

March 02, 1998

The Middlesex Governing Body met in regular session in the Conference Room of the Town Hall on March 2, 1998 at 7:30 p.m.. Members present were Mayor Bobby R. Bissette, Commissioners Harold Meacombs, Fred Hough, Naomi Powell, Isaac Lewis and Bascoe Lewis. Mayor Bissette called the meeting to order and the invocation was given by Commissioner Isaac Lewis.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as correct in a motion by Commissioner Bascoe Lewis, seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.

The clerk presented the Financial Statements for the month of February and they were accepted as correct in a motion by Commissioner Powell, seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.

Mayor Bissette recognized Bill Durham who was present to get the decision of the board on his request to waiver sewer charges on water that he uses to fill his pool.

Mayor Bissette asked the clerk if she was able to obtain any information on how other towns handle this type of request. She stated that she had contacted Spring Hope and Zebulon, and that both of those towns stated that they did waive such charges by reading the meter before and after the filling of the pools.

Commissioner Isaac Lewis moved to follow the same procedure, and to have the user to call the clerk to establish a time the filling is to begin in order that the Utility Director can read the meter before and after and for the billing clerk to waive the sewer charge on the amount of water it takes to fill the pool, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Meacombs and carried unanimously.

Mayor Bissette then recognized Ray Perry who was present to get the board decision on his license to operate a pool room in town. Mayor Bissette stated that a Public Hearing had been held and there had been no opposition to the pool room.

Commissioner Isaac Lewis moved to grant Ray Perry and Ben Brantley a license to operate a pool room in town, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Bascoe Lewis and carried unanimously.

The next item of old business was the discussion on the request to annex property belonging to JIBE, INC..

Commissioner Bascoe Lewis moved to excuse Commissioner Isaac Lewis from voting on the issue of annexation, due to him being a member of JIBE, INC., Lewis's motion was seconded by Commissioner Meacombs and carried unanimously.

The board reviewed figures of the estimated cost and revenues of the property in question for annexation. Commissioner Powell questioned these costs, stating that the board had no assurance that they were correct.

Commissioner Bascoe Lewis moved to adopt the following ordinance to annex the property belonging to JIBE, INC. into the city limits, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Meacombs, and Mayor Bisette asked if there was any discussion on the issue.

Commissioner Powell stated that she was against the annexation, and the use of town funds to install water and sewer lines to the property. She further stated that the town had obligations to those already inside the town limits and that the town was already in debt and did not need to increase the debt by borrowing money to do this work.

Commissioner Bascoe Lewis stated that the town would recoup its money by the water and sewer taps alone, and that it would then make money for the town once the project is fully developed.

Mayor Bisette then asked if there was any more discussion on the issue, and there being none he called for a vote by a showing of the hand. Voting yes to the annexation were Commissioners Bascoe Lewis, Harold Meacombs and Fred Hough, Commissioner Naomi Powell voted no, thus the motion was carried by a vote of three (3) to one (1).

ORDINANCE TO EXTEND THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF
MIDDLESEX, NORTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS, the Middlesex Board of Commissioners has been petitioned under G.S.160A-31 to annex the area described below; and

WHEREAS, the Middlesex Board of Commissioners has by resolution directed the Town Clerk to investigate the sufficiency of the petition; and

WHEREAS, the Town Clerk has certified the sufficiency of the petition and a public hearing on the question of this annexation was held at the Middlesex Town Hall on Thursday, February 19, 1998, at 7:30 p.m. after due notice by newspaper publication and posting of public notices on Monday, February 16, 1998; and

WHEREAS, the Middlesex Board of Commissioners finds that the petition meets the requirements of G.S.160A-31;

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE ORDAINED by the Middlesex Governing Body of the Town of Middlesex, North Carolina that:

Section 1. By virtue of the authority granted by G.S.160A-31, the following described territory is hereby annexed and made part of the Town of Middlesex as of March 2, 1998:

Tract five (5) of the land formerly known as the Nancy Strickland farm, which contains 5.585 net acres. The eastern side of the lot joins the Town city limits on Rock Side Road by 271.39', eastern to Coy Pearce's property by 135.38; southern adjoining Curtis Massey's property by 498.61; western direction for 240.56 joined by Curtis Massey, 127.38 joined by Betty Wilson property to Stokes Road with road frontage of 770' back to Rock Side Road.

