

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on September 6, 1983 at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor Hunnicutt presiding,

Present: George Hunnicutt, W.F. McElroy, Cliff Daniels, Vic Jones, Roy Roberts

Also Present: C.R. Brown, City Manager

On motion by W.F. McElroy, seconded by Roy Roberts and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that the minutes of August 16, 1983 meeting be approved as presented. 10966

Mayor Hunnicutt presented Richard Prior, former Director for Community Development, with a Meritorious Service Award, for his fine services to the City of Norton in making it a better place to live. 10967

Thomas Ross appeared before council regarding drainage to piece of property he bought at 613 Kentucky Avenue. He requested that council either come and look at the situation of storm drain or try to get it resolved another way. He stated he and City Manager had talked on this subject but City Manager had advised it was his problem. The City Manager briefed the council on this matter. After discussion on this matter council directed the City Manager to get in touch with Mr. Ross to see what could be done about situation. 10968

Jim Peters spoke on the above drainage system and stated he did not want anything tied to his property. He stated his property joined this property of Mr. Ross. 10969

Request by Century Virginia Corporation for a Rate Increase of \$1.50 per month for basic service and an increase of \$.50 per month for additional outlets. The City Manager advised that the reason this item was on the agenda under old business was that he would like to know who council wanted him to proceed with the request for a rate hike. Mr. Kinash of the Century Virginia Cable Company was present and discussed this proposal again with council. He stated he would like to have council give their request favorable approval. After a lengthy discussion, Council directed the City Manager to come back at the Sept. 20th meeting with an ordinance in effect would control the increase and to these conditions, the balance of the people involved, ESPN be added without increase, honor grandfather clause in existence now. 10970

Mr. Jim Conners, Supt. with Southern Railroad at Andover was present and discussed with council the quality of their crossings in the City of Norton. Council discussed this matter at length with Mr. Conners. After the discussion it was agreed by the railroad company to make some attempt to do something to the crossings this year and in the coming year do the whole thing. 10971

Discussion of water reserves. The City Manager advised council of the estimated reserve at this time. Council discussed this situation at length. Councilman Jones presented his idea of what he thought could and should be done. The City Manager advised council that he had talked with Mr. Ferrell of the Water System TVA and he had advised that he could meet with council on the 14th or 26th in work session to discuss options or alternatives. He advised he had history of the City's water system as far back as he could gather. Council agreed to have this meeting on 14th from 1:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. 10972

Councilman Jones advised the Mayor he had a motion on the floor. The Mayor called for second to motion but having no second motion failed.

Mr. Brown advised of two leaks which had been found under the railroad tracks. Council discussed ways of fixing the leaks since they were under railroad crossings, and requested that three options be evaluated.

Request to pay the City of Norton's Portion of the July bill from Southern Engineering, from contingency in the amount of \$69.78.

On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by W.F. McElroy and carried by the following roll call votes, Council moved that pay \$69.78 to Southern Engineering, funds to come from contingency: McElroy, Hunnicutt, Daniels, Jones, YES; Roberts, Passed. 10973

A resolution authorizing the expenditure of \$13,631.62 in additional funds to enlarge the drainage pipe size pending construction, such funds to be paid from the general fund, capital, and be reimbursed by Revenue Sharing in January or April, 1984.

On motion by W.F. McElroy, seconded by Roy Roberts, and carried by the following roll call vote, Council moved that authorize payment of \$13,631.62 in payment for 10974 enlargement of Drainage Pipe size, said funds to come from General Fund Capital and to be reimbursed by Revenue Sharing in January or April, 1984; Roberts, McElroy, Hunnicutt Jones, YES; Daniels, abstained.

Request by Norton Community Hospital for a letter of support in their purchase of Park Avenue Hospital. Council delayed this matter until a representative for the hospital could be present. 10975

On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Vic Jones and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved they go into executive session to discuss personnel as Per 2.1-344 (A) (1) and Legal Matters as Per 2.1-344 (A) (6) of the Code of Virginia as Amended.

On motion made and duly seconded Council moved they go back into regular session.

Mayor Hunnicutt reported no conclusion made on legal matters. Also appointment to City of Norton Head Start Board of Directors was delayed for City Manager to try to find a replacement for Ike Fulks. 10976

Comments by City Manager - The City Manager advised that effective Sept. 1, 1983, that Ernie Ward had been given additional duty of being Assistant City Manager as well as Director of Finance.

The City Manager advised they had finished the roof of the City Hall as of this date. Mr. Brown advised council he would be taking \$8,449.85 from General Fund to pay 10977 for revitalization for Market place, this to be repaid as soon as check clears bank, said funds to be repaid from Com. of Outdoor Recreation.

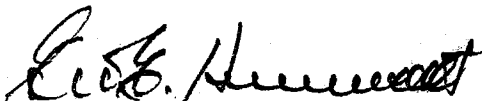
On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Roy Roberts and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved that transfer sum of \$8,449.85 from General Fund Contingency to pay for market place plants, to be reimbursed from Com. of Outdoor Recreation.

Councilman Jones suggested a letter of condolence be sent Mrs. Archie Woods. Council was in agreement for this and requested the City Manager to have the same drawn up for their signatures. 10978

Councilman Daniels commented on clean up down near old Norton Petroleum Plant. Vice Mayor McElroy also spoke on subject. 10979

Mr. Brown advised council that paving had worked out pretty well. 10980

There being no further business to come before council same adjourned.


 Mayor


 Clerk