

August 09,1999

The Middlesex Governing Body met in regular session on Monday Night, August 09, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Town Hall. Members present were Mayor Bissette, Commissioners Naomi Powell, Isaac Lewis and Bascoe Lewis with Commissioners Harold Meacombs and Fred Hough absent. Mayor Bissette called the meeting to order and the invocation was given by Commissioner Isaac Lewis.

Ram Ramsey of Eagle Ridge Subdivision was present with concerns about the telephone service being long distance to the Zebulon-Raleigh area. Mayor Bissette informed Mr. Ramsey that there was not enough interest in this area for the board to become involved in the matter, but if he felt that he wanted to start a petition on his own and present it to the board, they would offer their support to it.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved in a motion by Commissioner Powell, seconded by Commissioner Bascoe Lewis and carried unanimously.

The Financial Statements for the previous month were approved in a motion by Commissioner Powell, seconded by Commissioner Bascoe Lewis and carried unanimously.

Utility Director, Dick Bucklin presented his report to the board for the month of August. He reported that the wells at the park were back to producing 80 gpm of water now that the other well is on line and the park wells are only operating eight hours per day. There was a discussion on the repair of the picnic shelters at the park and the board decided to replace the roofs with shingles.

Chief Brock gave a report to the board on the activities of the police department and stated that most of the equipment for the Mobile Date Project for the cars had been ordered and was installed.

The clerk was instructed to check the zoning ordinance to see if the driveway columns installed by Gene Straughn on Rockside Road were in compliance.

There was a discussion on the issue of renting the generator supplying the new well with power for another month and the board instructed Bucklin to renew the rent for a period of thirty more days.

Mayor Bissette requested that the board table the issues of (a) Utility Tank Maintenance Program (b) Tank Antenna Program and (c) Phone Dialers for the sewer lift stations until all the members of the board were present.

The board reviewed a request from Emma Jean Kent to reduce her water bill because of a leak and Commissioner Isaac Lewis moved to adjust Ms. Kent's bill from \$236.85 to \$133.45. Lewis' motion was seconded by Commissioner Powell and carried unanimously.

Mayor Bissette discussed purchasing a side cutter mower for the new tractor and said that he had looked at one that was \$4,500.00 but felt that we could get a cheaper one and would have more information at the next meeting.

The clerk stated that window coverings were needed for the office for the top windows, that until around 1130 a.m. each morning the sun was blinding from the top windows, and that she had gotten prices from A & B Carpets for moving the brackets to the blinds now at the bottom of the window to the top and installing more slats as versus mini-blinds. To move the vertical blinds and install new slats would cost approximately \$700.00 and to install mini-blinds the same pattern as those over the front door would cost \$382.00.

Commissioner Isaac Lewis moved to install the mini-blinds for a cost of \$382.00, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Powell and carried unanimously.

The clerk stated that she had reserved Griff's Steak Barn for the Appreciation Dinner on September 15, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. and wanted to know if she was to include the spouse or guests with those invited and Commissioner Isaac Lewis moved to include guests with the invitation.

Commissioner Bascoe Lewis moved to amend the General Fund Budget as follows:

General Fund Revenues:

Local Sales Tax from \$90,000.00 105,300.

NC Crime Commission \$8000.00

General Fund Expenditures:

Police Department from \$186,525.00 to \$194,225.00

Public Buildings from \$4800.00 to \$15,000.00

Community Building from \$1550.00 to \$3000.00

Cemetery from \$4000.00 to \$8000.00

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

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Being no further business, Commissioner Powell moved to adjourn.

Mayor Bobby R. Bissette
Commissioners
Naomi Powell
Isaac Lewis
Bascoe Lewis

Peggy Bissette
Town Clerk