

April 10, 2000

The Middlesex Governing Body met in a Special Called Session at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Town Hall for the purpose of holding a Public Hearing on the intent to close West Exum Street between West Finch Avenue and North Nash Street. Mayor Pro-Tem Harold Meacombs chaired the hearing and declared the meeting open to the public, present were Commissioners Isaac Lewis and Luke Robinson. Guest present for the hearing were Derek Bissette, Greg Baker and Vincent Brock.

Mayor Pro-Tem Meacombs asked the clerk if the petition to close the street was on file, if the Resolution of Intent to close said street had been advertised and if the property owners affected by the closing of the street had been notified by registered mail.

The clerk stated that the petition was on file, and the Resolution of Intent to close the street was advertised once per week for four weeks on March 15, 22,29 and April 5, 2000 in the Wilson Daily Times Newspaper. She further stated that two signs were posted on the property March 16th and that the notice of the Public Hearing was published in the Wilson Daily Times on March 31st.

Vincent Brock asked is any money would be involved in the closing by either party, and if not what purpose would be served to the town to close the street.

The clerk replied that no money would be exchanged but development of the property as a result of the closing would be in the best interest of the town.

Mayor Pro-Tem Meacombs asked if there was anyone else wished to speak on the issue and being none, he declared the hearing closed at 7:15 p.m.

Peggy Bissette
Town Clerk

Mayor Pro-Tem Harold Meacombs
Commissioners
Isaac Lewis
Luke Robinson

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On Monday Night, April 10, 2000 the Middlesex Governing Body met in regular session at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Town Hall with members Mayor Bobby R. Bissette, Commissioners Harold Meacombs, Fred Hough, Luke Robinson, Isaac Lewis and Bascoe Lewis present. Mayor Bissette called the meeting to order and the invocation was given by Commissioner Isaac Lewis.

Mayor Bissette welcomed the guest present and recognized Magellan Wiggins who was present to request help on behalf of New Life Holiness Church. He stated that they were having a problem of local junk dealers putting the junk in the parking lot of the church. Mayor Bissette informed him that the church had the right to take the junk off their property and to seek legal advice on how to address those putting the junk there.

Jeffrey Hunter was present to inquire about the water bill he received in February and came before the board about in March. His usage was 90,000 for a total of \$857.25. Mayor Bissette stated that the town had read the meter every day, and that Brock, the landlord, had installed a meter between the town's and the residence and that both meters were showing that the readings were correct and that unless there had been a leak the town could not do anything about the bill.

Hunter stated that since the meter had been installed by Brock, and readings were taken daily, the usage seemed normal but that he knew the meter had to malfunction in February because he had not used that much water. Mayor Bissette asked Bucklin to take the meter out and send it to a testing agency.

Brock then questioned the previous town meetings on February 22,23, and 24th. The clerk stated that the Planning Board had met on February 22, and that the Middlesex Governing Body met in February 23 to approve a map submitted to them by the Planning Board, and that there was not a meeting of the council on Feb. 24. Brock asked if the meetings were properly advertised.

The clerk stated that notices were posted inside the town hall and in the future she would post them in the window if it would better serve the public.

The clerk presented the Minutes of the previous month, and after three noted corrections, Commissioner Hough moved to accept them as correct, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson and carried unanimously.

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

Acting Chief Ridgway gave a report on the activities of the police department for the previous month. The mileage on the Chevrolet Police car was questioned.

Utility Director, Richard Bucklin was present with a report on the activities of the maintenance department for March. Bucklin had a copy of a work order done at the home of James Finch in November 1998. The order was for work to add a tile to an existing drive on Finch's property. The bill was for \$98.88 and Mrs. Finch was complaining of the amount of the bill, stating that the gravel was already there and that they did not work there over 15 minutes.

Commissioner Isaac Lewis moved to waive the bill, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Meacombs stated that he was very concerned about the surface water getting into the sewer system and wanted to know if the smoke testing showed anything out of the ordinary.

The clerk stated that she had contacted Peirson and Whitman, who in turn had submitted an application on behalf of the town to the Rural Center for \$20,000 grant to help find the infiltration through camera inspection. The town will have to match the \$20,000 if funding is approved.

Commissioner Isaac Lewis moved to have the Mayor to have May 04th as National Day of Prayer by order of the following Proclamation, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Meacombs and carried unanimously.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Civic prayers and national days of prayer have a long and venerable history in our constitutional republic, dating back to the First Continental Congress in 1775; and

WHEREAS, The Declaration of Independence, our first statement as Americans of national purpose and identity, made "the Laws of Nature and Nature's God" the foundation of our United States of America and asserted that people have inalienable rights that are God-given; and

WHEREAS, The Supreme Court has affirmed the right of state legislatures to open their sessions with prayer and the Supreme Court and the U.S. Congress themselves begin each day with prayer; and

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WHEREAS, In 1988, legislation setting aside the first Thursday in May in each year as a

National Day of Prayer was passed unanimously by both Houses of Congress and signed by President Ronald Reagan; and

WHEREAS, The National Day of Prayer is an opportunity for Americans of all faiths to join in united prayer to acknowledge our dependence on God, to give thanks for blessings received, to request healing for wounds endured, and to ask God to guide our leaders and bring wholeness to the United States and her citizens; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper to give thanks to God by observing a day of prayer in Middlesex when all may acknowledge our blessings and express gratitude for them, while recognizing the need for strengthening religious and moral values in our State and Nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BOBBY R. BISSETTE, Mayor of the Town of Middlesex do hereby proclaim the first Thursday in May 2000, to be designated as "A Day of Prayer in The Town of Middlesex and encourage the citizens of the Town of Middlesex to observe the day in ways appropriate to its importance and significance.

