

A special meeting of the City Council was held on April 23, 1973 at 7:30 P.M. in the Municipal Court Room, with Mayor Ike Fultz presiding.

Present: Ike Fultz, Robert Leonard, W. F. McElroy, Jim Humphreys

Also Present: Milas Franks, City Manager
Norton Redevelopment Authority Board - Bruce Fraley, Chairman
Morris Burchette, Hurshel Bowers, Executive Director Wright
Dawson, Assistant Director, Joe O'Brien.

The Mayor declared this an emergency meeting of the City Council and advised that this meeting had been called to discuss a land purchase problem by the Norton Redevelopment and Housing Authority in its Urban Renewal Project.

On Motion by W. F. McElroy, seconded by Robert Leonard, Milas Franks was appointed temporary Clerk.


Mr. Wright Dawson and Joe O'Brien, Housing Authority Director and Assistant Director, respectively advised that a decision was needed on whether or not to purchase the Adams Property, commonly referred to as the Norton Lumber Company Property located at the intersection of Route 74 and Kentucky Avenue.

Mr. Dawson and Mr. O'Brien advised that an option of \$46,600.00 had been offered Mrs. Adams by the Norton Redevelopment and Housing Authority for the purchase of property through the Neighborhood Development Program (Urban Renewal). They further advised that Mr. R. W. Wallenborn, with Carter Machinery Company had offered Mrs. Adams an option for the purchase of this Property at a total cost of \$50,000.00.

After considerable discussion of the two offered prices for the purchase of the Property, Mr. Dawson advised the City Council that the question at hand was whether or not the Norton Redevelopment and Housing Authority should purchase the property from Mrs. Adams and improve the same for resale or to allow Carter Machinery Company to purchase the property which would eliminate the property from the N.D.P.

On motion by Jim Humphreys, seconded by W. F. McElroy and all present voting yes, except Robert Leonard who abstained from voting because of a conflict of interest. The City Council directed the Housing Authority to exercise their right of Imminent domain and proceed through the Courts to condemn the Adams Property, and at a later date make every effort possible with the approval of HUD to negotiate with Carter Machinery Company for first refusal of that portion of the Adams Property that Carter needs for the expansion of their business.

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



Mayor

Temporary Clerk