

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on January 16, 1979, at 7:30 P. M. with Mayor Hunnicutt presiding.

Present: George Hunnicutt, W. F. McElroy, Robert Collier, Cliff Daniels, Frank Fischer

Also Present: Earle Brown, City Manager, and Kenneth Asbury, Attorney

Virginia Bolling of 9th Street appeared before Council requesting that something be done regarding dogs running at large. She stated they were a real nuisance tearing up your property and barking at night. She inquired as to whether or not the City had a dog leash law. The City Attorney advised that the city did not have a dog leash law. He read from the Code the section on dog laws. John Vaughn of 9th Street was also present and spoke on the dog subject. Council discussed the dog question at length with citizens present.

They advised the citizens that the City did not have a dog warden at this time, but after discussing the matter with Earle Brown, Acting City Manager, he advised that he had a man to do dog warden job on a part-time basis. Council was in agreement for city manager to hire the dog warden.

Jessie Porter of Virginia Avenue was present requesting that something be done regarding vacant house at 400 Virginia Avenue, adjoining her property. She advised it had been on fire twice, had been used as a dog house and was a health hazard. Council referred matter to City Manager to carry out ordinances now in force.

Councilman Daniels pointed out to Council, relative to request regarding property at 400 Virginia Avenue, Section 412-413 of Code of City of Norton with reference to procedure. He stated the first thing that had to be done was to notify owner to correct within thirty days.

On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Frank Fischer, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that City Manager be directed to have building inspected and make determination as to what needs to cover and proceed with notification to the property owner.

Don Jack Mullins was present at Council meeting and inquired as to when TV Cable Service was coming in with improvements. Council discussed this matter briefly with Mayor Hunnicutt giving status of situation.

Mr. Jim Price of Hamner Avenue appeared before Council regarding problem he is experiencing with water pressure.

Mrs. Paum Honeycutt of Hamner Avenue was also present and spoke on water problem on Hamner Avenue. Council discussed this matter at length pointing out that Humphreys should replace water line which was removed causing part of the trouble on Hamner Avenue.

On motion by W. F. McElroy, seconded by Robert Collier, was carried by the following votes: McElroy, Hunnicutt, Collier, Fischer, YES; Daniels, No, Council moved that Humphrey be called upon to submit a plan approved by Health Department, Certified Engineers, Planning Commission, and to be submitted to Council for approval of the laying of 8" water line.

Mr. Neil Boggs of Virginia Avenue, N. W. was present regarding trash and garbage from Norton Shopping Plaza. Council discussed this matter at length with Mr. Boggs. Matter was referred to City Manager.

Robert Bolling appeared before Council regarding Disco Dance Hall license. Mayor Hunnicutt stepped down from his seat on Council due to relationship with Mr. Bolling.

On motion by Robert Collier, seconded by Cliff Daniels, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved that Robert Bolling be granted permission for issuance of Dance Hall License.

John Vaughn appeared before Council requesting permission for issuance of pool room license for Palace Pool Room.

On motion by W. F. McElroy, seconded by Robert Collier, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved that permission be granted for issuance of pool room license to John Vaughn, T/A Palace Pool Room.

On motion by Robert Collier, seconded by W. F. McElroy, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that the following Litter Ordinance be passed on second reading as read. (Insert) *(Page 140)*

Mayor Hunnicutt reported on meeting with City Planning Commission regarding underground mining. He advised that the applicant should be notified that the City was in no position to spend money in exploring underground coal mining in the City. He also stated that in their opinion the funding would have to be worked out.

On motion by Frank Fischer, seconded by Cliff Daniels, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved that upon recommendation of the City Manager the bid for police car be accepted from Witt Motor Company in the amount of \$6,120.00

The City Manager reported briefly on his findings on traffic lights. Council moved that this matter be held in abeyance until next Council meeting, until

such time as City Manager will have more detail on cost.

On motion by W. F. McElroy, seconded by Robert Collier, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved that \$325.00 be given to C.V.C. summer workshop program for five scholarships to match state funds, said fund to be taken from discretionary funds.

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Mr. Paul Carter, Planner, Feasibility Study - C. A. P., was present at Council meeting asking they pass a resolution requesting Feasibility Study to re-establish a Community Action Program.

On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Frank Fischer, and carried by the following votes, Collier, Fischer, Daniels, YES; McElroy, Hunnicutt, NO. Council moved that the following resolution endorsing Feasibility Study to re-establish Community Action Program be passed.

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Council agreed to have Public Hearing on rezoning of South side of street between 11th & 12th from B Residential to Central Business, on February 8th at 7:00 P. M.

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On motion by Frank Fischer, seconded by Cliff Daniels, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that the Mayor be authorized to execute supplemental lease agreement with Southern Railroad Company regarding shop property.

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Mayor Hunnicutt presented an up-date report on Wise-Norton 201 Sewer Study, which report is made a part of these minutes. (Insert)

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The City Manager discussed with Council the overrun of paving cost on Viaduct and approaches with regard to invoice of Big Stone Asphalt Paving Corporation.

On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Frank Fischer, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved that \$7,753.00 cost of bridges be paid; \$3,000.00 on approaches be paid and secure a verification for overrun on the approaches, obtain a copy from applicant of a purchase order for work that has been done on 10th Street by applicant.

8355

Council discussed appointing of committee for spending coal road tax.

Mayor Hunnicutt pointed out there would be need for three members to present a plan to Governing body setting forth where the money will be spent.  
1. Member of Governing Body; 1 Highway Engineer; 1 representative of coal industry. Matter tabled until next Council meeting.

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On motion by Frank Fischer, seconded by Robert Collier, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that Neil Boggs and Bill Branham be reappointed as members of Norton Redevelopment and Housing Authority Board for four year term, said term to expire January 28, 1983.

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Council briefly discussed 6" water line to the Josephine Sewage Plant. Matter tabled until next Council meeting for cost estimates.

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City Manager advised Council that the invoice from Capital Equipment Company had been received for line marking machine. He advised that machine had been delivered and invoice was in line for payment.

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The City Manager advised Council of condition of bridge at Dorchester where Union Hall use to be. He also advised he was getting 10 timbers from State to repair bridge, said funds to be taken from Road Maintenance.

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Councilman Daniels pointed out to Council violations of City Code and Boca Code at location of new Virginia Supply Company. He ask that this be enforced by the City Manager.

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On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Frank Fischer, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved they go into executive session to discuss personnel matter.

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On motion by W. F. McElroy, seconded by Robert Collier, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved they go back into regular session.

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Mayor Hunnicutt declared Council back in regular session.

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Mayor Hunnicutt advised that Council was vigorously pursuing the matter of hiring a City Manager.

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There being no further business to come before Council, same adjourned.

  
Mayor

Clerk 