

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on August 15, 1978 at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor Hunnicutt presiding.

Present: George Hunnicutt, W. F. McElroy, Vernon Flanary, Robert Collier, Cliff Daniels.

Also Present: Joe Baker, City Manager

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. W. P. Kanto appeared before council and asked that the City take whatever steps are reasonably necessary to get Henry Street open between Murphy and Chestnut. Council discussed this matter at length with Mr. Kanto. Council directed that the City Manager notify the Planning Commission that they want this work done within thirty days and notify these people to come in to next Planning Commission meeting and make final determination of who is going to be responsible for fixing manhole so that work can be completed on road or that city will do the work and assess it to the property owners. Council stated that a determination needed to be made as to whether Highland Service Corporation or Oak Development Corporation was responsible for completing manhole before road could be completed.

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Council briefly discussed Community Parking in residential areas. Council agreed to hold this matter in abeyance until next Council meeting.

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Grievance procedure ordinance for City employees and Grievance procedure ordinance for police department was brought before the council and briefly discussed. Council agreed to hold this matter in abeyance until city attorney is present to answer legal procedure questions.

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On motion by Robert Collier, seconded by Cliff Daniels and carried by unanimous roll call vote the following ordinance imposing a tax on the shares of stock in banks and branch banks located within the City of Norton was passed on second reading. (Insert)

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The City Manager presented council with an up-date on 201 EPA Funds. Council discussed this matter with Mr. Baker and directed that payments to T. & L. be held until funds are received from EPA to cover same.

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Council asked the City Manager what the status of water situation at Dorchester for 15 residences who had appeared at last council meeting. The City Manager discussed this matter at length with Council. Mrs. Darnell of this section was also present and discussed the matter with council.

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Council directed the City Manager to present a temporary solution at next council meeting with distances, sizes, and costs attached thereto.

Councilman Flanary asked if making efforts to get traffic lines in down town section. Mayor Hunnicutt asked when they are going to fill chug holes. Vice Mayor McElroy asked if the City has contact with George Cline. Council discussed this matter briefly and City Manager advised work was scheduled to begin Sept. 5.

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On motion by W. F. McElroy, seconded by Robert Collier and carried by unanimous roll call vote, council moved that they go into executive session for the specific purpose of discussing acquisition of real property.

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On motion by Robert Collier, seconded by W. F. McElroy and carried by unanimous roll call vote, council moved that they go back into regular session. Mayor Hunnicutt stated there had been no conclusion to report at this time, merely a discussion of acquisition of real estate. He also stated piece of real estate possibly facing the City is relocation of City Shop.

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Mayor Hunnicutt brought to council's attention, in new business, Army Corps of Engineers' request. Mayor Hunnicutt asked what response, if any had been made to this letter. Mayor Hunnicutt advised that in meeting of last evening Councilman Daniels was asked to do some measure of research on what the situation was out there since he was in business that dealt in that type of thing and give us update tonight.

Councilman Daniels stated "it is my recommendation to this council that we make a reply to the Corps of Engineers that would indicate our agreement in principle of developing the land and that would withhold our approval of that plan on the issuance of that permit until such time as proper engineering studies can be made by qualified engineers to determine what is the best procedure to correct what I think is a bad problem and that before we agree to approve the issuance of the permit we have an agreement or suitable papers in hand to assure us, the City of Norton, that an adequate sewer line in that area."

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Mayor Hunnicutt opened the discussion on the matter. Council discussed the matter at length.

On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by W. F. McElroy and carried by unanimous roll call vote council moved that Mr. Baker, City Manager, be directed to notify the Corps of Engineers that City Council of City of Norton endorses generally the concept of development of this commercial property involved in this application for permit. However, with hope that they request that the permit be withheld until such time as adequate and competent engineering work is done as to the disposition of a 14" sewer line which carries the sewage for a very substantial portion of the city since this sewer line will be located underneath the development and buried with a depth of some 30' to 35' and until such time as the developer and/or developers execute hold-harmless agreement for the City of Norton as pertains to sewer line and in respect to his developed area.

The area of development include area that has already been filled and made ready for development as well as that portion of the development area that has not yet been filled. Copy of said notice to be sent to City Council and the Developers.

The City Manager advised Council that he would like permission to go ahead and receive bids on water lines in Josephine area. Council discussed this matter at length after which they instructed the City Manager to have engineers give further study to this situation to see what the proper steps would be for the City to take.

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The City Manager advised that engineering services to help solve water problem on Beech Street would be \$600.00.

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On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by W. F. McElroy and carried by unanimous roll call vote, council moved that the City Manager be directed to spend \$600.00 for engineering services to help solve problem on Beech Street.

The City Manager advised council he would like to acquire two vehicles from State of Virginia Surplus equipment for use as snow plows.

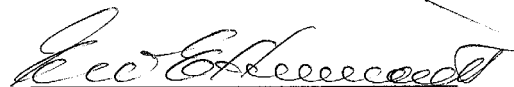
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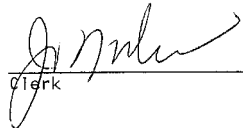
On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Vernon Flanary and carried by unanimous roll call vote council moved that City Manager be authorized to purchase these vehicles, subject to his approval, up to \$500.00.

On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by W. F. McElroy and carried by unanimous roll call vote council moved that execution of Deed of conveyance of portions of Rt. #23 be withheld for the present time. Said action taken by council on August 1st, section 8141.

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


Mayor


Clerk