

November 12, 2001

The Middlesex Governing Body met in regular session on November 12, 2001 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 opened the floor for a Public Hearing on a proposed Parking Ordinance for the Town of Middlesex. Citizens present were Alvin Brantley, Joe Whitley, Clint Caskill and Vincent Brock. There was a discussion on the parking at the post office and how this ordinance would effect the parking problem.

Mayor Bissette declared the hearing closed at 7:45 p.m. and the regular meeting was officially opened.

Commissioner Daniel moved to accept the Minutes of the October Meeting as being correctly recorded, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hough moved to accept the Financial Statement for the month of October as correct, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and carried unanimously.

Chief Ridgway gave a report on the activities of the police department for the previous month, stating that his department would give the bicycle helmets out at the Christmas Program on Dec. 7th. He further stated that a Community Service Worker had removed all the old plaster from the walls in the upstairs section of the police building and the walls needed waterproofing.

Jeff Waddell stated that the new flow meter had been installed at the lift station and was working fine.

Commissioner Hough moved to give Christmas Bonus's at \$200.00 for full time employees and \$100.00 for part time employees, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson and carried unanimously.

Mayor Bissette said the police had recovered the stolen generator that was in use at the well on E Finch Avenue at the time it was stolen, had been recovered, and our insurance company wanted to know if the town wanted to purchase it for \$10,480.00. It was decided not to purchase it.

Bill Durham was present to discuss the “AC Power Failure” proposal, saying that if power goes out and the generator does not come on as supposed too, then these mobile units would call and notify someone that the lift station was not operating. No action was taken on the matter.

Mayor Bissette informed the board that he, Mike Acquesta and Bailey Officials had met The City of Wilson Officials in reference to a water supply from the Buckhorn Reservoir and the engineer was going to do a cost estimate for Bailey and Middlesex.

Commissioner Daniel moved to adopt the proposed Parking Ordinance, which rescinds the previous parking ordinance and to make it effective this date, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hough moved to adopt a Resolution returning \$132.13 in money to be used for technical services to the Upper Coastal Plain Governments, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Daniel and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Daniel moved to accept a proposal from Carolina Instrumentation Services to maintain the flow meter that measures the flow of sewer from Middlesex to Zebulon, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lewis moved to adopt a Resolution to join the Down East Home Consortium , his motion was seconded by Commissioner Daniel and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Daniel moved to purchase a 1995/96 Konica Copier from Ron Worthington for a cost of \$600.00, for the police department, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Meacombs and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Meacombs moved to enter into closed session under General Status 143-318.11 to review employee evaluations, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Daniel and carried unanimously.

In closed session the board reviewed the evaluation of Jennifer Lambert and Jeff Waddell, and reviewed the application of Shawn Pond.

Mayor Bissette declared the closed meeting over and Commissioner Daniel moved to enter back into open session.

Commissioner Robinson moved to promote Jeff Waddell to Utility Director at \$23,920.00 per year, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Daniel and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Meacombs moved to hire Jennifer Lambert as a full time permanent employee at a salary of \$22,360 per year, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Daniel and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lewis moved to hire Shawn Pond at \$7.50 per hour on a six months probationary period, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hough moved to remove \$80,906 in tax valuation which equals \$444.98 and taxed to Phyllis Bray through a mistake in typing, from the 2001 tax scroll, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Meacombs and carried unanimously.

Being no further business, Commissioner Hough moved to adjourn.

Peggy Bissette
Town Clerk

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