

July 09, 2001

The Middlesex Governing Body met in regular session on July 09, 2001 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, Larry Daniel and Bascoe Lewis present. Mayor Bissette called the meeting to order and the invocation was given by Commissioner Daniel.

Wanda Peele and son Mark were present to thank the town for the services they received from the town employees during the death of her husband. She read a letter to the board stating that the police and maintenance department were considerate and helpful during that period.

The clerk presented the Minutes from the previous meeting and Commissioner Robinson moved to accept the Minutes as recorded correctly, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.

Clerk Bissette stated that due to the end of the fiscal year, she had not closed out the accounts payable and could not give a financial statement at this time but would have the figures included in the August statement.

Alvin Brantley was present and stated that he was concerned about the quality of our drinking water, saying that it was making him sick to drink it. Mayor Bissette told Mr. Brantley that the water was safe for drinking and the problem had been identified and was in the process of being corrected.

Mayor Bissette stated that the park well needed a timer on it, and Commissioner Meacombs moved to install a time on the pump, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.

The board had copies of a proposal from the League of Municipalities to perform a pay scale and Personnel Policy, and tabled the discussion until the next meeting in order that each may have time to read it.

The clerk presented bills for damages done to David Jordan's home due to the sewer backing up into his house after the heavy rain fall in the month of June, the issue was tabled until the clerk could contact the town's insurance and see if it was an eligible claim, and to see if the Jordan was filing it under is insurance.

Clerk Bissette stated that Hannah Brooks owner of Middlesex Video Store had informed said that they would be closing the store at the end of July and wanted to know if the town would like to purchase the central air system that they had installed at a price of \$1500.00. Mayor Bissette asked Commissioner Lewis to look at the system and they would decide at the next meeting.

Mayor Bissette asked the board to be thinking about how to compensate town employees who were having to be on call during the weekend to come back into town to take care of the lift stations and wells. He said he felt that they needed more than just comp time, due to the fact that they could not make any plans for the whole weekend for the might be called at any time.

Commissioner Meacombs moved to go into closed session to discuss a personnel problem, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Daniel and carried unanimously.

After discussion of the issue of the former employee, Charles Ward, Mayor Bissette declared the meeting back into open session.

Being no further business, Commissioner Meacombs moved to adjourn.

Peggy Bissette.  
Town Clerk

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Commissioners  
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July 23, 2001

The Middlesex Governing Body met in a Special Called Session at 7:30 p.m. on July 23, 2001 in the Conference Room of the Town Hall. Members present were Mayor Bobby R. Bissette, Commissioners Harold Meacombs, Fred Hough, Luke Robinson, Larry Daniel and Bascoe Lewis. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the possibility of an industry locating in Middlesex.

Mr. Jeremy Stratton of the Carolina Gateway Partnership was present to discuss the possibility of the location with Middlesex.

The Minutes of that meeting will remain sealed until such time as deemed no longer necessary to be of confidential material.

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Mayor Bissette informed the Board that he had been contacted by Mr. Stratton, representing Gateway Partnership and had met with their board to learn that a very high-tech electrical company was interested in locating in Middlesex. He further stated that several local businessmen were in the process of trying to get around 500 acres of land together to form an industrial park for this company.

Mr. Jeremy Stratton stated that he could not give the name of the company but that they were looking at sites in Nash County, Franklin and Wake County and the state of Georgia. He said that they were impressed with Middlesex because of its rural location, yet very accessible to major roads and to Raleigh-Durham Airport.

Stratton said that this would be twenty million dollar facility and would employ approximately 400 people, and would be some above average salaries. He said that the company would need at least twenty five acres of land now and more later. He estimated that the average water and sewer use would be no more than 550,000 gallons per year.

Stratton said that Nash County would be building the facility and lease it to the company and would be putting in over \$3,000,000.00 in the project, with the Global Transpark putting \$25,000 and Carolina Power & Light \$75,000.00. In addition the county would offer them a tax break up to \$60,000 for a period of five years.

Stratton further stated that money would be available through the Economic Development Department of the State Government to help Middlesex defray the cost of the infrastructure.

Mayor Bissette said the company wanted the town to agree not to annex the complex for a certain number of years and he wanted the board members to be thinking of what we could offer them and make a decision at the next regular meeting.

There followed a general discussion on what Middlesex would be able to do for this project if they chose us as a site. Mayor Bissette asked the board to give this issue some very serious thought and be ready to discuss it in closed session at the August meeting.

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Being no further business, Commissioner Hough moved to adjourn.

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