

January 12, 2009

The Middlesex Governing Body met in regular session in the Conference Room of the Town Hall. Mayor Luther H. Lewis, Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:30p.m. and gave the invocation. Members present were Commissioners Harold Meacombs, Fred Hough, Luke Robinson, Derek Bisette, and J.W. McClenny. The only guest was Vennie Brock.

Mayor Lewis opened the floor for the public comment and there was no input from the public, so the public comment session was closed.

Commissioner McClenny moved to accept the December minutes as being recorded correctly. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson and carried unanimously.

Mayor Lewis requested to omit Item (d) under New Business, discuss allocation of \$100,000 in General Fund money to the Sewer Fund and Clerk Lambert asked to add as Item (d) a proposed 2008-2009 budget amendment. Chief Ferrell also requested that he address the Board in Closed Session about a personnel matter. In a motion by Commissioner Hough and seconded by Commissioner Robinson, the agenda was approved unanimously.

The December financial statements were accepted as correct in a motion by Commissioner Robinson, seconded by Commissioner Hough, and carried unanimously.

Chief Ferrell advised that two recalls on the 2003 Crown Victoria, one for steel rims leaking and one for a canister in the trunk, have been repaired, along with a rear end oil leak, which was about \$90. Also, a problem with the front door at the Police Department was repaired by Wilson Glass and Mirror.

Mayor Lewis advised the Board that the warranty on the leaf collection system discussed last month would begin when it was put in use, and suggested that we take the offer of no interest and divide into two payments— to pay half when purchased in this fiscal year, and the remaining half in next fiscal year. Commissioner Bisette has given Administrator Bisette a second name and number to get a quote and present at the February meeting.

The Board reviewed a letter from Jean Davis Burrows and Jay Davis Massey requesting to sell their cemetery plots and asked the Board to rethink the town's policy requiring the seller to pay the town the difference between the current price less the original price paid for the lots. Their offer was to split the

profit with the town 50/50. After some discussion, the Board was in agreement that it seemed unfair to ask the lot owner to pay the town the difference in the price paid and the price sold. Bailey requires the seller to have a lawyer reissue the deed and present them with a copy, but no difference in money is paid to the town. Spring Hope does not allow lots to be resold. Due to cemetery software program changes needed and administrative time involved, the Board discussed charging an administrative fee for canceling the original deed and reissuing a new deed. Commissioner Meacombs moved to allow anyone to sell their lots and pay \$100 administrative fee to the town and the town will issue a new deed. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Bisette and carried unanimously. The Board requested that this be included in the town code of ordinances.

After the review and discussion of a new program, the NC Local Government Service Corp, which offers assistance in the area of economic development and capacity building grant, no action was taken by the Board due to cost, various commitments, and stipulations required.

Mayor Lewis presented a large map of the proposed Bailey-Middlesex Park Plan. Adoption of the map is a formality and the map will be submitted along with the grant application in order to get the maximum number of points available to obtain the grant. The site plan was approved unanimously in a motion made by Commissioner Bisette and seconded by Commissioner Robinson.

A 2008-2009 Budget Amendment was proposed as follows to cover an invoice for \$1650 from Rudy's Truck and Trailer for a 24-foot truck body to store the town's Christmas ornaments. The Board approved \$800 at the last meeting, but when the truck body arrived, the ornaments were too tall (8½ feet), so a larger body was necessary. In a motion made by Commissioner Meacombs and seconded by Commissioner McClenny, the following budget amendment was approved unanimously:

<u>GENERAL FUND:</u>		<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>DECREASE</u>
<u>DEPT/ACCT#</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>		
<u>NON-DEPARTMENTAL:</u>			
10-660-4100	CHRISTMAS LIGHTS	1,650.00	
<u>ADMINISTRATION:</u>			
10-420-1000	AUDIT		1,650.00

A second budget amendment, which follows, covering the Rural Center Well Grant and USDA Loan was passed unanimously in a motion by Commissioner Bissette, and seconded by Commissioner McClenny:

WATER REVENUES

30-370-6400	Rural Center Well Grant	245,833.00
30-370-6200	USDA Well Loan	760,000.00
TOTAL		1,005,833.00

WATER EXPENDITURES

30-810-7404	Wells & Meter Proj. 2009	1,005,833.00
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Commissioner Robinson moved to go into Closed Session under G.S.143-318.11(a)(6) to discuss three personnel matters within the police department. Commissioner Meacombs seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Back in Open Session, Commissioner Bissette moved to promote Corporal Dennis Murray to Police Sergeant with an annual salary of \$30,937.00. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bissette moved to appoint Police Officer Steve Glover to the Corporal's position with an annual salary of \$30,056.48. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson and it carried unanimously.

Being no further business, Commissioner Robinson moved to adjourn.

Jennifer Lambert
Clerk

Mayor Luther H. Lewis, Jr.
Commissioners
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Fred Hough
Luke Robinson
Derek Bissette
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