

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on April 6, 1976 at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor Fulks presiding.

Present: Ike Fulks, W. F. McElroy, George Hunnicutt, Jim Humphreys

Absent: Roy Roberts

Also Present: Milas Franks, City Manager & Montie Meeks, Attorney

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved with correction to #7337 to read "that the 1st request of \$250.00 be considered in next budget and 2nd request be granted".

A group of citizens from Ramsey section with Mrs. Farmer as spokesman appeared before council regarding interference on their TV Systems and Telephones. They stated this trouble was caused by C.B. linear boosters. Council discussed this matter with the people present and directed the City Manager to notify each of the C.B. Operators in this section of the trouble and ask them to comply with regulations regarding C.B. equipment. 7345

Mayor announced it was now time for second reading on TV Cable Franchise. Council agreed to limit second reading to title and the schedule of rates. 7346

On motion by George Hunnicutt seconded by Jim Humphreys and carried by unanimous roll call vote: Ike Fulks, yes; W. F. McElroy, yes; George Hunnicutt, yes; Jim Humphreys, yes; Council moved adoption of T.V. Cable Franchise as read on first reading, together with schedule of rates as read on 1st and 2nd reading and in accordance with advertisement.

The City Manager presented YEAR II C.D. Entitlement application for Council's consideration. 7347

Mr. Wright Dawson and Mrs. Dorothy Graham, in behalf of Local Housing Authority, appeared before Council in regard to YEAR II Community Development Entitlement Application. Residents of the N.D.P. Project area were present and discussed with Council & Mr. Dawson the continuation of N.D.P. activities on the Southside. Mr. Calvin Hale expressed concern about the alternative methods of resident relocation.

On motion by Jim Humphreys, seconded by George Hunnicutt and carried by unanimous roll call vote: Ike Fulks, yes; W. F. McElroy, yes; George Hunnicutt, yes; Jim Humphreys, yes, Council moved adoption of resolution Approving Community Development Block Grant and Authorizing Filing of an Application for YEAR II. 7348

The City Manager discussed briefly with Council items in the new budget which were proposed for consideration. Council agreed to meet Thursday, April 15th at 1:30 P.M. to go over these proposals. 7349

The City Manager gave a report on delinquent taxes which are being collected as a result of the delinquent tax drive. 7350

The City Manager advised Council that the Green Thumb Garden Clubs Bicentennial Committee are jointly preparing for an extensive city wide Clean-up campaign. He stated the suggested date was May 10th to May 28th, and he would like to offer open bed pick-up for this period of time. 7351

Council discussed letter from Dr. Vantassel regarding roof at old school building in which the Dilenowisco offices are housed. Council instructed the City Manager to investigate and determine the extent of damage caused by the leak.

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On motion by George Hunnicutt, seconded by Jim Humphreys and carried by unanimous roll call vote: Ike Fulks, yes; W. F. McElroy, yes; George Hunnicutt, yes; Jim Humphreys, yes, Council moved that Council go into executive session to discuss personnel matter.

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Council reconvened at 9:00 P.M.

On motion by George Hunnicutt, seconded by W. F. McElroy and carried by unanimous roll call vote: Ike Fulks, yes; W. F. McElroy, yes; George Hunnicutt, yes; Jim Humphreys, yes, Council moved that pursuant to having suit instituted against the City of Norton by Norton Coal Company, Virginia Iron & Coal Company, Whartons, Inc. to declare mineral processing and/or loading facilities tax unconstitutional as passed by this Council effective January 1, 1976 that Council employ the services of Mr. George M. Warren of Bristol, Virginia to represent the City of Norton in this matter, and that the City Manager contact him and so engage his services.

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

Ike Fulks
MAYOR

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CLERK