

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room June 3, 1975, with Mayor Ike Fulks presiding.

Present: Ike Fulks, W.F. McElroy, Roy Roberts, Jim Humphreys, George Hunnicutt

Also Present: Milas D. Franks, City Manager and Montie Meeks, City Attorney

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mayor Fulks advised that it was now time for the Public Hearing for the 1975-1976 Budget for the City of Norton.

The City Manager explained the proposed budget to those present.

R.D. Smith appeared before Council and inquired if Council had made any attempts at adopting an autonomous budget. The City Council explained several areas that the Council and Administration had reduced budget expenditures below those for the current year.

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On motion by Jim Humphreys, seconded by Roy Roberts and carried by the following roll call vote, Council adopted the total budget for fiscal year 1975-1976 as presented and set the Real Estate Tax rate at \$3.00 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation, and \$5.50 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation on all Personal Property.

Ike Fulks - Yes
W.F. McElroy - Yes
Roy Roberts - Yes

Jim Humphreys - Yes
George Hunnicutt - Yes

Mr. Workman appeared before City Council on behalf of his son Joe Eddie Workman and requested that the City vacate the dead end of 6th Street from its intersection at Roberts Avenue.

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Mrs. Kinnard Ison appeared before the City Council requesting that the City deed to her a portion of East Park Avenue that borders her property.

After considerable discussion City Council requested the City Attorney to look into the matter of vacating the two streets in question and report back to the Council at the next Council meeting.

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The City Manager advised Council that he was making inquiries of four (4) different companies that might be interested in submitting a proposal for the necessary bridge repairs at the 11th Street viaduct.

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On motion by W.F. McElroy, seconded by George Hunnicutt, and carried by the following roll call vote, Council appointed J. Robert Stump and Reverend John Krulis to the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Advisory Council.

Ike Fulks - Yes
W.F. McElroy - Yes
Roy Roberts - Yes

Jim Humphreys - Yes
George Hunnicutt - Yes

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On motion by George Hunnicutt, seconded by Roy Roberts and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to recommend to the Circuit Court Judge the appointment of Billy Barton to the City of Norton Zoning Board of Appeals.

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Ike Fulks - Yes
W.F. McElroy - Yes
Roy Roberts - Yes

Jim Humphreys - Yes
George Hunnicutt - Yes

On motion by Jim Humphreys, seconded by Roy Roberts and carried by the following roll call vote, Council appointed Dr. George Culbertson to a three (3) year term on the City of Norton School Board, said term to expire June 30, 1978.

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Ike Fulks - Yes
W.F. McElroy - Yes
Roy Roberts - Yes

Jim Humphreys - Yes
George Hunnicutt - Yes

The City Manager advised the City Council that there were no new developments in regard to acquisition by the Methodist Church and the City, of the Presbyterian Church Property.

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The City Manager advised Council that the new City Code would be ready for adoption during the month of July.

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On motion by W.F. McElroy, seconded by George Hunnicutt, and carried by the following roll call vote, Council moved to authorize the Mayor to proclaim the period of July 4, 1975 through July 4, 1976 as the official City of Norton Bicentennial Year.

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Ike Fulks - Yes
W.F. McElroy - Yes
Roy Roberts - Yes

George Hunnicutt - Yes
Jim Humphreys - Yes

Councilman Hunnicutt inquired of the City Manager if Spring Street had been patched and if the necessary bridge repairs had been made. The City Manager advised that these items had been taken care of.

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Councilman Hunnicutt requested the City Attorney to determine the requirements of a new law passed by the General Assembly in regard to disclosure of real estate holdings by elected Public Officials and appointed Administrators.

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Councilman Hunnicutt read a letter addressed to the Cumberland Airport Commission from Elmer Bates and John Hall, members of the Wise County Board of Supervisors, indicating several improvements that they were encouraging the Airport Commission to initiate. Councilman Hunnicutt stated that this information was being disseminated to the City Council so that they might be aware of the possibility of greater demand for local support of the Airport Commission if the suggested improvements were made.

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


MAYOR

CLERK