

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on February 4, 1975 at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor Fulks presiding.

Present: Ike Fulks, W.F. McElroy, Jim Humphreys, Roy Roberts

Absent: George Hunnicutt

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

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. John Farah appeared before Council and expressed a complaint against new property tax assessment. He stated he thought it was too high. He asked if the City was going to do anything about the assessment. Mayor Fulks advised that the City would be looking into this matter.

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Mayor Fulks announced it was now time for the public hearing on Water, Sewer, and Garbage Rates. Councilman Humphreys stated the question "Should Utilities Pay for themselves or should we pay from other Tax Revenue?"

Mr. Siniscope stated he was unable to speak intelligently on the subject at the present time since information had just been presented to public. Mr. R.D. Smith inquired as to length of time service charge had been on bill. Mr. Ralph Blevins commented on Norton being a City and stated he thought we should be able to pay for utilities out of revenue received from other things instead of spending so much on projects.

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Council agreed to have another public hearing on proposed rate changes in Water, Sewer, and Garbage Rates, said hearing to be February 18th, at next regular Council meeting.

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On motion by Jim Humphreys, seconded by Roy Roberts and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved that A.N. Boggs and Ronnie McCall be appointed as members of Norton Redevelopment & Housing Authority for four year term, said term to expire January 28, 1979.

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Lawrence & Bobby Craiger appeared before Council regarding their request for Pool Room License on Park Avenue at former location of White Front Cafe. Mr. Franks read report as prepared by Chief Jones and himself regarding pool rooms in the City and advised that they did not see a need for an additional pool room. No action taken.

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On motion by W.F. McElroy, seconded by Jim Humphreys and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved that Resolution requesting 10% Advance of Community Development Funds be passed. (Page 154)

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On motion by W.F. McElroy, seconded by Roy Roberts and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved that Resolution Authorizing Counter-signers for Treasury Forms be passed as read. (Page 154)

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Mr. Franks advised Council that he would need one work session with Council and two public hearings on the Community Development Funds.

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Work Session, February 10th, at 10:00 A.M.

Public Hearing, Friday, February 21, at 7:30 P.M.

Public Hearing, Tuesday, March 4, at 7:30 P.M.

Mr. W.E. Ferguson, Coordinator-Director of Chapter 10 Mental Health Retardation presented Chapter 10 Budget for 1975-1976.

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On motion by Jim Humphreys, seconded by Roy Roberts, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved that Chapter 10 Budget request for 1975-1976 be passed, said amount of participation for City of Norton being \$2,410.00.

Mr. Franks presented request of Planning District 1, Chapter 10 Mental Retardation Services Board, for City of Norton to act as Fiscal Agent for this Board. Council discussed this matter briefly and asked that Mr. Ferguson see if he could find someone else for Fiscal Agent.

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Mr. Franks discussed briefly Severance Tax & Coal Tipple Tax with Council. He requested that he and City Attorney be given additional time to get all information needed for presentation at a later date to Council. Council was in agreement with this request.

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Mayor Fulks inquired as to what was being done regarding holes in the Ramsey Section of the City. The City Manager advised they would try to get them fixed at an early date.

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The City Manager requested that Council make a line item change in Revenue Sharing section of budget. He asked that item 20340.44 in amount of \$15,000.00 be changed to item 20110.44 so that it could be used for purchase of backhoe in place of Garbage Truck.

7058

On motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by W.F. McElroy and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved that item 20340.44 in Revenue Sharing Budget be changed to 20110.44, this amount to be \$15,000.00

Ike Fulks - Yes                      Jim Humphreys - Yes  
W.F. McElroy - Yes                Roy Roberts - Yes

On motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Jim Humphreys and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved that they convene in executive session to discuss method of purchase of backhoe.

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Council reconvened from Executive session and advised they had decided to receive informal proposals for purchase of a backhoe.

Councilman McElroy questioned appointment to Welfare Board made on December 19th, stating he felt that it was not a true vote in that only two members voted for this appointment. The City Attorney advised that all Resolutions or Ordinances passed by Council must have a majority of Council votes which is three in number and this being a Resolution was done incorrectly.

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The Mayor announced that they would again vote on appointment to Welfare Board.

On motion by W.F. McElroy, Mr. T.D. Lassiter was nominated.

On motion by Jim Humphreys, Mrs. Kathleen Boggs was nominated.

The Mayor then called for vote - T.D. Lassiter - McElroy -Yes, Humphreys, Fulks, Roberts -No.

Kathleen Boggs - McElroy -No, Fulks, Roberts, Humphreys -Yes.

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

*The Fulks*  
MAYOR

*J. Fulks*  
Clerk