

July 12, 1999

On Monday Night, July 12, 1999, the Middlesex Governing Body met in regular session with members Mayor Bobby Bissette, Commissioners Harold Meacombs, Fred Hough, Naomi Powell, Isaac Lewis and Basco 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 meeting were accepted as correct in a motion made by Commissioner Hough, seconded by Commissioner Isaac Lewis and carried unanimously.

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

Mayor Bissette recognized Scotty Wilkins, a representative of Utility Service, who discussed a maintenance program for the town's water tower. He stated that the cost of painting the tank inside and outside was included in the maintenance agreement and was spread out over a three year period at a cost of \$16,812.00 for three years and then the maintenance fee would drop to \$6132.00 for an additional three years with an adjustment at the end of the three year term. Wilkins further stated that with the contract for the maintenance agreement, Utility Service would be responsible for the upkeep of the tank from the concrete pad to the top of the tower and would include painting the tower at least every seven to ten years.

Mayor Bissette thanked him for his presentation and stated that the board would take the matter under advisement and let him know at a later date of their decision.

Marie Peyett was present at the meeting to request that the Board let her to have a permit to run the game room that is now being run by Hannah Brooks. She stated in her letter to the board that the Brook's wanted to sell the business to her and that the hours would remain the same, with no alcoholic beverages sold.

Commissioner Isaac Lewis moved to permit Ms. Peyett for the business, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Basco Lewis and carried unanimously.

Utility Supervisor Bucklin was present to discuss the progress report on the activities of the maintenance department for the month of June.

Bucklin stated that the main sewer line to Zebulon had a break to occur in the force main and cause a spill. It was discovered in time to keep the spilled sewer water from the waters of Moccasin Creek.

Mayor Bisette commended Bucklin on the quick action and the handling of the situation.

Mayor Bisette stated that due to an empty water tower, and the fact that all three pumps were running 24 hours a day and still could not get any reserve water into the tower, that contact had been made with the officials at the state level of Public Water Supply to request permission to use the new well.

He further stated that contact had been made through Nash County Emergency Management to get the National Guard to bring a generator, and with Pearson Pump Sales to bring a pump to drop into the new well and pump water directly into the main lines. This was accomplished on July 8th, but the National Guard had to move its generator by noon today.

Commissioner Isaac Lewis moved to rent a generator until the pump house could be built and power supplied to the line, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.

Chief Brock reported to the board on the police department for the previous month, stating that the department had participated in a drug bust with Nash County and recovered one half kilo of pure cocaine, and that the department should receive approximately \$40,000.00 in money from the raid.

Commissioner Isaac Lewis stated that Nash Economic Development Commission had approached him about sites for possible development in this area, and asked if anyone knew of land for sale to be developed to please contact him so he could pass that information along to the NEDC.

Commissioner Powell stated that she felt it would be a good idea to revitalize the Middlesex Economic Development Commission.

There was a discussion on the balance of the bill owed to Granville Farms, and after discussion, Commissioner Isaac Lewis moved to pay the balance of the bill, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Isaac Lewis moved to install an insulated rollup door at the new well house, and to use the lowest price quote from Wilson Overhead Door of \$592.00 installed, his motion was second by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Isaac Lewis moved to accept the quote of \$300.00 from Rodney Hough to pressure wash the wall at the cemetery in order to prepare it for painting, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Meacombs and carried unanimously.

The board reviewed letters from Stan Overman and Joe Overman requesting annexation of their property on Rock Side Road into the city limits.

Commissioner Basco Lewis moved to honor their request and o annex their property into the city limits, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Isaac Lewis and carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed a contract between Branch Bank Trust Company for the administration of the 401 plan, and Commissioner Powell moved to enter into the contract with BBT, her motion was seconded by Commissioner Meacombs and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Meacombs moved to go into closed session for the purpose of a discussion with Bucklin concerning employees in the Maintenance department, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.

After discussion with Bucklin concerning the outside worker, Commissioner Isaac Lewis moved to go back into open session.

Mayor Bissette informed Bucklin to talk to the employee and to report back to the Board at a later meeting to see if any progress has been made.

Mayor Bissette presented a letter to the Board from Bucklin in reference to his job and the extra hours that he was having to put into the job and could not take time off because of

having such a small work force, he asked that the board consider compensation of some type.

Commissioner Basco Lewis moved to increase Bucklin's pay from \$27,500.00 to \$28,200.00 per year, and to raise Jacob Brown from \$8.85 per hour to \$9.00, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Isaac Lewis and carried unanimously.

Clerk Bissette asked the board if they would between the salary of Officer Cardona and Officer Price.

Commissioner Hough moved to increase Price's salary from \$23,500 to \$23,900, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Isaac Lewis and carried unanimously.

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


Peggy Bissette,
Town Clerk

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