

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on August 21, 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, City Attorney

Minutes of July 17th meeting were read and approved by adding amendment of report of discussion in executive session of appointment of school board members. Minutes of the August 15th meeting were read and approved.

A group of attorneys and doctors were present at council meeting protesting the tax rate on Professional & Occupational License taxes. Speaking on the subject: Leslie Mullins, Robert Stump, Henry Stout, Billy Joe Sturgill, Attorneys: Dr. Sarathy, Dr. Fred Booth, Dr. Tan, Dr. Joe Phillips, Dr. Lewis Ingram, Dr. Awan, Dr. Hankins, Dr. Straughm; Robert Wiston, Attorney. Council briefly discussed this request with professional persons present and invited them to attend any meetings in the future.

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Dr. Ingram presented request for some aid in eliminating noise and congestion on Saturday mornings on block between Park Avenue and Federal Street. He stated he had received a letter from civic organization who had this music program apologizing for the disturbance. Matter referred to City Manager.

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Mr. Paul Carter of Community Action Agency was present and again discussed feasibility study of Community Action Agency and asked that Council give consideration to passing resolution of participation in Community Action Agency. Council discussed this matter at length with Mr. Carter.

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Vice Mayor McElroy moved that enter into this program establishing Community Action Agency as outlined by Mr. Carter.

Mayor Hunnicutt declared Mr. McElroy's motion failed for lack of second.

On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Robert Collier, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that the City Manager forthwith and immediately proceed to have Welfare Department check out business of emergency fuel and who may need it and come back at next meeting with an answer to it.

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The City Manager presented to Council comparative costs of changing size of water line from Black Diamond Savings & Loan to the North Right-of-way of New Route 58. He advised that E. F. Blankenship Construction Company had given a cost of project as \$15,626.70. He also advised that Mr. Ross of the Blankenship Construction Company said the materials needed to be ordered. Council discussed this matter at length with the City Manager and authorized him to do best he can.

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On motion by Robert Collier, seconded by Frank Fischer, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved the adoption of Lease Agreement between City of Norton and Wise County for shop, garbage transferred and dog pound. (Insert)

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Ivin McConnell, representing C. & P. Telephone Company, was present and presented proposal for conduit line from Burger Queen restaurant to S. S. a distance of approximately 1200'. He stated the telephone company would like to propose that the City go along with them in a joint transit. Council discussed this matter at length with Mr. McConnell. No action taken.

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Dr. George Culbertson of City of Norton School Board was present and presented, in behalf of City School Board, their appreciation to Mr. Newman for fine services he had done in re-roofing of elementary school.

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Dr. Culbertson stated that at the school board meeting of last week, they passed two resolutions to be presented to Council.

1. Respectfully request that schedule joint meetings on regular basis, say quarterly, to discuss problems occurring in the school system.
2. That in November, 1978, Council passed a resolution that said when southside school property was sold, funds would be transferred to School Board deficit. He asked that this money when received for school property be applied to partition project at elementary school. Council discussed this matter briefly with Dr. Culbertson.

On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by W. F. McElroy, and carried by the following vote, Council moved that School Board be authorized to spend money from sale of Southside school property as they see fit: Hunnicutt, McElroy, Daniels, Fischer, YES; Collier abstained.

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On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Frank Fischer, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved the adoption of the following resolution of appreciation for Harley T. Stallard. (Insert)

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Mr. Wright Dawson, of CDBG Program, discussed with Council up-date of Citizen Participation Plans required by Department of HUD.

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On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Frank Fischer, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved the adoption of Citizen Participation Plan (CDBG). (Insert)

On motion by Robert Collier, seconded by Frank Fischer, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that the following citizens advisory committee be appointed with following terms: Drema Holmes, 1 year; Evelyn Mills, Ronald McCall, two years; Clifford Stallard, Jesse A. James, three years. (Insert)

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On motion by Robert Collier, seconded by Frank Fischer, and carried by the follow-

ing votes, Council moved that City Manager be authorized to certify that the water tank project is substantially complete. Hunnicutt, McElroy, Collier, Fischer, Yes; Daniels abstained.

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The City Manager presented request of Headstart to use Community Facility Building. On motion by Frank Fischer, seconded by W. F. McElroy, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that the following agreement between Wise County and City of Norton Headstart and the City of Norton be accepted with amendments. (Insert)

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The City Manager presented format for Council meetings. Council discussed this matter at which time the City Attorney advised them on use of a consent agenda. Council directed the City Manager on next agenda to have a consent agenda.

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On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Robert Collier, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved the adoption of resolution adopting format with understanding that council can deviate from it any time with the consent of Council.

Robert Collier nominated Ike Fulks as U.N. Day Chairman, seconded by W. F. McElroy. Cliff Daniels moved nominations be closed. All vote AYE. Mayor declared Ike Fulks Chairman of United Nations Day.

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The City Manager advised that representatives of Virginia Highway Department would be here on August 28th to discuss traffic report.

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The City Manager gave Council up-date on reservoirs, Josephine Water line, and clear wells.

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Councilman Collier advised that citizens had been asking about quality of TV Cable Service and also that they had lost one channel. Council directed the City Manager to write a letter to TV Cable Company.

On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Frank Fischer, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved they go into executive session to discuss personnel; possibility of land sale; painting contract.

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William Orender of Ramsey section appeared before Council regarding Flea Market at Ramsey. He advised they were camping out each Tuesday night - loud noises and also using creek for emptying Port-O-Pots. Matter referred to City Manager.

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

He reported that he had been authorized and directed to sign option to the Commonwealth of Virginia for three pieces of land - old school property on S.S.; land around old CCC Camp which is needed for access road, other being a piece of land on 7th Street, S. W. on three blocks up from Central Freewill Baptist Church.

On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Robert Collier, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council authorized and directed the Mayor to execute option with Virginia Department of Highways in amount of \$46,960.

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The City Manager advised that New Elgin Sweeper was in use.

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Councilman Fischer said he would like to commend Mr. Newman for way he has been cleaning up streets and sidewalks.

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

*George Hunnicutt*  
Mayor

*[Signature]*  
Clerk