

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on January 2, 1985 at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor Hunnicutt presiding.

Present: Roy Roberts, Ray Salyers, George Hunnicutt, Milas Franks, Cliff Daniels

Also Present: C.R. Brown, City Manager & Kenneth Asbury, Attorney

Invocation was given by Father Joseph D'Aurora.

On motion by Milas Franks, seconded by Cliff Daniels and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that minutes of December 18, 1984 and continuation of December 20, 1984 minutes be approved as presented. 13079

Mayor Hunnicutt ask that the retiring Sheriff Wampler come forward to receive a Certificate of Appreciation for the fine services he had rendered to City of Norton. After the presentation Sheriff Wampler expressed his appreciation for the same. 13080

Public Hearing on request by the Copper Kettle Restaurant, Inc. for a Dance Hall permit.

Jack Kennedy, representing Copper Kettle Restaurant, Inc., briefly addressed this subject. 13081

On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Roy Roberts and carried by unanimous roll call vote, permission was granted for issuance of a dance hall license to Copper Kettle Restaurant, Inc.

A resolution of Appreciation to City Attorney Kenneth P. Asbury for his efforts in the recent Old Dominion Power Company request for a Rate increase. 13082

On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Milas Franks and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that resolution of Appreciation to City Attorney Kenneth P. Asbury for his efforts in the recent Old Dominion Power Company request for a Rate Increase be passed.

Ratification of a Professional Services Contract with Thompson and Litton pending Approval by Farmers Home Administration, for Water System Improvements in the City of Norton.

On motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Milas Franks and carried by the following roll call votes, Council moved that approve agreement subject to F.H.A. Approval and pending correction on Page 3 and authorize and direct the Mayor to sign the agreement: Roberts, Yes; Salyers, Yes; Hunnicutt - "I am going to finally vote yes but I am going to do some stipulating and admonishing. I feel like this is a contravention of the original bond issue. In the detail of that Bond Issue it represents reversal of priority, Priority being, I feel like we should have gotten additional water before we repaired the lines for the simple reason, repairing the lines is divisible in part but securing additional water is not divisible, either you do it or you don't do it. I think it is insufficient in scope to substantially correct our water loss situation. In effect, I am telling you - we are going to spend one & one-half million dollars and we are still not going to have water. With this admonition written in the minutes, I vote yes because it beats doing nothing."; Mr. Franks, Yes; Mr. Daniels, Yes. 13083

Request by the Norton Industrial Development Authority for Matching Financial Assistance, not to exceed \$12,500 to employ a consultant for the development of the Federal Square Project. 13084

Mr. Wally Witt, Chairman, of N.I.D.A. spoke on this subject followed by Mr. Bill Clements and Mr. Harold Armsey, also speaking on the subject. Council discussed this matter at length.

Mayor Hunnicutt brought before the council the next item on the agenda in connection with the subject under discussion, this item being Report of the Governor's Commission on Virginia's Future and Scheduling of a Work Session to Begin looking at Norton through the year 2000. Council discussed with N.I.D.A. members present the possibility of a work session with Council, N.I.D.A. and Planning Commission to begin looking through the year 2000. It was agreed that the City Manager would try to arrange a work session with these three groups to meet possibly in January. It was felt that with this meeting the request of N.I.D.A. could be considered from a different light. The City Manager was directed to arrange this meeting. 13085

On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Milas Franks, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that go into executive session to discuss personnel, as Per 2.1-344 (A) (1) of the Code of Virginia as amended. 13086

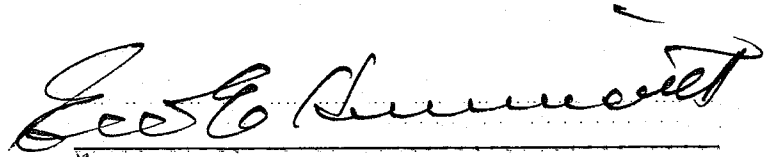
On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Milas Franks and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved they go back into regular session. 13087
The Mayor announced no action taken on personnel appointment. Postponed until next council meeting.

No report from City Manager

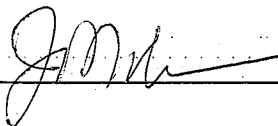
Mr. Salyers expressed his appreciation for Norton Police Department. 13088

Mr. Franks also expressed his appreciation for help the police department was doing to help keep away the would be burglars. 13089

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



Mayor



Clerk