Proclaimed this the 10th day of April, 2000.

Attest:

Bobby R. Bisette, Mayor

Peggy Bisette, Clerk

The clerk had information on a 1998 Konica Copier from Ronald Worthington. The copier has 79,000 copies on it, a sorter bin with stapler, two sided copying and enlargement/reduction capabilities, with a full year's warranty on all parts and labor for the copier, at a price of \$2950.00 plus tax. She told them that the materials for this meeting were done on the copier.

Commissioner Isaac Lewis moved to purchase the copier for \$2950.00, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Bascoe Lewis and carried unanimously.

Mike Ridgway and Harry Burell were present to get the boards decision on their request for water and sewer services to property on US264A. Mayor Bisette informed them that the town had learned from its engineering firm that the 90 houses could be tolerated by our water and sewer systems and if they were willing to be annexed, the town would offer them services.

Ridgway stated that they would do cost estimates before petitioning the town for annexation to see if it would be cost effective.

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A Resolution Ordering the Closing of that Portion of West Exum Street Between West Finch Street and South Nash Street.

WHEREAS, on the 13th day of March, 2000 the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Middlesex directed the Town Clerk to publish the Resolution of Intent of the Board of Commissioners to consider closing that portion of West Exum Street between West Finch Street and South Nash Street, in the Wilson Daily Times newspaper once each week for four successive weeks, such resolution advising the public that a meeting would be conducted in the Conference Room of the Town Hall on April 10, 2000, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of Commissioners on the 13th day of March, 2000, ordered the Town Clerk to notify all persons owning property abutting on that portion of West Exum Street between West Finch Street and South Nash Street, as shown on the county tax records, by registered or certified mail, enclosing with such notification a copy of the Resolution of Intent; and

WHEREAS, the Town Clerk has advised the Board of Commissioners that she sent a letter to each of the abutting property owners advising them of the day, time and place of the meeting, enclosing a copy of the Resolution of Intent, and advising the abutting property owners that the question as to closing that portion of West Exum Street between West Finch Street and South Nash Street would be acted upon, said letters having been sent by registered or certified mail; and

WHEREAS, the Town Clerk has advised the Board of Commissioners that adequate notices were posted on the applicable street as required by G.S. 160A-299; and

WHEREAS, after full and complete consideration of the matter and after having granted full and complete opportunity for all interested persons to appear and register any objections that they might have with respect to the closing of said Street in the public hearing held on April 10, 2000; and

WHEREAS, it now appears to the satisfaction of the Board of Commissioners that the closing of said street is not contrary to the public interest, and that no individual owning property, either abutting the street or in the vicinity of the street or in the subdivision in which the street is located, will as a result of the closing be thereby deprived of a reasonable means of ingress and egress to his property;

NOW, THEREFORE, subject to the reservation of a 20 foot easement to the Town of Middlesex for an existing sewer line that runs through the portion of West Exum Street between West Finch Street and South Nash Street is hereby ordered closed, and all right, title, and interest that may be vested in the public to said area for street purposes is hereby released and quick claimed to the abutting property owners in accordance with the provisions of G.S. 160A-2

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The Town Clerk is hereby ordered and directed to file in the office of the Register of Deeds of Nash County a certified copy of the resolution and order.

Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Meacombs and duly seconded by Commissioner Bascoe Lewis the above resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners at a meeting held on the 10th day of April, 2000, in the Town Hall.

Upon call for a vote the following Commissioners voted in the affirmative:

Harold Meacombs
Fred Hough, Jr.
Luke Robinson
Isaac Lewis
Bascoe Lewis

This the 10th day of April 2000, at 7:30 o'clock.

ATTEST:

Mayor

Town Clerk

NORTH CAROLINA

NASH COUNTY

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Middlesex, North Carolina at a meeting held April 10, 2000, at 7:30 o'clock p.m. at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall in the town of Middlesex.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the official corporate seal of said Town to be affixed, this the 10TH day of April 2000.

Town Clerk

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NORTH CAROLINA

NASH COUNTY

I, _____, a Notary Public, do hereby certify that Peggy Bisette, Town Clerk, personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing certification, for the purposes therein expressed.

WITNESS my hand and notarial seal this _____ day of _____, 2000.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: _____

The board agreed to a date of April 25th at 7:30 p.m. to hold a budget workshop for the upcoming fiscal year.

Commissioners Isaac Lewis moved to adjust the following water bills:

- a. Archie Cook from \$357.20 to 188.00
- b. Zebulon Tool Works \$940.00 to \$488.80
- c. Bobby Radford from \$95.85 to \$77.25
- d. Triangle East from \$141.20 to \$103.60
- e. Heather Corbett from \$105.25 to \$77.05

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

Commissioner Meacombs moved to enter into closed session to complete the review process of the police applications, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.

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After discussion, Commissioner Bascoe Lewis moved to enter back into open session, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Meacombs and carried unanimously, and the public was allowed back into the room.

Commissioner Meacombs stated that due to qualifications and salary available, he moved to reject all those applications submitted to the town for consideration of the chief of police position, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Isaac Lewis and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Isaac Lewis then moved to appoint Sgt. Patrick Ridgway from First Sergeant to Chief of Police at a salary of \$27,200.00 per year for a ninety day probationary period, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.

Being no further business, Commissioner Meacombs moved to adjourn.

Peggy Bissette,
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