

September 14, 1998

On September 14, 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 a Public Hearing on the request of Middlesex Enterprise to annex a parcel of property that he owns on US264A, east of town. Members present were Mayor Bissette, Commissioners Harold Meacombs, Fred Hough, Naomi Powell and Isaac Lewis.

There were no citizens present for the hearing, Mayor Bissette declared the hearing closed at 7:30 p.m..

Mayor Bissette opened the floor for the regular town meeting at 7:30 p.m., with Commissioner Bascoe Lewis arriving for the regular scheduled meeting.

The Minutes of the previous meeting's for the month of August were accepted as correct in a motion by Commissioner Powell, seconded by Commissioner Bascoe Lewis and carried unanimously.

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

Dick Bucklin, Utility Supervisor was present and stated that he would be going to school Sept.28-Oct 2, 1998 for six hours of credit for his well certification.

Mayor Bissette informed Chief Brock that the City Limit Sign was down on Buck Deans Road. Chief Brock stated that it had been retrieved from Corbett's Pond once already.

Chief Brock gave an oral report on the activities of the police department for the previous month and also presented a copy of a parking ordinance that he would like to see adopted.

Commissioner Fred Hough introduced the following proposed ordinance, which was read at length.



The board discussed the vacancy of the assistant clerk's part-time position and if the timing was right to hire a Town Manager as versus part time help. After discussion, the board instructed the clerk to advertise in the Wilson Daily Times for part-time help.

Mayor Bissette brought up the subject of purchasing a back-hoe for the town, stating that the one the town had was too small for most water and sewer jobs, and was in bad shape also. The board instructed him to get quotes on one that he thought would be sufficient for the town and bring them to a later meeting and they would decide on the purchase.

Mayor Bissette then asked the board to review material that he had obtained from the Town Engineer, Mike Acquesta in reference to purchasing a portable generator to operate the five lift stations that are not equipped with generators and the wells in case of an emergency. The material stated that a 65,000KW generator would be necessary to run the largest lift station and then would serve all other stations and wells. The approximate cost would be \$35,000. plus \$2500.00 specifications cost and other cost involved would be supplying hook ups to all the necessary places that the generator would be used. The board did not take any action on the purchase of the generator, but Commissioner Meacombs stated that he would get together with the utility director and check to see what would be involved in getting the wiring done on the stations.

Mayor Bissette reported to the board that he had contacted three people about buying the burned tractor and that Louisburg Tractor had given him a price of \$2500.00, another had stated that they were not interested and the third person said that he would give \$1,000.00. Mayor Bissette said that he estimated that it would cost between \$3,000 to \$4,000.00 to repair the tractor, and he did not see that we had use for two tractors.

Commissioner Meacombs moved to sell the tractor to Louisburg Tractor Company for \$2500.00, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.

The board reviewed a letter from Larry Daniel requesting to purchase Lot 15 in Block 19 from the town for a price of \$1,000.00.

After discussion that someday the town may need the lot, Commissioner Hough moved to deny the request to purchase Lot 15, Block 19, at this time, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Meacombs and carried unanimously.



The board reviewed written request for water adjustments and Commissioner Isaac Lewis moved to adjust the following water bills:

- (a) Minnie Kale from \$110.90 to \$77.10
- (b) Jimmie Denton from \$161.70 to \$127.90
- (c) Middlesex Ins. Agency from \$169.00 to \$101.50
- (d) Agnes Bisette from \$406.65 to \$220.75

Lewis stated that the request from Angeline Morris could not be granted because of the policy on record that adjustments could not be made unless the leak was in excess of 5,000 gallons, Lewis motion was seconded by Commissioner Meacombs and carried unanimously.

The clerk stated that one customer had a very high water usage this past month, in excess of over 100,000 gallons at a cost of over \$800.00. The user had stated that she did not have a leak, and could not pay the bill. Water and Sewer Commissioner Isaac Lewis stated that the town would not have any recourse but to discontinue the service if arrangements are not made to pay the bill.

Commissioner Hough moved to excuse Commissioner Isaac Lewis from voting on the next issue of business concerning the final site plan on the South Winds Subdivision, of which Lewis is part owner, Hough's motion was seconded by Commissioner Meacombs and carried unanimously.

The board reviewed the Planning Board's recommendation to accept the final site plan on Lots 1,2,3,14,15,16 of the South Winds Subdivision with a Special Use Permit being granted in order that Lot 3 be allowed with conditions and deed restrictions being place on lots 2,4 and 5 that join lot 3.

Commissioner Powell moved to deny the recommendation of the Planning Board and not grant any approval of the plan. Her motion died for a lack of a second.

Commissioner Bascoe Lewis moved to grant a Special Use Permit to JIBE to use Lot 3 of the South Winds Subdivision with a restriction that shrubbery be planted close enough together that vehicles cannot drive through them, on the lot line of lots 2,4 and 5 that join the lot line of lot 3, and to place deed restrictions on lots 2,4 and 5 to prohibit the use of lot 3 as an exit or entrance to their lot, Lewis's motion was seconded by Commissioner Meacombs with a vote of 3 to 1 with Commissioner Powell voting no.



