

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on November 16, 1976 at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor Fulks presiding.

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

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

Dr. Jonathan Van Tassell of Diversified Education Cooperative was present and presented a request of the Church of Christ for permission to use a portion of the building rented by D.E.C. for Sunday and Wednesday worship service after discussing this matter with Dr. Van Tassell, council advised Dr. Van Tassell to work out this matter with the church.

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Mr. Marcum, Commissioner of Revenue, was present and brought to council's attention the need for appointment of Board of Assessors before January 1st. He stated this could either be one man assessor or three man assessor board. He stated that Mr. Forberg of the Department of Taxation had advised it worked better with one man assessor. Matter to be considered at the next council meeting.

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Mrs. Beulah Wells and Mrs. Bordie Darnell were present and Mrs. Wells asked if there had been anything done on the water situation in the Dorchester area. The City Manager advised that the City was going to be able to help them.

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Mr. Gregg Edwards asked when the press could expect a statement on the disciplinary action taken on policemen in the War Lord incident. The City Attorney advised that as long as the civil suit is pending against policemen, he thought it adviseable to withhold statement.

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Mayor Fulks presented a resolution of commendation to Milas D. Franks, for his services as City Manager.

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Representatives from the Virginia Housing Development Authority presented to council Section 8 - Housing Program.

On motion by George Hunnicutt, seconded by W.F. McElroy and carried by the following votes (Fulks, McElroy, Hunnicutt, Flanary, Yes; Roberts, No) council moved that this council accept offer of the Virginia Housing Authority to subsidize these fifty-six (56) housing units subject to three conditions.

1. That the maximum allowable rental be adjusted to a figure commensurate with the existing rental fees in the community.
2. Subject to the approval and acceptance of the responsibility of administration of this program by Norton Redevelopment and Housing Authority.
3. Subject to ability of Norton Redevelopment and Housing Authority to administer this program for such amount of monies that are allowable by the Virginia Housing Authority at no additional cost to the City of Norton.

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The City Manager gave report on status of water line improvements - Dorchester, Josephine Area.

On motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Vernon Flanary and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Fulks, McElroy, Hunnicutt, Roberts, Flanary, Yes) council moved that city manager be authorized to proceed with the plans to hold a public hearing at the regular council of January 4, 1977 to allow the residents of that area an opportunity to discuss the proposed rate change.

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It was agreed to hold council meeting on December 6th due to a meeting in Abingdon on December 7th with the Virginia Municipal League which members of council planned to attend.

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Earle Brown, Fire Chief, presented a bid tabulation for new fire truck, with recommendation to purchase Mack Fire Truck.

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On motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by W.F. McElroy and carried by unanimous roll call vote, council moved to accept the recommendation of fire chief and fire department committee to purchase Mack Fire Truck as specified in presentation at quoted price of \$64,499.08.

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The City Manager presented request for new garbage truck. Matter referred to city manager for further information and acceptance of bids to bring back to council at a later date.

The City Manager reported on Community Development Discretionary application.

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The City Manager gave status report on Swimming Pool.

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The City Manager presented proposed conveyance of portion of U.S. 23 Right-of-Way to Tabb, Inc. Matter tabled for further information. The City Attorney was asked to check deeds and procedures.

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John Greear, reporter, inquired of action taken on alley on 13th Street, said alley having been discussed at previous council meeting. Council instructed the City Manager and City Attorney to review this matter.

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On motion by George Hunnicutt, seconded by Vernon Flanary and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Fultz, McElroy, Hunnicutt, Roberts, Flanary, Yes) council moved that advertise for Public Hearing at next regular council meeting "Ordinance for Off-Site Drainage Improvements."

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On motion by George Hunnicutt, seconded by Vernon Flanary and carried by unanimous roll call vote, council moved that Wright Dawson be reappointed as member of City of Norton Welfare Board for four year term, said term to expire November 21, 1980.

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The City Manager advised council of Christmas Parage to be held Dec. 3, 1976. Council was requested to be in the parade.

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Councilman Hunnicutt inquired as to status of financial report.

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Mr. Lamber from Norton Community Hospital discussed with council water storage tank. After considerable discussion council instructed the City Manager to check this matter out further and report back to next council meeting.

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

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MAYOR

*J. Miller*  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

