

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on August 20, 1974 at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Ike Fulks presiding.

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

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

Absent: Jim Humphreys

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Mack Scott appeared before Council regarding dust problem from Bo Par Dock Company on Kentucky Avenue. He requested the City to have the Dock closed until they get the dust under control. Council discussed this matter at length with Mr. Scott after which the matter was referred to the City Attorney to see what legal procedure could be taken. 6636

Mr. W.P. Kanto, Chairman of Norton Industrial Development Authority, brought the City Council up to date on what N.I.D.A. has been doing in connection with the applications of the two non-profit local hospitals, Norton Community Hospital, and St. Mary's Hospital, in regard to constructing new hospital facilities. He explained that attempts by N.I.D.A. to initiate an effective merger of these two nonprofit hospitals has failed and that N.I.D.A. is going to consider entering into negotiations with Norton Community Hospital and then thereafter with the St. Mary's Hospital in regard to issuing tax exempt bonds for the purpose of constructing new hospital facilities for each respective hospital. Councilman Hunnicutt voiced the appreciation of the City Council in regard to the report as given by Mr. W.P. Kanto and further stated that the Council had the utmost confidence in the ability of the entire N.I.D.A. Board to make the proper decision relative to the issuance of the tax exempt bonds for the above mentioned nonprofit hospital facilities. 6637

Sherry Collins, representing a group of young people from Roberts Avenue, appeared before Council requesting a playground for all children in that section of the City. She presented a petition with names of interested persons. Matter referred to the City Manager for further investigation. 6638

Mrs. Ruby Edwards appeared before Council regarding paving of section of Roberts Avenue near 7th Street West to Lost Creek. She also requested a "No Parking" sign be installed near the entrance to the street leading to John Leho, Sr. property. She complained of dogs barking and disturbing sleep and of a water shortage for the past three (3) weeks. The City Manager advised that the water problem was being taken care of and that if adequate asphalt tonage was available the referred to section of 7th Street would be paved during the current paving program. 6639

Representatives, Buford Jones, Ed Bales, and Mike Mathews of T.V.A. and Jim Vicars of Lenowisco appeared before Council and presented a feasibility study of the incineration of solid waste for the City of Norton. A very informative program and preliminary report was given illustrating the possibilities of incineration of solid waste. Mr. Bales advised that the report as presented was preliminary in content and that a more detailed report would be presented at a later date, incorporating the possibility of heat recovery for the generation of steam to be used by two (2) companies and the John I. Burton High School.

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On behalf of the City Council, Councilman Roy Roberts expressed appreciation for the assistance of T.V.A. and Lenowisco in the investigation of the various alternatives for incineration of solid waste for the City of Norton.

The City Manager presented paving bids as received for the paving program for this fiscal year.

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On motion by W.F. McElroy, seconded by Roy Roberts and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved that the low bid from Big Stone Asphalt Paving Corporation be accepted and limited to a maximum of \$51,911.00.

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On motion by W.F. McElroy, seconded by George Hunnicutt, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that Milas D. Franks be appointed as a member of the Southwest Virginia Manpower Planning Board.

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Appointment to Real Estate Appraisal Board tabled until a later date.

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The City Manager presented a proposed agreement by Thompson and Litton for providing consultation and assistance during the City of Norton's annexation proceedings. Due to needed clarification of the resolution as adopted by the Wise County Board of Supervisors on August 6, 1974 agreeing to allow the City of Norton to annex certain county areas, Council tabled the offered agreement by Thompson and Litton until a later date.

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On motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by W.F. McElroy, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council adopted the Resolution acknowledging the willingness of Wise County to allow the City of Norton to annex certain county areas as read. (Page ~~127~~ 13)

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On motion by George Hunnicutt, seconded by Roy Roberts and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved that the corrected ordinance creating Duffield Development Authority be passed on first reading. (Page ~~127~~ 13)

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The City Manager advised Council of a letter received from Bill Humphreys, President of Greater Wise, Inc. stating his desire to purchase a tract of land identified as the Dorchester Industrial Park from the City of Norton. The City Manager advised Council that this matter had been referred to N.I.D.A. for handling since N.I.D.A. is the legal owner of the tract of property in question.

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The City Manager presented N.I.D.A. audit report for fiscal year ending June 30, 1974 for Council's review.

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The City Manager advised Council of League Convention to be held September 21-24 in Roanoke, Virginia.

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On motion by W.F. McElroy, seconded by Roy Roberts, and carried by the following vote, Council moved that their request to Lenowisco and TVA to dredge Bear Creek and Guest River be reaffirmed.

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Ike Fulks	Yes
Roy Roberts	Yes
W.F. McElroy	Yes
George Hunnicutt	Abstaining

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

Ike Fulks

MAYOR

J. M. [Signature]

CLERK OF COUNCIL