

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on November 15, 1977 at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor Fulks presiding.

Present: Ike Fulks, George Hunnicutt, Vernon Flanary

Absent: W.F. McElroy, Bill Necessary

Also Present: W.P. Kanto, Acting City Manager & Kenneth Asbury, Attorney

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved by adding to Section 7886, 7887, effective January 1, 1978.

Mr. Kanto introduced Mr. Joseph Baker, new city manager as of November 16th.

Mr. Jim Hopkins, Little League representative appeared before council requesting that the city appropriate another \$500,00 or \$1,000.00 in the July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979 budget. Matter to be considered in making of new budget.

Mr. Kenneth Wampler, City Sheriff, appeared before council requesting that he be allowed to hire a deputy. Council discussed this matter with Mr. Wampler. Matter referred to City Manager to work things out and bring recommendations back to council.

Attorney Asbury advised council that the U.S. Department of Interior had advised him to hold off on revising "blasting" ordinance until new regulations are published.

Don Earles easement tabled until council meeting.

Mr. Morgan Russell of P.G.R. Enterprises and Mr. Otto Ohland of Century Communications Corporation appeared before council regarding transfer of T.V. Cable Service. Council discussed this matter at length with two company representatives. Council agreed to set up special meeting to act upon this matter after all reports requested are in.

On motion by George Hunnicutt, seconded by Vernon Flanary and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Fulks, Hunnicutt, Flanary, Yes) council moved that the Acting City Manager consummate lease agreement with Diversified Educational Cooperative in accordance with recommendations made that notice be made 90 days and with reference to exact area of land for which Diversified Educational Cooperative will be responsible.

Mr. Kanto advised council that the engineers were working on bid for storage tank.

Mr. Carlos Van Winkle of Hoot Owl Section of city appeared before council in regard to road leading to his mother's property. He inquired as to reason road was not graveled all way up to his mother's property. Matter referred to City Manager.

Mr. Kanto reported no further progress on East Park Avenue sewer line.

Mr. Kanto reported on bids on police with a low bid of \$4,660.00 made by Legg Ford Motor Company with old 1971 Chevrolet as trade-in.

Mr. Kanto advised council of water line through Howard Johnson property and asked that the City Attorney prepare easement through Johnson property.

Mr. Kanto discussed with council road to new St. Mary's Hospital site. On motion by George Hunnicutt, seconded by Vernon Flanary and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Fulks, Hunnicutt, Flanary, Yes) council approved the construction plans for the proposed new road to St. Mary's Hospital. These plans had previously been approved by the Planning Commission. This road extends from an intersection with the road leading to the Norton Elementary School up the hill ending at a point near the proposed St. Mary's building site. This road begins approximately 200' N.W. of the intersection of U.S. 23 and the road leading to the elementary school and extends a distance of approximately 1200'.

Mr. Kanto advised council that the \$40,000.00 loan from the Wise County National Bank had been repaid but the city still owes the bank \$100,000.00 which comes under Neighborhood Facilities Program.

Mayor Fulks advised council that the Virginia Alcohol Safety Association Program had asked for appointment to this committee. Mayor Fulks recommended Ralph "Butch" Wells for appointment to this committee. Council was in agreement.

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On motion by George Hunnicutt, seconded by Vernon Flanary and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Fulks, Hunnicutt, Flanary, Yes) council moved that Joe Baker be appointed as member of City of Norton Planning Commission as member of Board of Zoning Appeals, effective November 16th and as member of City of Norton Welfare Department effective November 22, 1977.

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Mr. Kanto advised council that the necessary materials are being ordered to cease measuring the county's water purchases at the location of a water meter on Whitaker's Farm and to install remeasuring devise near the Cooke Property on the Dorchester Road.

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

*Joe Fulks*  
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MAYOR

*J. Kanto*  
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CLERK