

February 03, 1997

The Middlesex Governing Body met in regular session on February 03, 1997 in the Conference Room of the Town Hall. Members present were Mayor Bobby R. Bisette, Commissioners Fred Hough, Naomi Powell and Bascoe Lewis. Commissioners Isaac Lewis and Jimmy Meacombs were absent. Mayor Bisette called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m..

The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as correct in a motion made by Commissioner Powell, seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.

The clerk presented the Financial Statements for the month of January and they were accepted as correct in a motion by Commissioner Powell, seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.

Mayor Bisette recognized guest Barbara Allen, who presented a written letter of request for the board to help locate daycare facilities here for working mothers. Mayor Bisette stated that he knew there was a need for a daycare operation here, and he felt that one would be located here as soon as Middlesex was lifted from the sewer moratorium that it is under.

Another guest, Enda Mount was present and stated that she wanted to begin a clean up campaign in Middlesex and wanted to know if they could use the garbage truck. She was told to let the Utility Supervisor, Sanford Wilson know when trash would be gathered and if it was bagged, his crew would pick it up the next day.

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

Utility Supervisor, Sanford Wilson reported three cases went to court over meter tampering, and two of them received \$100.00 fine, cost of court and 15 days in jail suspended for two years. He further stated that two more had been charged in January for the same offense.

Commissioner Bascoe Lewis reported to the board that the trees on NC231 were in the process of being cut, and that there were around twenty (20) trees in the park that needed to be cut to make room for the new playground equipment.

Commissioner Powell moved to cut the trees as soon as possible in order to clean the park and prepare it for the new equipment, her motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hough moved to re-appoint Commissioner Isaac Lewis to the Nash County Economic Council for a one year term, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Bascoe Lewis and carried unanimously.

There were three written request for water bill adjustments as follows:

- (a) Middlesex Pharmacy from \$ \$151.20 to \$92.05
- (b) Terry Longacre from \$93.00 to 76.10
- (c) Naomi Powell from \$160.55 to \$84.50

Commissioner Bascoe Lewis moved to adjust the bills with his motion being seconded by Commissioner Hough, after which followed a discussion of the adjustment requested by Naomi Powell. Mrs. Powell stated that she did not feel that she should have to pay sewer charges shown on the bill, that in fact all 16,000 gallons of the water were inside her house and none of it went through the sewer system. The board would not deviate from policy and the motion passed by a majority of two, with Commissioner Powell not voting on the issue.

Mayor Bissette brought up the discussion of updating the town ordinances and told the board that help could be obtained through the League of Municipalities. Commissioner Bascoe Lewis moved to begin the updating of the ordinances as soon as possible with the help of the League, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Powell and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bascoe Lewis moved to go into Executive Session to discuss land acquisition from Champion International in order to place a lift station on a piece of property 50'x 60', Commissioner Hough seconded his motion and the motion was carried unanimously. The guest and the press were excused from the meeting at this time.

After discussion of information submitted by Attorney Fairman, Commissioner Lewis moved to close the Executive Session, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Powell and carried unanimously, and the board went back into open session.

Commissioner Powell moved to instruct Clerk Bissette to inform Attorney Fairman on February 04, 1997 to try once more to negotiate with Champion for the land needed and if that failed to begin condemnation process immediately, her motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and carried unanimously.

There was a discussion on the charges to the citizens on NC231 for sewer connections. Mayor Bissette stated that he felt that it would be fair to let them pay 10% of the amount due each month by adding it to the water bill. No action was taken on the issue or no date was set for a mandatory tie-in date.

The clerk informed the board that she had spoken to Commissioner Jimmy Meacombs earlier today and that he stated that he would have to resign from the board due to the fact that he had moved out of town. He did not offer a written resignation and no action was taken on the issue.

Being no further business, Commissioner Lewis moved to adjourn.

*Peggy Bissette*  
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Clerk

Mayor Bobby R. Bissette *BRB*  
Commissioners  
Fred Hough *FH*  
Naomi Powell *NRP*  
Bascoe Lewis *WBL*