

October 08, 2001

On October 08, 2001 the Middlesex Governing Body met in regular session 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, Luke Robinson, Larry Daniel and Bascoe Lewis. Mayor Bissette called the meeting to order and the invocation was given by Commissioner Daniel.

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

The clerk presented the financial statements for the month of September and they were accepted as correct in a motion by Commissioner Hough, seconded by Commissioner Robinson and carried unanimously.

Mayor Bissette recognized Reverend Bob Rose, Middlesex Methodist Church who was present to discuss the possibility of closing Hanes Avenue for approximately three hours on a Friday night in December for a Christmas Project.

Commissioner Hough moved to allow the Middlesex Methodist Church to head up this project and have it on the streets in Middlesex, providing DOT would allow the closing of the street, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson and carried unanimously.

Chief Ridgway presented a report on the activities of the police department for the previous month, and stated that Attorney Liz Fairman had reviewed the revised parking ordinance and saw no problems with it, and that Tom Turnage, DOT was going to visit Middlesex before he approved the changes. The clerk was instructed to advertise a Public Hearing on the ordinance to be held at the regular meeting November 12, 2001.

Ridgway further stated that Middlesex Police Department had been awarded \$700.00 in grant money to purchase bicycle helmets for a safety program for children. He said that the department would be purchasing the helmets and doing a safety program in the near future.

Commissioner Hough had two quotes on repairing the tennis court in the park, one was to replace half the court at a cost of \$14,000 to the entire court at \$22,000.00. The other quote was to strip, seal and repair for \$3900.00. He asked the other board members to think about how they wanted to handle the repairs before the spring season.

The board reviewed a quote from First One Janitorial to sweep and clean all streets in town for a price of \$2700.00. No action was taken on the proposal.

The board reviewed a quote on “AC Power Failure” alarms at all lift stations, and tabled the issue until November when Bill Durham could be present to answer questions.

Commissioner Hough moved to release \$9694.00 of 2001 tax valuation for a levy of \$53.38 from the tax scroll on Josephine Stone, due to revalue by Nash County, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Meacombs and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lewis moved to adjust the following water bills per written request from the property owners:

- a. Ray Cameron from \$113.75 to \$83.00
- b. Earl Brantley from \$267.50 to \$154.75

Lewis’s motion was seconded by Commissioner Meacombs and carried unanimously.

Mayor Bissette recognized Betty Hinnant who was here with a complaint on Chief Ridgway for using foul language in front of her daughter when they visited his residence for help with someone who had a wreck on Stony Hill Road. She complained that a policeman could not be found.

Chief Ridgway’s response was that he did not use any foul language but he did ask her to get the man out of his yard, he did not want him there. He said that the man was later arrested for leaving the scene of an accident, and drunk driving.

Mayor Bissette informed Mrs. Hinnant that she should always call 911 and a message could be relayed to the Middlesex Police within seconds, but in this case it should have been handled by a state trooper, since it was a car accident outside the town limits.

Being no further business, Commissioner Meacombs moved to adjourn.

Peggy Bissette,  
Town Clerk

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Commissioners  
Harold Meacombs  
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