

February 11, 2002

The Middlesex Governing Body met in regular session in the Conference Room of the Town Hall on February 11, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. Members present were Bobby R. Bissette, Commissioners Harold Meacombs, Fred Hough, Luke Robinson, Larry Daniel, and Bascoe Lewis. Mayor Bissette called the meeting to order and Commissioner Daniel gave the invocation.

Commissioner Robinson moved to accept the Minutes of the previous meeting, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously. Commissioner Lewis moved to accept the Financial Statements as correct, and was seconded by Commissioner Robinson and carried unanimously.

Chief Ridgway presented the Board with quotes for replacing broken and scratched glass doors at the Police Department entrance. Binswanger quoted \$654 and Wilson Glass & Mirror quoted \$731. Commissioner Meacombs motioned to have Binswanger replace glass in both doors, and was seconded by Commissioner Robinson and carried unanimously. Chief Ridgway also gave the board a letter pertaining to a recent audit indicating his records to be in compliance.

Utilities Director Jeff Waddell advised the Board he was getting a list together of numerous street lights that are out and that Animal Control has taken care of a lot of the stray dog problem.

Commissioner Daniel presented a proposal to improve the existing tennis court at the Middlesex Town Park and add basketball goals at a total cost of approximately \$2,000. Commissioner Daniel and Robinson, with the help of town employees, will fill and repair existing holes and cracks for \$500. One adult basketball goal and one child's goal could be purchased for a total of \$1500 from a source who builds them for the Parks & Recreation Department of Rocky Mount versus a cost of \$1395 each for ready-made goals. Commissioner Daniel moved to make these improvements, Luke Robinson seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

Commissioner Robinson stated he had presented the clerk with a list of streets that need repairs.

Commissioner Meacombs requested that the heat/air proposal for the upstairs in the police building be placed on hold until he had the time to review.

The Board discussed the rental of the building next to the town hall and decided it would be premature to rent before roof repairs were completed. All-County Roofing looked at the roof and stated he would fix the roof by the end of this week or next week hoping the weather would be about ten degrees warmer. Chief Ridgway advised the Board that Steve Stancil called him and requested his name be withdrawn from the list of potential renters. Arica Harris requested that she be considered for a beauty salon when the roof work was completed. Sharon Haag was also present to represent her husband, Edward Haag, who is interested in renting the building for a satellite business.

Commissioner Meacombs motioned as follows: to have the town clerk to prepare, for the Mayor and Commissioners, a list of all the town employees, this list to show present salary, length of service and if possible the amount of pay raise received July 1, 2001 and any pay raise since that date, and requested that the Mayor and Commissioners meet prior to the clerk preparing FY 2002-2003 budget figures. The purpose of the meeting will be to evaluate the merit of each employee and determine a value in percentage of pay raise for each employee for the FY 2002-2003 budget year. The clerk will use the salary increase figures determined by the Mayor and Commissioners to prepare the first draft of the FY 2002-2003 budget. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and was carried unanimously. The meeting was set for Monday, February 25th at 7:30 p.m.

Being no further business, Commissioner Hough moved to adjourn.

Jennifer Lambert
Assistant to the Town Clerk

Mayor Bobby R. Bissette
Commissioners
Fred Hough
Harold Meacombs
Luke Robinson
Larry Daniel
Bascoe Lewis