

November 12, 2007

The Middlesex Governing Body met in regular session on November 12, 2007. Mayor Luther H. Lewis, Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and gave the invocation. Commissioners Derek Bissette, Luke Robinson, Fred Hough, Harold Meacombs, and Basco Lewis were present. The only guest was Vennie Brock.

Mayor Lewis opened the floor for the Public Comment Session and there was no input from the public.

Commissioner Robinson moved to approve the October minutes. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and it carried unanimously.

Mayor Lewis requested to add two items to the agenda. Under Old Business, add Dump Truck Quotes and after New Business add Item 8, a Closed Session under G.S143-318.11(a)(6) as requested by Chief Ferrell to discuss a personnel matter in his department. In a motion by Commissioner Meacombs, seconded by Commissioner Robinson, the agenda was adopted unanimously with the two requested changes.

Commissioner Meacombs moved to accept the October financial statements as correct. Commissioner Hough seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Chief Ferrell advised the Board that he would be working for his officers attending mandated training in November. He is also checking on the compatibility of new software to have access to GPS mapping through the 911 emergency system and depending on his findings, he may present a request to apply for the grant for the software at the December meeting.

Mayor Lewis advised that the Utility Department continues to smoke test in different areas and have found several places of infiltration and have repaired them.

The contractor has begun to lay the brick for the cemetery retaining wall. The Board agreed to have cement poured in the holes in the brick before the cap is added to the brick wall for added support.

The results of the dowser study produced two possible well sites in the 120 gallon per minute range, one near the old well at Middlesex Elementary School, and one at the existing walking track.

Mayor Lewis advised the Board that the remaining grant funds from USDA (\$177,705) and the Rural Center (\$159,995) have been received. A check for \$350,000 has been mailed to the City of Raleigh to purchase 50,000 gallons of additional sewer flow at \$7.00 per 1,000 gallons. Appropriated town funds of \$12,300 were included in the \$350,000 purchase price.

Mayor Lewis and Commissioner Bissette looked at dump trucks at several dealerships. They presented a quote from Lee Motor Company for a 2008 Ford 550 diesel with a 12' dump body with 42" sides, swing open tailgate, 17,960 gross vehicle weight (gvw), automatic Allison transmission for \$41,278.34 plus tax and tags. A second quote from Bobby Murray Chevrolet included a comparable model, the Chevrolet 5500 with a Duramax engine, 19,500 gvw \$43,584.42 plus tax and tags. Mayor Lewis and Commissioner Bissette stated that they believed that the Ford 550 would be the better truck for everyday use and that the lower height would allow ease in getting in and out of the vehicle. After a lengthy discussion, Commissioner Meacombs moved to purchase the Ford 550 from Lee Motor Company for \$41,278.34 plus tax and tags. Commissioner Bissette seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Robinson moved to add a discovery to the town's tax scroll for a personal vehicle owned by Frances Hough, which was unlicensed and not listed from the year 2003 to 2007 as stated below and as notified by Nash County:

YEAR	VALUE	PENALTY
2007	\$2,790	10%
2006	\$3,480	20%
2005	\$3,920	30%
2004	\$4,720	40%
2003	\$8,060	50%

Commissioner Meacombs seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mayor Lewis advised the Board that he attended a Rural Center seminar, "Getting to Know Your Consulting Engineer" on September 20, 2007 in Greensboro with Michael Acquesta, the town's engineer. Mayor Lewis reviewed the seminar's contents regarding selection, working with, and communicating effectively with your engineering firm and conflict resolution. The town earned ten (10) extra points for our grant application due to the Mayor's attendance. Mayor Lewis and Peggy Bissette also attended a Rural Center workshop in Raleigh in October on how to apply for planning grants and grants for economic infrastructure.

Commissioner Bissette moved to adopt the following resolution authorizing application of Rural Center grant funds for a new water well, elevated tank, and pumping station:

**SUPPLEMENTAL PROGRAM
AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION BY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE
TOWN OF MIDDLESEX, NORTH CAROLINA**

WHEREAS, In the summer of 2007, the North Carolina General Assembly included a \$100 million appropriation to the North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center in the FY2007-2009 state budget, for the purpose of making grants to rural communities in need of water and wastewater infrastructure improvements; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Middlesex has need for and intends to construct or rehabilitate a publicly-owned water treatment works, wastewater collection system improvements and/or for water supply and distribution systems, project described as a New Water Supply Well, Elevated Tank and Booster Pump Station to serve two existing subdivisions that have been annexed by the Town; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Middlesex intends to request grant assistance from the Supplemental Grants Program for the project;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN OF MIDDLESEX:

That Town of Middlesex will arrange financing for all remaining costs of the project, if approved for a grant.

That Town of Middlesex will provide for efficient operation and maintenance of the project on completion of construction thereof.

That Luther H. Lewis, Jr., Mayor and successors so titled, is hereby authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of Town of Middlesex with the NCREDC (Rural Center) for a grant to assist in the construction of the project described above.

That Luther H. Lewis, Jr., Mayor, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the Rural Center may request in connection with such application or the project; to make the assurances as contained above; and to execute such other documents as may be required in connection with the application.

That Town of Middlesex has substantially complied or will substantially comply with all Federal, State, and local laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances applicable to the project and to the grants pertaining thereto.

Adopted this the 12th day of November at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Middlesex Board of Commissioners, Middlesex, North Carolina.

Commissioner Meacombs seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Commissioner Robinson moved to go into Closed Session under G.S.143-318.11(a)(6) to discuss a personnel matter in the police department. Commissioner Meacombs seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Back in Open Session, Commissioner Meacombs moved to terminate Jacob Brown as a part time police officer. Commissioner Bisette seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Mayor Lewis and the Board advised Chief Ferrell to take any necessary actions to obtain the town's equipment in Mr. Brown's possession.

Being no further business, Commissioner Robinson moved to adjourn.

Jennifer Lambert, Clerk

Mayor Luther H. Lewis, Jr.
Commissioners
Harold Meacombs
Fred Hough
Luke Robinson
Derek Bisette
Basco Lewis