

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on May 15, 1979, at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Hunnicutt presiding.

Present: George Hunnicutt, W. F. McElroy, Robert Collier, Cliff Daniels, Frank Fischer

Also Present: G. M. Newman, City Manager, and Kenneth Asbury, Attorney

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Council briefly discussed comprehensive liability insurance in regard to old school buildings.

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On motion by W. F. McElroy, seconded by Robert Collier, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved that the City Manager be authorized and directed to see that there be liability insurance on two old school buildings on Virginia Avenue upon expiration of insurance provided by Diversified Education.

Ed Tate presented Council with up-date on dam repair. Council discussed this matter briefly with Mr. Tate.

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Council briefly discussed public hearing on Revenue Sharing Budget as advertised. The City Manager advised a new time for hearing would be advertised in this week's paper to cover hearing of hearing of Revenue Sharing Budget, which would be June 5th.

Mr. Paul Carter presented "Executive Summary of C.A.A. Feasibility Study Progress Report for May, 1979." Mr. Hess of Scott County Community Action program, Mr. Ferris of Wise County, Sister Beth Jasper and Linville Reed of Norton, were present and spoke on this matter. Council discussed this matter at length with representatives present.

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Attorney Asbury read title of Ordinance adopting a "Contingency Plan for the Use of Water during period when the City of Norton is experiencing a water shortage.

On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Frank Fischer, council moved that ordinance adopting a Contingency Plan for the use of water during period when the City of Norton is experiencing water shortage be passed on second reading.

Councilman Collier introduced an amendment to Section 2 of the proposed contingency plan to read, "a surcharge will be placed on all water consumption of three times the normal rate ten days after the declaration of the emergency and to be continued from that time thru duration of the emergency."

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Council discussed this matter briefly.

On motion by Robert Collier, seconded by Cliff Daniels, Council moved that the following amendment to proposed Contingency Plan was passed on first reading by the following votes: "a surcharge will be placed on all water consumption of three times the normal rate 10 days after the declaration of the emergency and to be continued from that time thru duration of the emergency." Daniels, Fischer, YES; Hunnicutt, McElroy, NO; Collier, Yes.

Archie Maggard appeared before Council regarding exchange of 6' of his property if City would replace his wall. Council discussed this matter with Mr. Maggard and directed the City Manager to take this matter up with Mr. Gates of the Highway Department as to this exchange.

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Mr. Jim Dotson spoke at length to Council regarding recreation program for the City of Norton. Council asked that the City Manager meet with recreation committee to see what can be worked out.

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Mr. Newman read proposed Off-Site Drainage Ordinance. Council discussed this matter at length after which Council agreed to study this ordinance further and have it placed on agenda for next Council meeting.

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On motion by Robert Collier, seconded by W. F. McElroy, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that the attached ordinance, "Providing for Connections over Shoulders of Highways for Intersecting Commercial Establishments". Entrances requiring permits therefore, providing minimum standards and providing penalty for violations", be adopted as read.

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The City Manager presented request for authorization to reroof the Elementary School. He advised that the materials could be purchased for \$9,000.00 and labor would be done with prison labor. He also advised he had talked with Johns-Mansfield in Atlanta and they were to send him letter on roof.

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On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Robert Collier, and carried by the following roll call votes, Council moved that the City Manager be authorized and directed to spend up to \$60,000 to start repair on elementary school roof after he has received written authorization from School Board and that the Mayor and City Treasurer be authorized to negotiate a loan with Wise County National Bank in amount not to exceed \$60,000.00, funds to be repaid out of next year's General Fund Budget. Hunnicutt, Collier, Daniels, Fischer, YES; McElroy abstained.

W. F. McElroy nominated W. P. Kanto to serve on Duffield Development Authority for four year term.

On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Robert Collier, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that nominations be closed.

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Mayor Hunnicutt declared W. P. Kanto appointed by acclamation for four year term on Duffield Development Authority, said term to expire 7/1/83.

Mr. Newman advised Council of special CETA projects that the City of Norton was eligible to participate in.

On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by W. F. McElroy, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that Mickey Newman be appointed as contracting agent for CETA Special Programs.

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On motion by Robert Collier, seconded by Frank Fischer, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that the following resolution, 'Adopting a Procedure for environmental review in accordance with Community Development Block Grant Regulation No. 58' be passed. (Insert)

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Council briefly discussed water project which is nearing completion.

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On motion by Robert Collier, seconded by Cliff Daniels, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved to go into executive session to discuss land acquisition and update on legal proceedings.

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On motion by Robert Collier, seconded by Cliff Daniels, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved they go back in regular session.

The Mayor declared council back in regular session and reported no action taken as far as land acquisition but that council got updated in legal proceedings.

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The City Manager advised there would be a hearing on Old Dominion Power Company rate increase on May 21 at Clinch Valley College from 2:00 - 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

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A request from Forest Service regarding land exchange was discussed briefly.

On motion by Frank Fischer, seconded by W. F. McElroy, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that the Forest Service be notified of the Norton City Council's objection to its disposition of that piece of land in Hoot Owl Hollow.

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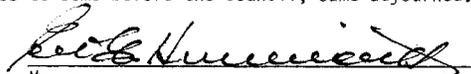
Councilman Daniels inquired as to what City has heard regarding Highway Department tearing down old houses which they have purchased. The City Manager was directed to contact highway department on this matter.

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Vice Mayor McElroy inquired as to status of 10th Street and shopping center with regard to entrance. Council briefly discussed this matter and City Attorney was asked to check on this to see exactly what the City has to do.

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

  
Mayor

  
Clerk