

August 12, 2002

The Middlesex Governing Body met in regular session on August 12, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Town Hall. Members present were Mayor Bobby R. Bissette, Commissioners Fred Hough, Larry Daniel and Bascoe Lewis. Commissioners Harold Meacombs and Luke Robinson were absent. Mayor Bissette called the meeting to order and the invocation was given by Commissioner Daniel.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as being correctly recorded by Commissioner Daniel, seconded by Commissioner Lewis and carried unanimously.

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

Acting Chief Ferrell presented Christopher Creech to the board as an applicant for work with the police department. Ferrell gave a report on the activities of the police department for the previous month. He presented a copy of a Curfew Ordinance that he felt should be in place for Middlesex. He was told that a Public Hearing would be held on the subject at the next regular schedule meeting.

Jeff Waddell, Utility Director was present and gave a report on his department, stating the project to paint the water tower inside had to be delayed due a problem of how to close the tower off without losing pressure on the lines.

Rich Summers of Municipal Benefits was present to discuss the GAP Plan to lower the rates for medical insurance for the town employees. He stated that the Town could go from the Health Plus Plan to MEd 500 with the League of Municipalities and reduce the premium and pay the premium for the GAP Policy (which pays all of the out of pocket expense except co-payments at the doctors office) for the employee and save approximately \$75.00 per employee.

Commissioner Daniel moved to go with the Med 500 Plan and the Gap Plan on each employee, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.

David Jordan was present and reported the board that the construction to Powell Memorial Clinic was completed and 1410 sq feet of space had been added to the building. He further stated the clinic had seen a 44.8 percent increase of patients in the past year.

There was discussion on the Christmas Program being held by the Methodist Church with the town's participation again this year on December 1, 2002. Commissioner Hough moved to allocate \$500.00 in funds for the program this year, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Daniel and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Daniel moved to accept the resignation of Patrick Ridgway as former Chief of Police, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously. The resignation offered personal reasons for resigning.

Commissioner Hough moved to enter Closed Session to interview Christopher Creech for police work, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Daniel and carried unanimously.

Once back into open session, Commissioner Hough moved to hire Creech at a salary of \$24,500.00 per year on a six months probationary period, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Daniel and carried unanimously.

Being no further business, Commissioner Daniel moved to adjourn.

Peggy Bisette,
Town Clerk

Mayor Bobby R. Bisette
Commissioners
Fred Hough
Larry Daniel
Bascoe Lewis