

May 5, 2004

The Middlesex Governing Body held a Special Meeting in the Conference Room of the Town Hall for the purpose of a Budget Workshop. Members present were Mayor Bobby R. Bissette, Commissioners Harold Meacombs, Fred Hough, Luke Robinson, and Larry Daniel. Commissioner Basco Lewis was absent. Mayor Bissette called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Bissette proposed to change our present billing system from charging only a set rate for water and sewer per 1,000 gallons, with everyone paying a minimum bill of 3,000 gallons, to a system with a set flat rate in addition to billing each resident for exact usage. Therefore, anyone using less than 1,000 gallons would pay only a flat fee. Mayor Bissette pointed out that this system would be fair to all citizens and the smaller users would not be subsidizing the larger users who place a heavier burden on the system. There was a long discussion regarding this and other structured rates. There was no consensus of the Board to set the rates.

The Clerk was requested to complete a study using spreadsheets to determine the effect this new proposal would have on the revenues generated for both water and sewer and to compare these revenues to the amount needed to balance the budget without having to use money from the fund balance.

Other proposals to incorporate into the budget were as follows:

- Include \$50,000 in the Powell Bill expenditures for paving
- Include \$3,000 in Parks & Recreation for tree removal, \$2,000 to repair/replace the playground equipment, and a \$500 contribution to the Southern Nash Youth Athletic Association
- Increase water deposits from \$150 to \$175

Being no further business, Commissioner Hough moved to adjourn.

Jennifer Lambert  
Clerk

Mayor Bobby R. Bissette  
Commissioners  
Harold Meacombs  
Fred Hough  
Luke Robinson  
Larry Daniel