

December 13, 2004

The Middlesex Governing Body met on Monday Night, December 13, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Town Hall. Members present were Mayor Pro-tem Larry Daniel, Commissioners Fred Hough, Luke Robinson and Basco Lewis. Commissioner Harold Meacombs was absent. Mayor Pro-tem Daniel called the meeting to order and gave the invocation

Guest present were Vennie Brock, Grant Pearce, Ken Murchison, reporter for the Spring Hope Enterprise, employees Chief Ferrell and Jeff Waddell and Dennis Murray a candidate for employment.

Commissioner Luke Robinson moved to accept the Minutes of the previous meetings as correct, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and carried unanimously.

The clerk reviewed the Financial Statements and Commissioner Hough moved to accept them as correct, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson and carried unanimously.

Chief Ferrell reported to the board on the activities of the police department, and showed a plaque that the Town of Middlesex had won for safety for the year 2004. He stated that Triple A Carolina's gave the award to five towns with less than 10,000 population and Middlesex was chosen. The plaque will be displayed in the Police Department. Ferrell stated that he had an applicant to be interviewed in closed session for work with the police force.

Utility Director, Jeff Waddell informed the board that the water tower was scheduled to be shut down on Wednesday in order to begin the cleaning and painting of the inside. He said that the three wells should supply the town and with the new pressure switch, low water pressure should not be a problem.

Clerk Bissette presented updated proposals of the study done by the MAPPS Group with facts and figures to bring the present salaries into the accepted minimum levels for this area, however Commissioner Meacombs was absent and Commissioner Hough said he need more time to study the figures so a date of January 3, 2005 was set in order that everyone could go over the proposal.

Commissioner Hough moved to remove \$2.11 in taxes assessed to Phyliss Bray from the town 2004 scroll, due to the fact that the county had released it, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Robinson moved to adjust David Jordan's sewer bill from \$72.00 to \$24.00 due to a burst water line beneath his residence, Robinson's motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.

Clerk Bissette stated that she received 30 applications for the position of clerk trainee, and had narrowed them down to 13 and would present the finals at the January meeting.

Grant Pearce who lives across from the City Park was present and asked if the town had time limits on when people could be in the park. He stated that on the week-ends he was annoyed by the bouncing of a basketball as early as 7:30-8:00. He was told that there were no hours to regulate how early one could use the park. Mayor Pro-tiem Daniel stated that he usually used the park on Sunday around 7:30 a.m. but if he was causing problems he would refrain from using it at that time.

Commissioner Hough moved to enter into closed session to interview Murray for police work, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson and carried unanimously.

After the interview, Commissioner Hough moved to go back into open session and Mayor Pro-tiem declared the meeting open.

Commissioner Robinson moved to hire William D Murray to work as a police officer in the Town of Middlesex at a salary of \$23,500.00, and contingent upon Murray passing the psychological test required, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.

Being no further business, Commissioner Robinson moved to adjourn.

Peggy Bissette,
Town Clerk

Mayor Pro-tiem Larry Daniel
Commissioners
Fred Hough
Luke Robinson
Basco Lewis