

January 06, 1997

The Middlesex Governing Body met in regular session on January 06, 1997 at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Town Hall. Members present were Mayor Bobby R. Bisette, Commissioners Jimmy Meacombs, Fred Hough, Naomi Powell, Isaac Lewis and Bascoe Lewis. Mayor Bisette called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and the invocation was given by Commissioner Isaac Lewis.

The Minutes of the previous meeting and the Financial Statements for the month of December 1996 were approved in a motion made by Commissioner Hough, seconded by Commissioner Bascoe Lewis and carried unanimously.

Mayor Bisette welcomed Mr. John Gessaman of Carolina Gate Partnership to the meeting. Mr. Gessaman was present to inform the board of the functions of Carolina Gate Partnership. He said they were in place to promote industry and were striving to bring industry to this part of Nash County with over 160 members supporting the partnership and invited Middlesex to become a member.

Mayor Bisette recognized guest Pauline Hinnant who requested the town cut overgrown lots on Cope Avenue and O'Possum Road, stating they made the area look bad. The clerk was instructed to find the names of the owners and instruct them to clear the lots.

The clerk presented a cost breakdown of the NC 231 Sewer Project, the amount of grant received, and the amount of loan money involved. The board discussed a time limit for the residents on 231 to pay the charges assessed by the town and to hook onto the line. Commissioner Isaac Lewis asked the clerk to see if Nash County had any rules regarding the use of septic tanks if a sewer line was available. The board then tabled the issue until the next regular meeting.

Chief Brock was present to give a report on the activities of the police department for the previous month.

Commissioner Bascoe Lewis moved to let Rocky Mount Tree Service remove three (3) trees on Nash Street for a quote of \$6,500.00, providing that they show proof of liability insurance to the clerk. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Isaac Lewis and carried unanimously. The trees are being cut to enable the state to curb and gutter Nash Street.

The clerk presented a quote from ProCoat to repair the roof on the tool shed behind the police department in the amount of \$1,642.50 and the upper part of the roof over the police department for \$4,837.00. Commissioner Hough moved to repair only the area over the tool shed at a cost of \$1,642.50 at this time. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Bascoe Lewis and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Isaac Lewis moved to adjust the following water bills as per written requests:

- (1) Paula Atkins from \$304.25 to \$185.95
- (2) Bertha Overman from \$112.00 to \$64.00

This motion was seconded by Commissioner Bascoe Lewis and carried unanimously.

The clerk presented materials from the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund Meeting that Rhonda Narron attended at North Carolina State University regarding grants available for the development of parks. Each unit of government can apply for up to \$250,000, but will be required to match the grant dollar for dollar. Applications must be in before February 28, 1997, and must include:

- (a) Environmental review
- (b) Location maps
- (c) Preliminary site plan
- (d) Boundary map
- (e) Soil erosion and sedimentation control plan

The board determined that these things could not be done by the deadline of 2/28/97 and to table this idea for this year and perhaps try to have the application ready to submit in the next fiscal year.

Commissioner Powell moved to purchase the park playground equipment presented to the board at the November meeting with a limit of \$6,000.00. Her motion was seconded by Commissioner Isaac Lewis and carried unanimously.

Being no further business, Commissioner Bascoe Lewis moved to adjourn.

Peggy Bissette
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Town Clerk

Bobby R Bissette

Mayor Bobby R. Bissette
Commissioners
Jimmy Meacombs
Fred Hough *FH*
Isaac Lewis
Naomi Powell *Naomi R. Powell*
Bascoe Lewis *WBL*