

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on December 20, 1977 at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor Fulks presiding.

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

Also Present: Joe Baker, City Manager & Kenneth Asbury, Attorney

Mr. Fulks appointed Connie Salyers as Acting Clerk of Council for this meeting.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Dr. George Culbertson of the Norton Industrial Development Authority appeared before council asking for assistance in relocating the State Police so they can finish up the Block 9 Project. Said police station to be located at place where kindergarten used to be across from high school.

On motion by George Hunnicutt, seconded by W.F. McElroy, and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Fulks, McElroy, Hunnicutt, Flanary, Necessary, Yes) council moved that the Norton Industrial Development Authority proceed to acquire land that has been accepted by the state police and that an appraisal committee be appointed consisting of a representative of the City Council, the Norton Industrial Development Authority, and a third party to establish the value of both pieces of property and they can proceed with the stipulation that the city not be asked for money. Amendment to the motion was established and stated as follows: that a three man committee with representatives for the school, City of Norton, and the Norton Industrial Development Authority and that the current tax assessor for the City of Norton be appointed as sole arbitrator if they can't agree on the price of the two pieces of property.

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R.O. Goad appeared before council asking if the mayor would present Governor Dalton with a key to the city on January 8, at 4:00 P.M. at Clinch Valley College. On a motion by Bill Necessary, seconded by George Hunnicutt, and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Fulks, McElroy, Hunnicutt, Flanary, Necessary, Yes) council moved that the mayor present the governor with a key to the city.

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Jack Carr appeared before council about the construction on the right side of city hall. He complained about the dust and mud. Matter referred to City Manager.

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On motion by W.F. McElroy, seconded by Bill Necessary council moved that the Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia granting a License to the Professional Building of Southwest Virginia, Incorporated for an encroachment on Park Avenue be passed with an amendment that this will not effect any future business. Fulks, McElroy, Necessary, Yes; Flanary, No; Hunnicutt, Abstained on grounds that he is related to the party applying for a license.

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The City Manager advised council that H.U.D. has accepted change in funds for the 1,000,000 Gallon Tank, and that the \$14,000.00 remaining will be put in a contingency fund. Council stated that they would not approve until final documentation was presented.

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Mrs. Howard of 12th Street appeared before council about rezoning for store on 12th Street. The manager advised that the only alternatives were to turn down or advertise for public hearing to rezone whole block. Council advised that Mrs. Howard should go back to the Planning Commission to let them advertise for public hearing. On a motion by W.F. McElroy, seconded by Bill Necessary, and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Fulks, McElroy, Hunnicutt, Flanary, Necessary, Yes) council moved to recommend to the Planning Commission to advertise for rezoning of this block.

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The manager advised council that bids on 1952 Fire Truck were opened today and the only bid received was from the Duffield Fire Department in the amount of \$5,010.00. On motion by Vernon Flanary, seconded by Bill Necessary, and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Fulks, McElroy, Hunnicutt, Flanary, Necessary, Yes) council moved to sell fire truck to the Duffield Fire Department and refer legal end of sale to the City Attorney.

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Mr. Asbury advised council of a case in which towns and cities are liable for unrepaired streets and asked for city's help in matter. On motion by George Hunnicutt, seconded by Bill Necessary and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Fulks, McElroy, Hunnicutt, Flanary, Necessary, Yes) council moved that the city contribute an amount not to exceed \$100.00 in the case "Cash vs Staunton."

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Mr. Asbury advised that the Norton Squares Associates have not presented the City with the deed for 14th Street. He also advised that he had received the new blasting regulations from the federal government today.

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On motion by George Hunnicutt, seconded by W.F. McElroy, and passed by unanimous roll call vote (Fulks, McElroy, Hunnicutt, Flanary, Necessary, Yes) council resolved that the City Attorney ask a representative of the House of Delegates and Senate to include 1% severance tax to be returned to the jurisdiction including any city of the first or second class and proceeds from the surrounding county it on a basis of a per land mile as well as primary roads since all roads are used as coal haul purposes.

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Mr. Flanary asked about street washing. Matter referred to City Manager.

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Council appointed Joe Baker as Director of Local Disaster Relief on a motion by W.F. McElroy, seconded by George Hunnicutt and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Fulks, McElroy, Hunnicutt, Flanary, Necessary, Yes).

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Mr. Flanary asked about sewer line on Virginia Avenue beside John Hincer residence. Matter referred to City Manager.

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Mr. Baker advised council of funds for equipment with city court system, the state would pay 95%, and the city 5% for recording equipment. On motion by W.F. McElroy, seconded by Vernon Flanary and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Fulks, McElroy, Hunnicutt, Flanary, Necessary, Yes) council moved to use money from Revenue Sharing with an amount not to exceed \$100.00.

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Mr. McElroy asked about repairs on Neighborhood Facilities Building. He also asked about traffic light on Park Avenue.

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

Joe Fulks
Mayor

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Clerk