

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

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

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

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mayor Fulks announced it was now time for second public hearing on Community Block Grant Hold Harmless Funds. Mr. Jim LaRose of Harland Bartholomew & Associates advised those present that this was the second of two public hearings to provide the public an opportunity to suggest projects and/or areas for utilization of the first year Hold Harmless entitlement Funds of \$503,000.00.

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Mr. LaRose presented a map of the N.D.P. (Urban Renewal Area) and stated that this project was in part responsible for the Hold Harmless Funds being made available to the City.

A group of residents of the Urban Renewal Area was present with Frank Gravely as spokesman. They requested top priority of funds for continuation of the Urban Renewal Activities. Council discussed this matter briefly with the Citizens present.

There being no further comments from those present relative to proposed use of Community Development Funds, the Mayor called for a motion on the use of the Community Development Hold Harmless Entitlement Funds.

On motion by Jim Humphreys, seconded by W.F. McElroy, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that the Hold Harmless Funds, approximately \$503,000.00 for a twelve month period be allocated for the purpose of continuing the Urban Renewal Project and authorized the City Manager and Harland Bartholomew & Associates to develop a budget and an application for same for Council's consideration at the next regular meeting.

Ike Fulks - Yes

Roy Roberts - Yes

W.F. McElroy - Yes

George Hunnicutt - Yes

Jim Humphreys - Yes

Charlie Daniels appeared before Council on behalf of Black Raider Booster Club requesting Council to make a contribution toward expense of basketball team going to State Tournament.

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On motion by George Hunnicutt, seconded by W.F. McElroy, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved that City donate \$250.00 to Black Raider Booster Club to help defray expenses to Basketball Tournament.

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Lynn Livingston of Maple Avenue appeared before Council requesting that something be done to improve condition of Maple Avenue. Matter referred to City Manager.

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The Mayor announced that we would now have second reading on Ordinance "Mineral Processing and/or Loading Facilities Tax".

After the Ordinance was read the meeting was opened for discussion by the Public.

Mr. R.T. Winston, representing Norton Coal Company, Mr. Kenneth Asbury, representing V.I.C.C. and Joe Roberts of Hawthorne Dock Company spoke on the matter voicing their objections to rate of 15¢ per ton. Leslie Mullins also spoke on behalf of Coal Tipple Operators. Council discussed this proposed Ordinance with representatives of different tipple operators.

On motion by Jim Humphreys, seconded by George Hunnicutt and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved that the Ordinance be amended to read 10¢ per ton instead of 15¢ per ton. (Page 160)

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

Roy Roberts - Yes
 George Hunnicutt - Yes

The attorneys representing Coal Companies voiced an objection to this Ordinance as revised to 10¢ per ton. Mr. Jim Hubbard of Norton Coal Company also spoke on this matter and objected to the Ordinance as amended.

On motion by Jim Humphreys, seconded by W.F. McElroy, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved that Ordinance "Mineral Processing and/or Loading Facilities Tax" be passed as amended and read on first reading and scheduled a second reading of the Ordinance to be at the next regular Council meeting.

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

Roy Roberts - Yes
 George Hunnicutt - Yes

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On motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Jim Humphreys and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved that Ordinance "Severance License Tax" be passed on second reading as read. (page 160)

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

Roy Roberts - Yes
 George Hunnicutt - Yes

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On motion by W.F. McElroy, seconded by Jim Humphreys and carried by unanimous vote Council moved that Mrs. Joe Malesky be appointed to serve as member of Wise County Bi-Centennial Committee, thus representing the City of Norton.

The City Manager discussed with Council a Resolution requesting COR Recreation Access Funds. Council instructed the City Manager to get further clarification on this matter and bring back to Council.

Leslie Mullins and Joe Tom Howard appeared before Council on behalf of Methodist Church requesting the City to participate in the purchase of the Presbyterian property at the intersection of 8th Street and Virginia Avenue for the purpose of providing additional off street parking for joint usage by the Methodist Church and the City. The City Manager was instructed to check into this matter.

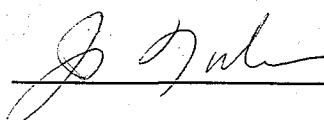
On motion by George Hunnicutt, seconded by Roy Roberts and carried by unanimous vote Council moved that dog law enforcement agreement be passed. (page 160)

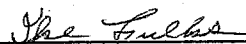
The City Manager discussed with Council the County's request that the City of Norton furnish water to Sunstrand Corporation.

On motion by Jim Humphreys, seconded by George Hunnicutt and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved to sell water as available to the Wise County Public Service Authority explicitly for the purpose of supplying water to Sunstrand Corporation Plant located at Wise, Virginia.

On motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Jim Humphreys and carried by majority vote, Council moved that the Proclamation setting forth the week ending Midnight, March 9, 1975 as Norton Black Raider Week be passed. Councilman Hunnicutt abstained.

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


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