

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on April 19, 1977 at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor Fulks presiding.

Present: Ike Fulks, W.F. McElroy, George Hunnicutt, Vernon Flanary

Absent: Bill Necessary

Also Present: Jim Vicars, City Manager & Kenneth Asbury, Attorney

Minutes of the regular meeting and special meeting were read and approved.

Ron Hughes appeared before council in behalf of Norton Softball League requesting council to appropriate money for payment of their light bill at the league games. Council discussed this request with Mr. Hughes after which they advised Mr. Hughes this request would be considered in making of 1977-78 budget.

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Jim Hopkins, Manager of Little League Ball team was present and invited the council, Mayor and City Manager to attend opening of ball season on May 14th at 3:30 P.M.

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Cecil Laney was present at council meeting regarding replacement of bridge to Sawmill Hollow. Council instructed the City Manager to look into the matter to see what kind of temporary relief could be given.

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The Mayor announced that the next thing on agenda was public hearing on Revenue Sharing Budget. The City Manager reviewed the budget giving the amount to be expended of \$61,088. He recommended that \$34,500 be used for purchase of fire truck and balance of \$26,588 to be used for street repairs.

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On motion by George Hunnicutt, seconded by W.F. McElroy and carried by unanimous roll call vote council moved adopt Revenue Sharing Budget as presented by City Manager with \$34,500 to be used in payment on fire truck and the balance of \$26,588 to be used for street paving.

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The mayor announced it was now time for Public Hearing on TV Cable Rate change.

Robert Tuttle of West Norton section spoke on matter. He advised that the cable service was not good in area he lived. W.P. Kanto spoke mostly in the interest of having a Virginia Station. Terry Gibson and Gene Mullins also spoke on the matter. Council man Hunnicutt stated he would like to have a financial statement before he acted on the rate increase request.

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On motion by George Hunnicutt, seconded by Vernon Flanary and carried by unanimous roll call vote council moved that action on TV Cable rate increase upon recommendation of City Attorney and for the following reasons be tabled.

1. Failure on part of Mr. Russell to be represented at meeting to consider rate increase.
2. Evidence from public for failure to provide adequate service.
3. Failure to give any satisfactory answer for the very old request to provide a Virginia Station.
4. Failure to provide council with requested audited financial statements to indicate the need for an increase in rate.

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Affirmative Action Plan tabled until next council meeting.

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The City Manager advised council he would like to have council inspect Neighborhood Facility Building and to decide upon who would be able to use the facilities. Date to be set later.

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Councilman Hunnicutt stated he would like to go on record that it was a conflict of interest for him to decide these of this building and he would not be at meeting.

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The City Manager advised council that he would like to have a hearing on the C.D. Entitlement Fund on May 3rd and May 10th.

On motion by W.F. McElroy, seconded by George Hunnicutt and carried by unanimous roll call vote council moved that Public Hearing be held on C.D. Entitlement on May 3rd and May 10th at 7:30 P.M.

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The City Manager advised council of need to purchase police cars.

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The School Board Membership resolution was tabled until next meeting until proposed names for membership may be secured.

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The City Manager brought council up-to-date on the flood.

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The City Manager advised council that he hoped to have Flag Rock opened shortly after May 1st on a limited basis due to work having to be done on water lines.

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The City Manager brought to council's attention letter written by Mr. Dawson regarding the possibility of congress extending entitlement program.

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On motion by George Hunnicutt, seconded by Vernon Flanary and carried by unanimous roll call vote council moved that the resolution "Declaring a Local Emergency to Exist and Requesting State Assistance be passed. (Insert)

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The City Attorney advised council of pending hearing of Ex-Chief of Police W.F. Jones, on grievance before City Grievance Board. He advised council that they needed to pass resolution appointing three member panel. Matter talbed until next council meeting for appointment of three member panel.

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Mayor Fulks stated he would like to know reason why some people get by without buying city stickers.

He also presented request of people of 5th Street for street sweeper to sweep debris from the street.

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

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MAYOR

J. N. ...
CLERK OF COUNCIL