Tract three (3) of the land formerly known as the Nancy Strickland farm, which contains 5.903 acres, borders the north side of Rock Side Road, adjoins the Town limits property of Charles Wood by 30.28'; Marie Manning property by 524.54' to a point in the road of US 264-A, westerly adjoining the George Stokes heirs by 575.48' to Stokes Road back to the intersection of Rock Side Road and Stokes Road.

Section 2. Upon and after March 2, 1998, the above described territory and its citizens and property shall be subject to all debts, laws, ordinances, and regulations in force in the Town of Middlesex and shall be entitled to the same privileges and benefits as other parts of the Town of Middlesex. Said territory shall be subject to municipal taxes according to G.S.160A-58.10.

Section 3. The mayor of the Town of Middlesex shall cause to be recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Nash County, and in the office of the Secretary of State in Raleigh, North Carolina, and accurate map of the annexed territory, described in Section 1 above, together with a duly certified copy of this ordinance. Such a map shall also be delivered to the Nash County Board of Elections, as required by G.S. 163-228.1.

Adopted this 2nd day of March, 1998.

_____ Mayor

Bobby R Bissette

Attest: Peggy Bissette _____ Town Clerk

Mayor Bissette informed the board that he had met with Ms. Linda Messer, a representative of Sprint and Sprint had agreed to a fee of \$3,000.00 for the additional 25'x 20' easement on Hanes Avenue where they already have a 20'x 20' easement for a utility box.

Commissioner Isaac Lewis moved to accept the offer from Sprint for the \$3,000.00, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Meacombs discussed the proposal for the radio equipment for the town hall, stating that a high band frequency would give the town much better service.

Commissioner Isaac Lewis moved to purchase a 10 channel 40 watt system at a cost of \$1193.00, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Bascoe Lewis, and carried by a vote of four (4) to one (1) with Commissioner Powell voting no.

Barbara Strickland was present and asked the board if they had decided to install a sewer line to service her residence. The Board instructed the clerk to get Mike Acquesta to give some idea on the cost of the water and sewer line to service the area that Ms. Strickland lives in.

The board set a date of March 17, 1998 at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the possibility of borrowing more money to install sewer on Buck Deans Road and US26a.

The clerk presented an ordinance from the NC Department of Transportation to change the speed limit on US264A, however some changes need to be made and Commissioner Meacombs moved to send the ordinance back to NC DOT to get the corrections, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.

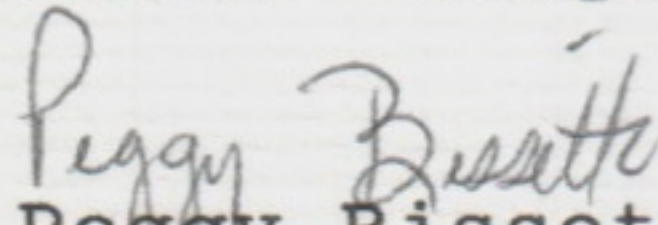
The clerk presented a letter from Mable Whitley requesting that the town rezone property on Claude Lewis Road in order to allow her to operate a pool room. The clerk was instructed by the board to refer it to the Planning Board.

Chief Brock asked the board for a closed session to discuss a matter relating to the personnel of the police department.

Commissioner Isaac Lewis moved to enter into closed session for the discussion of the issue, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Bascoe Lewis and carried unanimously.

After the discussion, Mayor Bisette declared the meeting back into open session.

Being no further business, Commissioner Hough moved to adjourn.


Peggy Bisette,
Town Clerk

Mayor Bobby R. Bisette
Commissioners
Harold Meacombs
Fred Hough
Naomi Powell
Isaac Lewis
Bascoe Lewis