

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on March 6, 1979, at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Hunnicutt presiding.

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

Also Present: G. M. Newman, City Manager, and Kenneth Asbury, City Attorney

Mr. Harley Stallard, Superintendent of City of Norton Schools presented proposed school budget for study by the City Council. He advised he would meet later to go over the budget with Council at their convenience. Mr. Stallard also presented report by Mr. Cundy, a roofing consultant, regarding roofs of elementary and Burton Schools. It was the recommendation of the Consultant that Elementary School be re-roofed and Burton School roof repaired. Council directed City Attorney to check out original roofing and bonding contracts for the school.

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Mrs. Pat Daniels appeared before Council and presented petition from group of citizens requesting Council consider passing a dog leash law. She stated reasons the petitioners thought the City should have a dog leash law. Other persons speaking in regard to dog leash law: Pauline Brown, Century Trailer Court; Nelle Bolling, Virginia Avenue; Cora Kibler, 10th Street; Jesse Porter, Virginia Avenue; Smith Seale, 11th Street; Clem Price, Roberts Avenue; Edward Renfro, 11th Street; Geneva Chaffin, 9th Street; Ethel Zickafoose, Chestnut Street; Virginia Bolling, 9th Street; Pam Honeycutt, Hammer Avenue; Caroline McCully, Virginia Avenue; Doris Cline, Murphy Street; Robbie Tate, Oak Avenue; Neil Boggs, Virginia Avenue; Jim McCully, Virginia Avenue; Jack McElroy, Fifth Street; Bill Fraley, Oak Avenue. After a lengthy discussion, Council was in agreement that something should be done regarding dogs but that a study needed to be made of different things involved and where finances for same is to be taken. Burnus Collins, Dog Warden for City, presented to citizens present, his method of work with dogs. Council ask that City Manager brief Mr. Collins, Dog Warden, on the City of Norton Code.

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The City Manager gave an up-date report on what has been done and what is being done regarding dogs.

On motion by Frank Fischer, seconded by Robert Collier, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that a committee be appointed, to include representatives of both sides of the argument, to further study this situation and that it be expanded to provide Council the information to make a decision, prior to budget approval, said committee to be under supervision of the City Manager.

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Mr. Portuando, Professor at Clinch Valley College was present and presented request for summer students for Clinch Valley College in amount of \$325.00, said amount to be budgeted in fiscal year beginning July 1, 1979.

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Mr. Frank Day was present regarding purchase of land at Ramsey. He advised he had already talked with Highway representatives and that they were to take this matter up with the proper highway officials in Bristol Office. The City Attorney advised that Mr. Day had already taken necessary steps in acquiring this property.

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Mr. Wright Dawson was present at Council Meeting requesting that Council approve re-dedication and re-subdivision of Block 88 on S. S. Project of Norton Redevelopment and Housing Authority.

On motion by Frank Fischer, seconded by W. F. McElroy, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that Block 88 on S. S. Project of Norton Redevelopment and Housing Authority be re-dedicated and resubdivided as approved by the Planning Commission.

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On motion by W. F. McElroy, seconded by Cliff Daniels, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that Mayor be authorized and directed to sign re-dedication instrument.

Mr. Wright Dawson requested a meeting with City Council early next week regarding acquiring of real properties. Council agreed to continue this meeting until Tuesday, March 13th, at 7:00 p.m.

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Mr. Dawson also presented instrument pursuant to Virginia Code Sect. 15.1-482 in which A.M.E. Zion Church declares they have no objection to re-dedication of Block 88.

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Council discussed proposed Litter Ordinance as prepared by City Attorney.

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On motion by Robert Collier, seconded by Cliff Daniels, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that an Ordinance providing for the maintenance of and cleanliness of parking lots open to the general public and placing responsibility for their cleanness jointly and severally upon the Developers, Owners, Lessees and Users" be passed as amended and read, said ordinance passed as an emergency and in effect from date of passage.

Council ask that the City Manager present plans for enforcement of this ordinance at next Council Meeting.

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The City Manager brought to Council's attention the need for a dog quarantine. Council ask that the City Manager contact the County so that quarantine could be set up at same time of County quarantine.

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The City Manager presented Council with report of water processing metered for month of February, 1979, and advised that he would have a report for the whole year in the near future.

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Re-negotiation of City-County Pro Rata Sharing was tabled until later date for City Attorney to give further study. The City Attorney is to report on bills relative to percentages in which the city participates.

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On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Frank Fischer, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved that City Manager be authorized to purchase dump truck from Highway Department in an amount not to exceed \$2,500.00, said funds to be taken from 10110.20 account.

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On motion by Robert Collier, seconded by Frank Fischer, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that endorse letter of intent on the participation on the Mental Retardation Services and that the City Manager be authorized and directed to advise the Virginia Housing Development Authority of the city's complete endorsement of the Board's letter of intent.

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The City Manager brought to Council's attention the need for purchasing the photo copying machine the City now has on rental. Council decided to continue the rental contract for the present time.

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On motion by W. F. McElroy, seconded by Robert Collier, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved they go into executive session to discuss personnel matters.

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

Mayor Hunnicutt declared the meeting back in regular session.

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Mayor Hunnicutt advised Council discussed the following in executive session. 1. Appointment to Cumberland Airport Commission; 2. Make recommendations on request of pay for Constitutional officers and assistants; 3. Recommendations on the addition to the Sheriff's Dept.

Robert Collier nominated Don Earles as City's representative on Cumberland Airport Commission for a term of four years, said term to expire 10/31/82.

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W. F. McElroy moved nominations be closed.

Mayor Hunnicutt declared Don Earles appointed by acclamation as member of Cumberland Airport Commission as City of Norton's representative, for four year term, said term to expire 10/31/82.

On motion by Robert Collier, seconded by W. F. McElroy, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that the request by Sheriff Wampler for a deputy be denied.

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On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Frank Fischer, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved that the City Manager be authorized and directed to advise the State Compensation Board that the City of Norton would like to increase salaries of the Constitutional Offices and their Assistants 7%, including fringe benefits.

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The City Manager briefly discussed with Council the need to negotiate with representatives of Cumberland Collieries regarding City Shop. City Council directed the City Manager to go ahead with negotiations.

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Mr. Newman, City Manager, discussed with Council counter proposal to Tabb, Inc. and ask permission to mail the proposal to Tabb, Inc. The City Manager read the proposal in its entirety.

On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by W. F. McElroy, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved that the City Manager be authorized and directed to mail proposal, as read, to Tabb, Inc.

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Council agreed to have Budget hearing work session Thursday, March 8th, at 7:00 p.m.

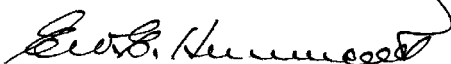
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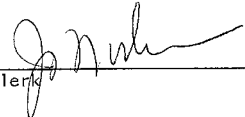
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Councilman Daniels inquired as to status of house on 400 Virginia Avenue. He was advised a contractor had been secured and that they had been held up due to weather.

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Mayor


Clerk