

December 13, 1999

The Middlesex Governing ^{Body} met in regular session on December 13, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Town Hall. Members present were Mayor Bobby R. Bissette, Commissioners Harold Meacombs, Fred Hough, Naomi Powell, Isaac Lewis and Bascoe Lewis. Mayor Bissette called the meeting to order and the invocation was given by Commissioner Isaac Lewis.

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

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

Chief Brock gave a report on the activities of the police department for the previous month. He submitted a letter to the board on behalf of James Cardona. Cardona has accepted employment with Wake County Sheriff's Department and he has not been able to take his earned holidays and vacation due to the fact that the department has been short of manpower to relieve him.

Commissioner Isaac Lewis moved to pay Cardona for his two holidays worked and for one week of vacation, upon his leaving for other employment, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Meacombs and carried unanimously.

Utility Director, Richard Bucklin had prepared a report for the board to review in his absence. He requested that he be allowed to use outside labor to help with the smoke testing that is planned. He also asked the board's input on picking up limbs and leaves at a vacant residence owned by Margie Williams on Selma Road. He stated that they pick up more limbs and leaves there than any other residence in town and no sanitation charge is payed at that address because of the vacancy.

Commissioner Hough moved to leave the hiring of part-time help for the smoke testing to the discretion of Mayor, and for him to confer with Bucklin as to how many extra workers he needs and how long he will need them, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Powell and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Meacombs moved to have the clerk attach a letter with the mailing of the water bills in December notifying citizens that no leaves will be picked up after Jan. 15, 2000 unless they are bagged, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Isaac Lewis and carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed quotes for re-coating the roof tops of the three town owned buildings on Nash Street as follows:

1. American Roofing Company:
 - a. Town Hall, Middlesex Video and Dorothy's Consignment in the amount of \$8737.00.
 - b. spray wall of Dorothy's Consignment in the amount of \$3266.
2. All County Contracting:
 - a. Town Hall, Middlesex Video and Dorothy's Consignment in the amount of \$6495.00.
 - b. spray wall of Dorothy's Consignment for \$3455.00.

Commissioner Hough moved to accept the bids of All County Contracting for the work, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Powell and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bascoe Lewis moved to contact the State Department of Transportation to do some street patch work for the town, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed a draft of the Consent to Judgement and Order that was reached by the mediation of the "Town of Middlesex versus Ray Cameron" lawsuit. The mayor and the clerk were in Attorney Ernie Murray's office on Thursday, December 9, 1999 for the mediation and both parties agreed to the following conditions:

- a. Cameron agreed to remove all salvage materials from his place of residence on South Elm Street, lots 59,60 on Pamlico Street within ninety (90) days of December 9, 1999;
- b. Cameron agreed that before July 4, 2000 he will construct a fence around the junkyard owned by him located on lots 54,55,56, 1,2, and 3 fronting South Elm Street on the West, Pamlico Street on the South and Popular Street on East, Middlesex, North Carolina. The fence will be a non-see through one not less than six (6) feet tall and will be located one foot behind the road right-of-way for Elm, Pamlico and Popular Streets. There will be no more than two entrances in said fence. The salvage materials behind said fence will not be piled higher than said fence.
- c. Cameron agreed to remove or properly store all hazardous materials located on the property described in item b.
- d. Cameron agreed not to conduct any unlawful burning on the property described in item b.
- e. Cameron will apply for a business license upon compliance of the above.

Commissioner Bascoe Lewis moved to accept the conditions of the Consent and Judgement order, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Meacombs and carried unanimously. Once the order has proper signatures, the Superior Court Judge will sign it.

Commissioner Powell stated that she wanted to offer her appreciation to those who had supported her in the election, and that she had enjoyed serving on the board and had tried to do a good job and said that she was delighted to have Mr. Luke Robinson to take her place on the board and wished the board well in the coming years.

Being no further business, Commissioner Hough moved to adjourn.

Peggy Bissette
Peggy Bissette,
Town Clerk

Mayor Bobby R. Bissette *BAB*
Commissioners
Harold Meacombs *HM*
Fred Hough *FH*
Naomi Powell
Isaac Lewis *IL*
Bascoe Lewis *WBL*