

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on December 20, 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 and Kenneth Asbury, City Attorney

On motion by W.F. McElroy, seconded by Vic Jones and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that the minutes of the Dec. 6, 1983 meeting be approved as presented. 11077

Dr. George Culbertson, representing the Norton School Board, appeared before Council and requested the re-appropriation of their accumulated surplus as of June 30, 1983 in the amount of \$89,322.04 plus the interest on this surplus in the amount of \$12,039.76 for the same period ending June 30, 1983. 11078

On motion by W.F. McElroy, seconded by Vic Jones, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council advised the City Attorney to prepare a resolution to reappropriate the surplus in the amount of \$89,322.04 plus the interest of \$12,039.76 to the Norton School Board.

Greg Edwards came to Council on behalf of his uncle, Dan Greene of Kentucky Avenue. Mr. Greene, whose business (Dan Greene's Car Wash) was closed during the water emergency for 39 days, forgot to pay his taxes until December 7, 1983 and was charged penalties of \$407.00 on these taxes. He wished council to make restitution of this amount to Mr. Greene due to the circumstances of income lost during time his business was closed. 11079

The City Attorney advised Council there was no way this could be done.

Mr. Edwards also asked that Council declare a moratorium on any more commercial water customers until the City's water problem is solved.

Mr. Hoge I. Horne discussed with Council the garage located on City Property on 9th Street next to property owned by him. This land belongs to the City and is an unopened street known as John Street. Two of the garages are unsafe and the City is going to tear them down; however, Mr. Horned says the one next to his property is still safe, but needs a roof and he will furnish same when weather is permitting. The City Manager is to check this garage with Mr. Horne and the building inspector on December 21, 1983, and the City Attorney is to check on the ownership of the land.

Mr. Horne also complained about the chimes from the Baptist Church across from his property stating he cannot rent or sale this house due to the noise. He was advised by the Mayor that this could be reported as a public nuisance to the Police Department or the administration could work on this. 11080

Mr. Bill Stokes presented Council with a Pedestrian Safety Achievement Award for not having a pedestrian fatality in the City for twelve years. The Mayor accepted this award on behalf of the City. 11081

The City Manager presented an ordinance to the Council on behalf of the Norton Kiwanis Club on making it unlawful for a vehicle not displaying a license plate, decal or special parking permit to be parked in a parking space reserved for the handicapped on public or private property. On motion by W.F. McElroy, seconded by Roy Roberts and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to pass this ordinance on the first reading. (Insert) 11082

After much discussion and on motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by W.F. McElroy, and passed by the following roll call votes: Roy Roberts, W.F. McElroy, George Hunnicutt, Vic Jones - YES - Cliff Daniels - NO, the Ordinance to Amend and reordain the Sub-Division Ordinance of the City, as to the General Requirements and Minimum Standards of Design for the Development of Sub-Divisions Within the City of Norton was adopted on second reading. (Insert) 11083

The City Manager also stated that he would like to have his staff start working on the Zoning Ordinance to update same.

The City Manager advised that as of 12/20/83, the City had a total of 64.93 million gallons of water and that we had started to draw down on the reserves. Councilman Daniels moved that we temporarily shut down buying of water from Wise County PSA and the Town of Wise. This was seconded by Councilman Jones and passed, 11084 by unanimous vote. The City Manager is to have a report for council no later than January 3, 1984, on the amount of water being pumped from the retention pond at the water plant.

After much discussion, a motion made by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council passed An Emergency Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Amending the Emergency Ordinance on Water Conservation Adopted on October 14, 1983; however, the City Manager is to stipulate to the Office of Emergency Services that the City is likely to be out of an emergency situation shortly and that the pipe will be available at a short notice. 11085

The City Manager presented Council with a request for \$305.52 to pay the cost of flagging during repairs to the main water line. Payment to be made to the Seaboard System Railroad, Inc. On motion by Councilman Roberts, seconded by Councilman McElroy, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council instructed the City Manager to pay Seaboard System Railroad, Inc. the amount of \$305.52 for flagging with said funds to come out of Contingency. 11086

The City Manager presented Council with a proposal outline for procuring professional services in selecting a water source for the City. After a discussion on same and upon motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by W.F. McElroy, and passed by a unanimous vote, Council authorized the City Manager to put out the requirements for Professional Service in Association with the Selection of a Water Source for the City of Norton. The City Manager advised he will have this ready by the second Council meeting in January, 1984. Councilman McElroy left after this item. 11087

Council discussed the potential cost to install six master meters in the City's water system per in house estimates provided by the City Manager. Councilman Roberts suggested adding this to the procurement for professional services and this was agreed upon. The Mayor also asked that the City Manager get a report from Farmers Home on what the City is attempting to do and to ask them to hold on for a few days. The City Manager advised that would be done this week. 11088

The Planning Commission had requested a joint meeting and work session to be held with the City Council for the purpose of reviewing the Proposed Site Plan Ordinance. This is to be brought up again in January. 11089

The City Manager advised council of the cost of a service contract on the Burrough Ledger Machine which is \$4,343.68. After a discussion, Council agreed with the City Manager not to purchase the service contract. 11090

On motion by Vic Jones, seconded by Roy Roberts, Council moved to go into Executive Session. 11091

On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Vic Jones, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved that they go back into regular session. 11092

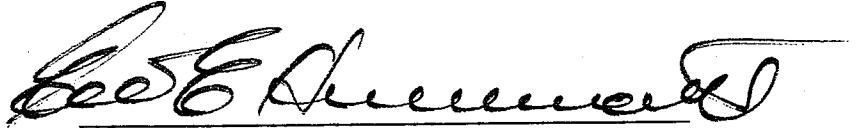
The Mayor announced that before appointing anyone to the Norton Redevelopment and Housing Authority, Council has taken the position in the light of the not-so recent development with the Housing Authority that they call on the Housing Authority for a record of attendance of all appointees to that Board for the past 18 months. 11093

No appointments were made to a Joint Housing Appeals and Uniform Standards Board, but will be made at the January 3rd meeting. 11094

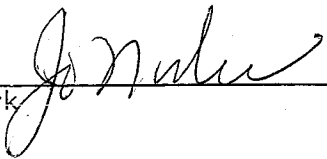
The City Manager advised that the disclosure statements are due in by January 15.

Councilman Jones inquired as to the City's ~~work~~ concerning the mandate from the State Water Control Board. The City Manager advised that the State Water Control Board is aware of the problems we have been having and why we were behind schedule, and they are working with us. 11096

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned.



Mayor



Clerk