

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on April 20, 1982.

A work session was held beginning at 7:00 P.M. for Council to go over insurance coverage on City property with Mr. Buzzy Witt of Norton Insurance Agency and Mr. P.W. Metropulos, Assistant Director of Finance.

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Mayor Hunnicutt called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

Present: George Hunnicutt, W.F. McElroy, Robert Collier, Vic Jones and Cliff Daniels.

Also Present: J. Earle Brown, Acting City Manager

On motion by Councilman Daniels and seconded by Robert Collier, Council approved the amended minutes of March 16th, 1982.

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On motion by Robert Collier, and seconded by Vic Jones, Council approved the minutes of the April 6, 1982 council meeting as presented.

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Dr. Jim Graham, Superintendent of the Norton City Schools, presented to Council their budget request for the 1982-83 school year. The School Board is requesting a 12% increase in salary for their staff and employees for a total budget of \$1,019,150 an increase of \$116,660 over last year's budgeted amount.

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Dr. Graham also presented council with a list of projects of major interest that he felt council should be aware of.

Mayor Hunnicutt thanked Dr. Graham for his presentation.

Ms. Ruth Mundy of Chapman Street was again present with reference to cat problem she is experiencing. Ms. Mundy was advised by the City Attorney that there is no law in the Corporation covering regulation of cats. Mr. Asbury further advised Council that he could submit an ordinance for their review. Mayor Hunnicutt asked the City Attorney to research this and report back to council.

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Mr. Bob Cassell presented to Council the budget request of the Wise County/City of Norton Health Department for fiscal year 1982-83. Their request, with no increase in salaries for employees, is a total of \$19,447.46 - an increase of \$2,258.46 from last year's budget.

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Mayor Hunnicutt asked Mr. Cassell how the 10% occupancy percentage rate was derived and was advised that it comes directly from the lease agreement with Wise County. Mr. Cassell advised the Council that he would bring the lease agreement for Council's review.

Mayor Hunnicutt thanked Mr. Cassell for his presentation.

Mr. Sam Dillon of the Chapter 10 Mental Health Board presented council with their budget request for 1982-83. Their total budget is in the amount of \$118,900 and the City's 7% share of this amounts of \$8,323, which is an increase of \$1,687 over last year's budgeted amount. Mr. Dillon advised this request was submitted in letter form to G.M. Newman, City Manager, under date of February 18, 1982.

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Mayor Hunnicutt requested Mr. Dillon to submit to Council with a line form budget for their consideration.

Mr. John Thompson, Administrator, Norton Community Hospital approached Council with the problem they are experiencing with their water pressure. He stated they were very pleased with the attention the problem was getting.

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Mr. Ron Peaks, City Engineer, advised council of the flow tests and work that he and other City Crews had conducted at Norton Community Hospital and that another flow test would be done on Wednesday, April 21st. He further advised that before he could make a recommendation to the solution of this problem, more research would have to be done.

Mayor Hunnicutt advised Mr. Thompson that the City would continue to try to help in any way they can on this problem.

Mr. Hoyt Williams and Gary Tucker of Thompson and Litton were present for discussion on the change orders for the Market Place Project.

Mr. Prior advised council that there is \$45,500 left in 1979 Entitlement Fund Marked for Engineering on Market Place and also has \$20,519 left from Water Improvement Program from 1979 Entitlement Funds, so the City has a total of \$66,019 to draw from. Total Construction change order price is \$31,127.00, which does not include paving in the parking area from Watts Produce to Witt Motor Company.

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Councilman Daniels inquired of Mr. Prior if there would be enough funds left for the landscaping and paving and was advised that at this point, there would be.

On motion by W.F. McElroy, seconded by Vic Jones, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council authorized Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$5,500 for Engineering and Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$31,127 for construction with funds to come from 1979 Entitlement Funds. Council also authorized the City Manager to sign these change orders.

Mr. Al Nichols of Wiley & Wilson appeared before Council with a status report on the Clear Creek Project. Mr. Nichols advised that he had delivered contracts to Mr. Hagy at Farmers Home and should have them back by next week.

Council discussed at length which route to run the water line from Clear Creek - whether to go with the Route 58 By-pass, Kentucky Avenue (which would replace an old asbestos water line that is in need of replacement), or route next to By-pass. The cost of going Rt. 58 By-pass or Kentucky Avenue would remain approximately the same as the estimate of \$337,000.

