

June 01, 1998

On June 01, 1998, the Middlesex Governing Body met in Special Session at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Town Hall for the purpose of holding a Public Hearing on the proposed 1998-1999 budget for the Town of Middlesex. 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 declared the hearing open to the public.

Alvin Brantley was the only citizen present and when asked if he wished to speak in reference to the budget, he declined.

Mayor Bissette declared the hearing closed at 7:30 p.m. and opened the regular meeting of the Governing Body.

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

The clerk presented the Financial Statements for the month of May and they were accepted as correct in a motion by Commissioner Bascoe Lewis, seconded by Commissioner Meacombs and carried unanimously.

Chief Brock was present and gave a report on the activities of the Police Department for the previous month.

The clerk presented a quote from E.C. Pace Company to install the water line along Rock Side Road in the amount of \$29,934.00, and Commissioner Isaac Lewis moved to accept his price and have him do the work, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Bascoe Lewis and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bascoe Lewis stated that Wells Bulldozing had completed the work on Pine Street and had done some of the work on Jones Street. He presented a bill of \$3995.00 for work up to date, Commissioner Isaac Lewis moved to pay the bill, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Meacombs and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bascoe Lewis discussed getting clay off lots belonging to the town as Lots 2,3,4 Blk 19, however Cherry Davis stated that she thought her mother owned those lots. She was to check to see if they had the deeds to the lots. Commissioner Powell suggested that the discussion be postponed until Ms. Davis had proper time to research for the deeds.

Commissioner Bascoe Lewis moved to use 1st One of Bailey to do the paving and patching of the following:

- (1) Pine Street to be repaved where it was repaired
- (2) N. Chestnut to be repaved from W. Finch to Rockside Rd.
- (3) Finch Avenue/Price's Car Wash needs patching
- (4) Finch Avenue/Insurance Bldg. needs patching
- (5) Nash Street/Mortex needs patching

Lewis's motion was seconded by Commissioner Powell and carried unanimously.

John Boykin, Vice President of Envirolink was present to discuss a contract to provide a certified Well Operator and a certified Wastewater Operator at a cost of \$1,500.00 per month. He stated that his company would monitor the wells daily Monday through Friday and pull samples and submit all monthly reports, and that they would check the lift stations on a daily basis Monday through Friday and do regular routine maintenance such as cleaning. If additional work or repairs had to be done, an additional fee of \$40.00 per hour would be charged.

Mayor Bissette thanked Mr. Boykin and told him that the board would take it under advisement and get back in touch with him later.

Barbara Allen was present and stated that her water usage was too much for just her and one daughter living there and that she did not have any leaks. Mayor Bissette stated that he would personally check her meter on Tuesday.

Commissioner Hough moved to excuse Commissioner Isaac Lewis from voting on the issued of the Planning Board's recommendation to rezone property in which he has an interest, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Meacombs and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bascoe Lewis moved to accept the Planning Board's recommendation to rezone a parcel of land with the south boundary touching West Finch Street, the north boundary touching Rock Side Road, the west boundary touching the property of Weaver Company and the east side boundary touching property belonging to David Howard, Joseph Whitley and Richard Andrews, the property is to be rezoned from RS to RH, Lewis's motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously with Commissioner Lewis being excused from voting.

Commissioner Hough moved to rezone a parcel of land belonging to Middlesex Enterprise on East Finch Avenue, with the south boundary being on East Finch, the north side of the property is bounded to the Baines Property, the west side is bounded to another piece of property belonging to Middlesex Enterprise, and the east side of the property is bounded by property belonging to the Baines property, Hough's motion to rezone the property from RA to Light Industrial was seconded by Commissioner Powell and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hough presented information on the cost of keeping the Mustang for police use, and stated that he did not think the cost justified keeping the car. Chief Brock stated that if the board would consider keeping the car, he would pay for the new radio and lights to be put on the newly purchased police vehicle from the drug fund.

Commissioner Isaac Lewis moved to keep the mustang in use at the present time and keep tabs on the cost involved, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Meacombs and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hough asked Chief Brock to keep a close check on the cost of operating three cars instead of two and to present a report back to the board on the issue. Commissioner Meacombs also asked the Chief to report back to the board on how many times the third car will be used with the other two in operation.

Commissioner Hough presented cost on obtaining a 3'x 2' granite sign reading "Hollywood Cemetery" with a cost between seven and eight hundred dollars. No action was taken on the issue.

Commissioner Bascoe Lewis moved to inform T. Dale Holland Planners that the town chose not to apply for CDBG Funds this year, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bascoe Lewis moved to accept the resignation of Sanford Wilson and James Sutton from the town's employment, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Powell and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Isaac Lewis moved to appoint Bill Durham to the Middlesex Planning Board, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Powell and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Isaac Lewis moved to accept the State's offer to loan an additional \$363,370.00 in money to complete the additional add-on sewer lines, and to adopt the following resolution relating to the loan.

