

June 14, 1999

The Middlesex Governing Body met in regular session on June 14, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Town Hall. Members present were Mayor Bobby R. Bisette, Commissioners Harold Meacombs, Fred Hough, Naomi Powell, Isaac Lewis and Bascoe Lewis. Mayor Bisette called the meeting to order and opened the floor for a Public Hearing on the proposed 1999-2000 Budget.

There were no citizens present for the budget hearing, however several line items were corrected by the budget officer due to one item being purchased this month that was scheduled in the proposed budget. Each Commissioner was given copies of the corrections to insert into their copies. Mayor Bisette closed the hearing at 7:45p.m.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were corrected with the notation of one error. The third paragraph on page 863b read " Commissioner Isaac Lewis moved to allow Granville Farms to clean the lagoon with the cost not to exceed a 10% overrun of the total quote of \$600.00" the correction was made to read \$6000.00. Commissioner Hough moved to accept the Minutes with the above correction, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Powell and carried unanimously.

The clerk presented the Financial Statements for the month of May and Commissioner Bascoe Lewis moved to accept them as correct, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Powell and carried unanimously.

Mayor Bisette recognized guest Gloria Thomas who was present with complaints of the overgrown lot next door belonging to Rachel Mitchell, and the partially burned house belonging to David Holder. Mrs. Thomas stated that these two areas were infested with rats and snakes. She asked the town to please do something about the problem.

Mayor Bisette stated that he had talked with the Minister of the First Baptist Church and they had an option to buy the Holder property and wanted to clean it up. He further stated that the

town would contact Holder to see if he would allow the fire department to burn the house and then allow the church members to clear the lot. He further stated that Ms. Mitchell had been contacted and had in fact cut the grass in the front yard.

Chief Brock gave a report on the activities of the police department for the previous month, stating that the grant for data units for the police cars was approved by the state.

Richard Bucklin, Utility Director was present and stated that he was still having a problem keeping a supply for the demand of water, and that the float was not working again on the tower.

Bucklin stated that the shrubs were choking the growth of the holly tree in the drive circle at the cemetery and wanted to know if the board wanted it cut. Mayor Bisette asked Commissioner Hough to look at it and tell Bucklin what to do.

Commissioner Hough stated that the sign had been placed in the cemetery and he thought it looked very good.

Commissioner Bascoe Lewis stated that Ronald Worthington's driveway had been repaired.

Commissioner Meacombs moved to increase Richard Price's salary from \$23,500 to \$23,900 in order to give him the same percentage of raise that Officer Cardona received, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Bascoe Lewis and failed with Commissioners Hough, Powell and Isaac Lewis voting no, Commissioners Meacombs and Bascoe Lewis voting yes.

The clerk presented the bill from Hines Equipment Company for \$46,369.00 plus \$2782.14 sales tax for the back hoe and Commissioner Bascoe Lewis moved to pay the bill, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.

Clerk Bisette presented the actual bill from Granville Farms in the amount of \$9000.00 for three hundred thousand gallons of sludge removed at a price of three cents per gallon. She stated that she had told him that she would only be able to pay him \$6600.00 because that the board had voted on that based on the estimate given in May, and that he would have to attend a meeting to discuss the issue with the board.

Commissioner Isaac Lewis said to pay him the \$6600.00 and have him at the July meeting.

Commissioner Isaac Lewis moved to match the dues of \$100.00 to the Institute of Government towards a building fund, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Powell and carried unanimously.

The board set a date of June 28, 1999 at 6:30 p.m. for the adoption of the 1999-2000 budget.

The board reviewed a proposal to enter into contract with Utility Service for a maintenance contract on the water tower, and was told that representatives from Utility Service would be at the meeting in July to discuss the cost of the contract with them.

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

Peggy Bissette
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Town Clerk

Mayor Bobby R. Bissette *BB*
Commissioners
Harold Meacombs *HM*
Fred Hough *FH*
Naomi Powell *N. Powell*
Isaac Lewis *I. Lewis*
Bascoe Lewis *WB*