

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on December 5, 1978, at 7:30 P. M. with Mayor Hunnicutt presiding.

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

Also Present: Earle Brown, Acting City Manager and Kenneth Asbury, Attorney

Minutes of meetings of November 22nd and November 28th were read and approved.

Mr. Harley Stallard, Superintendent of City of Norton Schools appeared before Council and presented a resolution requesting that the City Council of Norton petition the Judge of the Circuit to set a date in early February, 1979, for a bond referendum in the amount of \$500,000 in the City of Norton.

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On motion by W. F. McElroy, seconded by Frank Fischer, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved that the City Attorney be directed to prepare an ordinance in collaboration with the Bonding Attorney in preparing a resolution and bring it to the next meeting of Council.

On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Robert Collier, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that the following resolution regarding Amendment to Article VIII, Section 7 of the Constitution be adopted as read. (Insert)

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Mr. Wright Dawson was present and gave an update report on the status of funds to cover the City's upper dam. He advised that he had talked with Mrs. Marg Sherod of the Office of Emergency Services. She had advised that the total flood financial aid committed to Norton was \$288,202.00, of which 75% could be received before the audit which is an amount of \$216,151.00. As of December 1st, \$188,046.00 had been received, leaving a balance of \$28,105.00 to be received before the audit. Council discussed this matter with Mr. Dawson. Mr. Dawson brought to Council's attention the "Damage Survey Report" as given in 4-18/21-77 by the Corps of Engineers. He outlined the different things which were supposed to have been done to the upper dam.

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On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by W. F. McElroy, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that this session will be continued next Tuesday at 7:00 P. M. to meet at the Norton Redevelopment & Housing Project Office on Pine Hills to discuss Federal funding as to how it may apply to real estate acquisition.

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Mr. Mike Brooks, Chairman, Blue Ribbon Parking Committee, presented recommendation (1) begin immediately with two hour free parking test period and (2) option to extend for two weeks period at the discretion of the committee.

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Mr. A. P. Carter was present and requested that something be done between 13th and 14th Streets in line with having the roadway cleared for walking. He stated he thought a highlift would do the work of shoveling the dirt off Park Avenue. The City Manager was directed to take care of this.

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Mr. Siniscope spoke in behalf of his son, who is a local builder, having problems with getting new water connections. He was advised this matter was on the agenda.

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On motion by Frank Fischer, seconded by Robert Collier, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that Ordinance No. 175 be adopted as read on second reading.

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The City Manager presented the Water Status Report as prepared by Mr. Gilly. Council discussed this matter at length with regard to lifting the ban on water.

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On motion by W. F. McElroy, seconded by Robert Collier, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that they repeal the emergency ordinance of November 22nd effective as of this date with the understanding that every water customer will be billed one time on an emergency basis.

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Council directed that a water report be made to them twice a week, Tuesday and Friday.

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Mr. W. A. McGannon was present and asked if Council was taking any steps to do anything about the water situation in the future.

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Earle Brown presented a bid for putting a roof on the Sewer Plant at Ramsey. He advised this was the only bid turned in.

On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Frank Fischer, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved that this bid be accepted in the amount of \$6,100.00, said fund to be taken from Capital Improvement Water and Sewer Funds. Council briefly discussed this construction.

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On motion by W. F. McElroy, seconded by Frank Fischer, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that Ordinance No. 176 be adopted as read. (Insert)

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Council briefly discussed Deep Mining Study and asked that Vice Mayor McElroy arrange a meeting with the City of Norton Planning Commission to discuss this matter.

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On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by W. F. McElroy, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that they go into Executive Session.

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On motion by Robert Collier, seconded by W. F. McElroy, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that they go back into regular session.

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Mayor Hunnicutt declared Council in regular session.

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Robert Collier nominated Jim Dotson to serve as a member of the City of Norton Welfare Board, said term to expire November 21, 1982.

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On motion by Frank Fischer, seconded by Cliff Daniels, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that the nominations be closed.

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Mayor Hunnicutt declared Jim Dotson appointed as a member of the City of Norton Board of Public Welfare, said term to expire November 21, 1982.

Frank Fischer moved to table the appointment to the Airport Commission.

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The City Manager presented the Regional Land Use Plan. Council directed that the City Attorney prepare a resolution to cover suggested land use plan.

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Mayor Hunnicutt read a letter from the Department of Highways and Transportation with regard to directional traffic movements at the intersection of Park Avenue and 5th Street and the intersection of Park Avenue and 10th Street.

Council authorized Earle Brown, City Manager, to get bids on Police Cars and bring them to the next council meeting.

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The City Manager asked Council's approval for the Annual Employee Christmas Dinner. Council was in agreement.

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Earle Brown read a letter from Olin Willis of Solid Waste Control regarding the landfill dump. Council directed that the City Manager make arrangements to have a gate put up and also to see about arranging to have the dump covered.

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There being no further business to come before the Council, same recessed until Tuesday night at 7:00 p. m.

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Mayor



Clerk