

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on December 5, 1976 at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor Fulks presiding.

Present: Ike Fulks, George Hunnicutt, Vernon Flanary

Absent: W.F. McElroy

Also Present: Jim Vicars, City Manager

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved with Section 7568 to read after discussing this matter with Dr. Van Tassell, council advised Dr. Van Tassell that any sub-lease that he may make would be up to D.E.C. and that due to the poor condition of the building recommended that the City Manager look into matter to see if the city has hold-harm-hold-harmless agreement with D.E.C. and advised D.E.C. that they should have a hold-harmless agreement with any sub-leasee for protection against persons being hurt in building."

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Mr. Lambert, representing Norton Community Hospital was present and again discussed water storage tank near the new location of the Norton Community Hospital.

On motion By George Hunnicutt, Seconded by Vernon Flanary and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Fulks, Hunnicutt, Flanary, Yes) council moved that the City Manager be authorized and directed to expend the sum not to exceed \$12,800 for engineering for the construction of water tank and system in this newly developed area on the condition that there be no cost to the City of Norton for property to locate tank or for any easement for water lines proposed to be installed and come back into next meeting with proposal and alternatives in the event that Community Development Funds are not available to assist in the cost.

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C.L. Marcum, Commissioner of Revenue asked that council make appointment to Board of Assessors. He presented three names of persons who had agreed to serve on this board - Dorothy Chittester, W.A. McGannon, Sidney Adams.

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On motion by George Hunnicutt, seconded by Vernon Flanary and carried by unanimous roll call vote, council moved that the City Attorney be authorized and directed to ask Judge of Circuit Court to recommend that Dorothy Chittester, W.A. McGannon, and Sidney Adams be appointed to serve on Board of Assessors of City of Norton for reassessment to be done in 1977.

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Gregg Edwards, news reporter inquired as status of 13th Street alley. The City Manager advised that Mr. Asbury, City Attorney was looking into matter and that he would have report on same at later date.

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The Mayor announced it was time for hearing on Off-Site Drainage Improvement Ordinance. No one spoke for or against the ordinance.

On motion by V.O. Flanary, seconded by George Hunnicutt and carried by unanimous roll call vote, council moved that ordinance "Off-Site Drainage Improvement" be passed on first reading.

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Mr. Randy Cassell, Chairman Highway Safety Commission, City of Norton, Ralph Wells, Member of Commission and Steve Camp, Coordinator, Regional Area Highway Safety Commission were present and presented request for \$1,500.00 to match Federal Funds obligated for project "Traffic Court & Police Dept. Record Keeping."

On motion by George Hunnicutt, seconded by Vernon Flanary and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Fulks, Hunnicutt, Flanary, Yes) council moved that appropriate \$1,500.00 out of discretionary funds for purpose of updating Police Department record keeping.

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Councilman Hunnicutt stated he would like to go on record with regard to use of Neighborhood Facilities Building by stating he will have no discussion before, during, or after with respect to who will occupy the Neighborhood Facilities Building.

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Mr. Joe O'Brien, Joe Profitt and Woody Bryant were present at council meeting and made slide presentation of "Wise Water Story." Mr. O'Brien asked that council pass a resolution of their interest and that two members be appointed to serve on steering committee by the first meeting of committee on January 6.

On motion by George Hunnicutt, seconded by Vernon Flanary and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Hunnicutt, Flanary, Fultz, Yes) council moved to endorse the concept of the Regional Water System and that we appoint two members either elected or administrative to serve on this steering committee to show every degree of cooperation possible.

Mayor Fulks appointed Mr. Jim Vicars, City Manager and Councilman George Hunnicutt to serve on this committee.

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The City Manager advised council of status of Community Development Program and advised that he would like to schedule two public hearings for the purpose of reviewing Community Development Programs, one to be held on December 21 and one on December 28.

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Don Jack Mullins, Engineer for Utility Betterment Program gave a brief report on status of Utility Betterment Program.

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On motion by George Hunnicutt, seconded by Vernon Flanary and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Fulks, Hunnicutt, Flanary, Yes) council moved adoption of "Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia, requesting the General Assembly to amend the Charter of the City of Norton to provide that the number of members on the School Board shall be increased from three to five.

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Vacation of Third Street referred to City Manager for advise from City Attorney.

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The City Manager presented Pedestrian Safety Award for Five Year period, in behalf of the Bluefield AAA Club.

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Mayor Fulks asked that council give consideration to try to keep telephone office in the City of Norton.

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On motion by George Hunnicutt, seconded by Vernon Flanary and carried by unanimous roll call vote, council moved that resignation of Roy Roberts be accepted and that City Manager have prepared proper resolution commending him for his services to the City of Norton.

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

*She Fulks*  
MAYOR

*J. Miller*  
CLERK OF COUNCIL.