RESOLUTION BY GOVERNING BODY OF APPLICANT

WHEREAS, The Federal Clean Water Act Amendments of 1987, Federal Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996, and the North Carolina Clean Water Revolving Loan and Grant Act of 1987 have authorized the making of loans and grants to aid eligible units of government in financing the cost of construction of wastewater treatment works, wastewater collection systems, and water supply systems, and;

WHEREAS, The Town of Middlesex had need for and has to constructed a wastewater collection system project described as transmission facilities to Town of Zebulon, and;

WHEREAS, The Town of Middlesex intends to request additional funds in the amount of \$363,370.00 to complete said project, making the entire loan \$1,563,370.00.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE TOWN OF MIDDLESEX:

That the Town of Middlesex will arrange financing for all remaining costs of the project if approved for a state loan award.

That the Town of Middlesex will adopt and place into effect on or before completion of the project a schedule of fees and charges which will provide adequate funds for proper operation, maintenance, and administration of the system and the repayment of all principal and interest on the debt.

That the governing body of the Town of Middlesex agrees to include in the loan agreement a provision authorizing the State Treasurer, upon failure of the Town of Middlesex to make scheduled repayment of the loan, to withhold from the Town of Middlesex any State funds that would otherwise be distributed to the local government unit in an amount sufficient to pay all sums then due and payable to the State as a repayment of the loan.

That the Town of Middlesex will provide for efficient operations and maintenance of the project on completion of construction thereof.

That Bobby R. Bisette, Mayor, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of the Town of Middlesex with the State of North Carolina for a loan to aid in the construction of the project described above.

That Bobby R. Bisette, Mayor, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the appropriate State agency may request in connection with such application of the project: to make the assurances as contained above; and to execute such other documents as may be required in connection with the application.

That the Town of Middlesex has substantially complied or will substantially comply with all Federal, State, and local laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances applicable to the project and to Federal and State grants and loans pertaining thereto.

Adopted this the 1st day of June, 1998, at Middlesex, North Carolina.

Bobby R. Bisette
Signature of Chief Executive Officer

Mayor
Title

Lewis's motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Powell moved to go into closed session to interview Hattie Norwood for janitorial work and to review all the applications on hand for the laborer and utility supervisor's positions.

After interview Ms. Norwood for janitorial work with the position being funded by Upper Coastal Plains at a 90% level, and reviewing all applications for Utility Supervisor and laborer, Commissioner Powell moved to go back into open session.

Commissioner Hough moved to hire Mrs. Norwood at a hourly wage of \$5.15 with Middlesex paying 10% of the yearly salary, the other 90% being paid by Upper Coastal Plains, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Meacombs and carried unanimously.

The board instructed the clerk to set up interviews with those who had submitted applications for the laborer and utility supervisor, for a meeting on Monday, June 8, 1998.

There was a discussion on the contract with Envirolink and the board felt that it would be best not to enter into a contract at this time if there was a chance that the person hired to fill the vacancy of the utility supervisor's position might have some of these certificates.

Commissioner Isaac Lewis moved to hire Glen Whitley, Utility Supervisor for the Town of Bailey, to serve as the Certified Well Operator at a rate of \$10.00 per day, per well until Middlesex can get someone certified, and to hire Jerry O'Neal and Bob Mrszka, who work with Zebulon's lift stations at a rate of \$20.00 per hour each to work on the lift stations until someone qualified can be obtained, Lewis's motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hough moved to adopt the 1998-1999 Budget as follows:

General Fund Revenues-----\$374,730.00

General Fund Expense:

Governing Body-----	3,320.
Administration-----	61,531.
Tax Collections-----	350.
Legal-----	2,000.
Zoning-----	9,050.
Public Buildings-----	2,150.
Community Building---	1,550.
Police Dept.-----	166,759.
Public Safety-----	14,000.
Streets & Sidewalks--	47,512.
Cemetery-----	8,500.
Sanitation-----	45,000.
Parks & Recreation---	6,500.
Non-Departmental-----	550.
Christmas Light Pro.-	3,458.
Library-----	2,500.

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Water Revenues-----\$308,518.00

Water Expenditures:

Non-Departmental----	\$ 10,411.	
Operations-----	298,107.	308,518.00

Sewer Revenues-----	\$588,452.00
Sewer Expenditures:	
Non-Departmental----	\$ 7,911.
Operations-----	\$580,541. \$588,452.00
 Powell Bill Revenues-----	 \$106,500.00
Powell Bill Expenditures-----	\$106,500.00
 Total Budget-----	 \$1,378,200.00

This budget has a 1998 tax rate of \$.55, water rates at \$2.00 per thousand gallons and sewer rates at \$6.45 per thousand gallons for in-town customers, \$4.00 per thousand gallons; \$12.90 per thousand gallons for out of town customers; \$9.50 per residential and 17.00 per commercial pick-up.

Commissioner Hough's motion was seconded by Commissioner Meacombs and carried unanimously.

Being no further business, Commissioner Powell moved to adjourn.

Peggy Bissette
Peggy Bissette,
Town Clerk

Mayor Bobby R. Bissette *BRB*
Commissioners
Harold Meacombs *DM*
Fred Hough *FH*
Naomi Powell *NP*
Isaac Lewis
Bascoe Lewis *WBL*