

July 15, 2002

The Middlesex Governing Body met in regular session on July 15, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Town Hall. Present were Mayor Bobby R. Bissette, Commissioners Harold Meacombs, Fred Hough, Luke Robinson, Larry Daniel and Bascoe Lewis. Mayor Bissette called the meeting to order and the invocation was given by Commissioner Daniel.

Commissioner Robinson moved to accept the Minutes of the previous meetings as being recorded correctly, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Meacombs and carried unanimously.

The clerk presented the Financial Statements for June and Commissioner Daniel moved to accept them as correct, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis.

Officer Ferrell, Acting Chief in the absence of Chief Ridgway gave a report on the activities of the police activities for the past month, stating that things were running smoothly, and he was working on a schedule that would offer the town 24 hour coverage, and that he was working on getting the equipment being bought under the new grant.

Ferrell presented quotes from Rhodes Body Shop for \$846.73 and Middlesex Motor Company in the amount of \$1491.82 to repair the damage done to the police car by a four wheeler.

Utility Director, Jeff Waddell gave a report on maintenance department for the previous month. Waddell stated that the new pick-up truck had been purchased and was in use. He said that he had started the flushing schedule the first week of June and was still getting several complaints in the area where the flushing was done.

Waddell stated that the State of North Carolina now requested that testing be done on the water seven days per week and asked the board to consider purchasing a test kit in order that Shawn Pond could do the weekend testing from his home.

Commissioner Daniel moved to purchase the test kit, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Daniel moved to appoint Ann M. Lewis to the Library Board, to fill the vacancy of Melba Hales, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lewis moved to accept the Grant Award from the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety in the amount of \$ 35,100.00, for computers and software for the police department, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Daniel and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Daniel moved to accept the resignation of Nathan Gant from the police force, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson and carried unanimously.

After reviewing information from the clerk concerning water deposits, Commissioner Daniel moved to raise the required deposit from \$100.00 to \$150.00, and refunding the deposit after all bills are paid in full or refund the balance after it is applied to any bills due, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hough moved to adjust the sewer bill of Warren Lewis from \$100.75 to \$31.00 and Jim Pearce from \$69.75 to \$23.25, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Daniel and carried unanimously.

The probationary period for Shawn Pond expired in May, Commissioner Robinson moved to hire Pond on a permanent basis, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Meacombs moved to accept the bid of \$846.73 from Rhodes Body Shop to repair the police car, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Meacombs moved to enter into closed session to discuss correspondence from Attorney Fairman, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Daniel and carried unanimously.

There was a discussion of a contract between the State of North Carolina and the Town of Middlesex and the board reviewed Fairman's opinion on the contract and the town's liability of the matter.

Once back in open session, Commissioner Daniel moved to enter into contract with the State Department of Transportation and pay for the maintenance fee for Railroad Crossing Signals to be installed at the Manning Street Railroad Crossing, his motion was seconded by Commissioner

Robinson and carried unanimously. The State of North Carolina, Dept. of Transportation will bear the cost of installation of the signals, and the Railroad Company and the Town of Middlesex will split the cost of the annual maintenance.

Being no further business, Commissioner Meacombs moved to adjourn.

Peggy Bissette,
Town Clerk

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