, everyone agreed that the town does not remove healthy trees. However, the Board did agree to give Mrs. Phillips permission to have the tree removed at her expense by a contractor with insurance coverage, due to the fact that her husband is no longer able to clean up the leaves and branches left by the tree.

Commissioner Robinson moved to go into Closed Session under G.S.143-318.11(a)(6) to discuss a personnel matter in the Police Department. Commissioner Meacombs seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Back in Open Session, Commissioner McClenny moved to accept Police Officer Kara Mariotti's resignation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bisette and carried unanimously.

Due to lack of time to review the Town Code of Ordinances, the final item on the agenda, Commissioner Meacombs moved to recess the meeting and reconvene on Monday, November 17th at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room at the town hall. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson and carried unanimously.

Jennifer Lambert
Clerk

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