Mayor Hunnicutt was advised by the City Attorney that the restriction on the title to the land where the plant is to be located has to be resolved before the deed can be turned over to the City.

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After much discussion, Council advised Mr. Nichols that they would be in touch with him with reference to which route to take on the water line and locating the plant site.

Mr. Buzzy Witt of Norton Insurance Agency again talked with Council regarding City's insurance coverage. This was continued from 7:00 P.M. work session.

After much discussion on the various amounts of coverage, Mr. Witt advised Council that he would forward Council a revised letter covering premiums on City's insurance.

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On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by W.F. McElroy, Council moved they go into Executive Session for the purpose of contract pending.

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Upon motion by Vic Jones, seconded by Cliff Daniels, Council moved that they go back into regular session and the Mayor advised that Council had nothing to report at the present time on contract pending.

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P.W. Metropulos, Assistant Director of Finance, asked Council to authorize Geraldine O'Bryan to sign Revenue Sharing, Water Liability, and Capital Reserve checks in the absence of Jo Nosler, City Treasurer.

Upon motion by Robert Collier, seconded by Cliff Daniels and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council authorized Geraldine O'Bryan, Assistant Treasurer, to sign Revenue Sharing, Water Liability, and Capital Reserve checks in the absence of Jo Nosler.

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Mayor Hunnicutt advised that the next council meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 5th due to the City election Tuesday, May 4th.

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Mr. Brown presented Council with a letter from North East Insurance Company regarding \$1,000 claim to be paid with reference to the death of William Adam Hall.

Upon motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Vic Jones and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council authorized the City Manager to pay the sum of \$1,000 out of Miscellaneous Account to be charged to the Police Department. The Mayor also advised Mr. Brown to take this policy to another agent and get this coverage with another company.

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Mr. Brown advised Council that the 1982 Litter Control Grant had been filled out by Mr. Prior and submitted. Before the grant can be received a resolution must be passed. Upon motion by Vic Jones, seconded by W.F. McElroy, Council passed resolution to be sent to the Virginia Department of Conservation and Economic Development, Division of Litter Control, requesting a \$2500 grant. (Insert)

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Councilman Collier asked Council to again adopt the concept of having a city truck available for the public use. This truck can be left over night by the City Crew and picked up the following day. Council agreed.

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Councilman Collier also asked council to consider the plan of the Norton Clean and Beautiful Commission in making a recreation facility for all age groups at the Old Norton School Property. At present, the Clean and Beautiful Commission is having an architect from VPI prepare plans which Mr. Collier hopes to present to Council in May.

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Councilman Collier asked the City Manager to go to the Planning Commission and have them check into the connection of storm sewer and/or completion of the intersection of Walnut and Henry Streets. The residents of Walnut have been experiencing problems with the storm drain running down the middle of the street. Also, he wanted Mr. Brown to ask the Planning Commission if the intersection of Walnut and Henry is to be completed, or if not, then to block it off so no one can drive in this area.

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Council set the date of Tuesday, April 27th at 7:30 P.M. for the purpose of conducting a work session on the 1982-83 budget.

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City Manager Brown advised council that the Highway Department will send a man in to meet with him regarding the erosion control problem on Tipple Hill. Mr. Brown also advised Council that he would invite Mr. Jim Hincer of the Highway Department to the next council meeting for discussion on the new intersection of Rt. 23 in front of John I. Burton High School.

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City Manager discussed with Council the possibility of renting or buying a roller for temporary use for paving.

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The Mayor advised the City Manager for to find out from the County Office what information is needed to get the City's share of the Coal Haul Road Severance Tax so this amount of money can be included in the budget.

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The City Manager asked council for permission to get bids for a new water repair truck that funds were allocated for in the Revenue Sharing Budget. Permission was given to secure bids on same.

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Mr. Brown advised council we had experienced two bad water leaks during the last couple of weeks. Mayor Hunnicutt asked the City Manager to see that Council receive a water report giving level and accountability every month.

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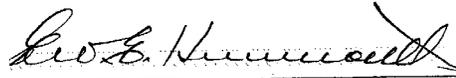
Mr. Brown advised Council that the Energy Audit application has been prepared by Mr. Prior and had been sent in.

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The City Manager presented to council a plaque Mayor Hunnicutt received for the City. This award was presented to the City by the Wise County Clean Committee as the most improved town of the year of 1981.

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



Mayor

Acting Clerk