

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on May 3, 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

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Jim Peters appeared before Council regarding ditch lines on East Park Avenue needing cleaning. He also inquired as to why city police patrolled as far up on mountain as girl scout camp. Matters referred to City Manager.

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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 Resolution Approving Community Development Block Grant Program and Authorizing Filing of an Application for discretionary funds be adopted as read. (Page 228)

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The City Manager gave a report on Community Development Fund.

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The City Manager reported on the reallocation of Year I C.D. Funds.

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 we accept revised budget by Norton Redevelopment and Housing Authority and that \$75,000 surplus that has developed as result of bid below original estimate be earmarked for water improvement and specifically the increase of finished water storage capacity.

Leonard Marcum, Commissioner of Revenue advised council of new real estate reassessment requirement.

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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 the City Manager be authorized and directed to request from Mr. Forberg of State Department of Taxation that an assessor and appraiser be assigned to serve the City of Norton in reappraisal and reassessment of real estate not later than May 1st., 1977 and in accordance with law as set forth in Section 58-776 of the Code of Virginia.

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 the City Manager make application to the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance wherein the City of Norton comes in compliance with allowable state law and to be consistant with Wise County to increase City severence tax from  $\frac{1}{2}\%$  to 1%.

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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 Mr. Bill Clements be appointed as member of Mountain Empire Community College Board for

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a four year term, subject to his acceptance and approval of the Community College Board, said term to expire on June 30, 1980.

On motion by George Hunnicutt, seconded by W. F. McElroy and carried by unanimous roll call vote, council moved that accept low bid on police car in the amount of \$4,224.85, said bid submitted by Legg Motor Company. 7368

The City Manager advised council of Bicentennial Caravan which is to be in Norton on May 7th. 7369

The City Manager advised that dates for clean-up campaign are May 10th-28th. 7370

The City Manager advised council of the Bicentennial activities that are scheduled for the City. 7371

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 the following resolution regarding the Industrial Development Authority be passed as read: Page 228 7372

On motion by W. F. McElroy, 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 the request of the City of Norton School Board for an advance of \$40,000 to pay on indebtedness be granted. 7373

The City Manager reported on actuarial study of retirement for city employees. 7374

The City Manager requested that council go into executive session to discuss personnel matters. 7375

On motion by Jim Humphreys, 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 to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters.

Gregg Edwards asked if the Coalfield Progress could reserve two tennis courts on June 26th & 27th for Tennis Match. Council was in agreement with these dates. 7376

Council reconvened at 9:30 P.M.

Council reported on the discussion they had with City Manager and Chief of Police regarding staffing arrangements that are currently being used in the police department. 7377

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 the City Manager be authorized and directed to write the State Compensation Board and request 3% salary increase and 5% retirement for an effective increase of 10% and that the State be requested to participate with the City in the payment of each constitutional officer's salary as they presently are. 7378

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

*[Signature]* Clerk

*[Signature]* Mayor