Commissioner Hough moved to accept the final plat plan on Lots 1,2,3,14,15,16 and to have the mayor place the proper signatures required on the map, for the South Winds Subdivision, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Meacombs and carried with a vote of 3 to 1 with Commissioner Powell voting no.

Commissioner Meacombs moved to add another condition to the Special Use Permit, and that would be to install a solid wood fence at least 6 feet high or plant Cyprus trees along Coy Gene Pearce's line adjacent to lot 3 of South Winds Subdivision from a point ten (10) feet in front of his house to a point ten (10) feet to the rear of his house provided Pearce will approve of it, Meacombs's motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.

Mayor Bisette asked the board their pleasure on the request from Middlesex Enterprise to annex property belonging to them on US264A.

Commissioner Isaac Lewis moved to annex property belonging to Middlesex Enterprise effective 9/14/98 and described as follows:

Beginning at an existing P.K. nail located in the centerline of US 264Alt and located 0.3 miles east of Middlesex, thence from said point of beginning N 4 36' E 699.36 feet to an existing iron pipe; cornering, thence S 83 17' E 426.6 feet to a new iron pipe; cornering, thence S 6 24' W 692.45 feet to an existing railroad spike in the centerline of US264 Alternate; cornering, thence along the centerline of US264Alt. N 84 14" W 329.64 to an existing P.K. nail, thence continuing along the centerline of US264Alt. N 84 03' W 75.00 feet to the point of beginning, and being Lot #1 of Plat Book 21, Page 236 recorded in the Nash County Registry and containing 6.64 AC inclusive of the right-of-way

Commissioner Lewis's motion to annex the above described property into the town limits, was seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.



Comissioner Bascoe Lewis introduced the following proposed ordinance, which was read at length.

AN ORDINANCE TO: REGULATE HIRING POLICIES FOR  
THE TOWN OF MIDDLESEX.

BE IT ORDAINED By the Board of Commissioners of the Town  
Of Middlesex that:

Section 1. PERSONNEL

1. The Town of Middlesex will not discriminate with its hiring policies in regards to race, sex or age.
2. The Town of Middlesex will not consider any application for employment if a member of the applicant's immediate family is already employed by the town or serves on the town council.
3. Immediate family is described as husband, wife, mother, father, sister, brother, daughter, son, grandparent, grandchild or mother-in-law, father-in-law, sister in-law or brother in-law, daughter in-law or son in-law.
4. Employees working with the Town of Middlesex may be subject to random drug testing. Refusal of the test will result in immediate suspension without pay until a full hearing can be held by the board.
5. Employees who are required to operate a vehicle must present valid drivers license yearly.
6. No employee will be allowed to continue in the employment of the Town of Middlesex and hold an elected public office on the Governing Body of the Town of Middlesex.



SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall be in full force upon its adoption.

Bobby R Bissett  
Mayor

9-15-98  
Date

ATTEST:

Peggy Bissett  
Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Attorney

Commissioner Naomi Powell moved to second the motion to adopt this ordinance.

Commissioners voting in favor of the adoption of this ordinance were Bascoe Lewis, Isaac Lewis, Naomi Powell, Fred Hough and Harold Meacombs. The vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Isaac Lewis moved to adopt N.C. Department of Transportation Ordinance # 630200274 to declare a 45 mph on US264A from a point 0.21 mile west of SR1123 (the town limits) eastward for 0.31 mile, Lewis's motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.

Herman Ellis who has been employed with the Town for the past sixteen years submitted his resignation due his retirement.

Commissioner Isaac Lewis moved to accept the resignation of Herman Ellis from his position with the town effective 9/30/98 and to give some type of recognition in appreciation of services rendered for the past 16 years, Commissioner Hough seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.



Commissioner Isaac Lewis moved to make Peggy Bisette the designated person to file an amended application to the State for the Hazard Mitigation Program for quick connect for generators, and to adopt a resolution to that effect, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Meacombs and carried unanimously.

The board reviewed information concerning increased sewer rate charges from the town of Zebulon, stating that effective Oct.1, 98 the present rate would increase by 36 cents per 1,000 gallons.

Commissioner Meacombs moved to increase the present sewer rate from \$6.45 to \$6.81 effective October 1, 1998, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Isaac Lewis and carried unanimously.

The board reviewed water acreage and impact fees presently being charged by the town of Zebulon and agreed to study the possibility of applying those fees to the new connections here.

The board reviewed five (5) applications for the position being vacated by Ellis and instructed the clerk to advertise again.

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

*Peggy Bisette*  
Peggy Bisette,  
Town Clerk

Mayor Bobby R. Bisette *BRB*  
Commissioners  
Harold Meacombs *hm*  
Fred Hough *FH*  
Naomi Powell *NP*  
Isaac Lewis *IL*  
Bascoe Lewis *BL*