

April 06, 1998

The Middlesex Governing Body met in regular session in the Conference Room of the Town Hall on Monday night, April 06, 1998, with members Mayor Bobby R. Bissette, Commissioners Fred Hough, Harold Meacombs, Isaac Lewis, Naomi Powell and Bascoe Lewis present. Mayor Bissette called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m and the invocation was given by Commissioner Isaac Lewis.

The Minutes of the previous meetings were approved in a motion by Commissioner Bascoe Lewis, seconded by Commissioner Powell and carried unanimously. The clerk then presented the Financial Statements for the month of March and they were approved in a motion by Commissioner Hough, seconded by Commissioner Meacombs and carried unanimously.

Mr. Jim Berry of the North Carolina Rural Water Association was present to discuss a Well Head Protection Plan for Middlesex. Mr. Berry stated that the first stage of the plan was being presented to them tonight as the material before them, identifying the wells now in operation and the present potential dangers of contamination of the wells. He further stated that if Middlesex so desired, he would go to stage two of the protection plan and present it to them at a later date.

Commissioner Isaac Lewis moved to have Mr. Berry to present this material to the State of North Carolina and to complete a Well Head Protection Program for Middlesex, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Meacombs and carried unanimously.

Utility Director, Sanford Wilson reported to the board on the results of the smoke testing he did of the sewer system, and he also stated that he had been approached about the parking conditions at the post office. He explained that the parking being done on the street was causing traffic problems.

Sgt. Ridgway of the Police Department stated that Middlesex desperately needed parking ordinances. Mayor Bissette asked Ridgway to get a model ordinance from another town and to begin to get one together for Middlesex.

Chief Brock stated that the police department had recently conducted "Operation Crackdown" that had resulted in over twenty-one drug arrests. The board commended him and stated that they hoped it would not be the end of the arrests.

The clerk presented a quote from E.C. Pace Company to install the six inch water line on West RockSide Road in the amount of \$29,934.00. Commissioner Isaac Lewis moved to except the quote and to have Pace Company to do the work while they are in the area, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bascoe Lewis moved to adjust the water bill of the Family Restaurant from \$768.95 to \$523.90, after receiving a written request from Brad Wiggs, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Meacombs and carried unanimously.

Chief Brock presented to the board a written letter of resignation from the police force from John Faucett.

Commissioner Isaac Lewis moved to go into closed session to interview Rustin Barnes for a position on the police force.

Chief Brock presented Mr. Barnes to the board and also written copies of his application for them to review. Mr. Barnes stated that he had recently left the Nash County Sheriff's Department.

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

Commissioner Bascoe Lewis moved to accept the resignation of John Faucett, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Isaac Lewis moved to hire Rustin Barnes as a police officer on a ninety day probationary period at a salary of \$18,034.00 with all benefits, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Bascoe Lewis and carried unanimously.

Chief Brock requested that the probationary period be changed from ninety days to six months.

Commissioner Isaac Lewis moved to change the probationary period for all employees from ninety days to six months, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Meacombs and carried unanimously.

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Commissioner Isaac Lewis moved to allow Rhonda Narron, the Assistant Clerk, to sign checks in the absence of the clerk, providing they are always signed by the appointed counter-signer, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Meacombs and carried unanimously.

Being no further business, Commissioner Bascoe Lewis moved to adjourn.

Peggy Bissette,
Town Clerk

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