

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on June 5, 1979, at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Hunnicutt presiding.

Present: George Hunnicutt, W. F. McElroy, Robert Collier, Cliff Daniels, Frank Fischer

Also Present: G. M. Newman, City Manager, and Kenneth Asbury, City Attorney

Minutes of meetings of May 15th and May 22nd were read and approved.

Mr. Bill Bowman, Director of Headstart Program was present and inquired about the decision being made on rental of old school building. Council advised Mr. Bowman that City would not be able to make any decision on this matter until after July 1st. Council agreed to have this put on the agenda and give them a decision on the matter in July.

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Mr. A. N. Boggs was present and inquired as to response of owners of shopping center with regard to garbage. Mr. Newman advised he was watching it on 13th Street and if it gets out of hand, he would again start enforcement of the ordinance.

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Mr. Paul Carter of Community Action Program was present and advised Council he had been requested by the regional office to ask that someone from Council or someone appointed by Council, along with representative from each of the other participating entities attend a meeting in Philadelphia during week of June 25th for an indepth discussion in relation to proposed feasibility study of Community Action with people from Richmond Office. All expenses of this trip will be paid by the Regional Office. Council discussed this matter briefly and nominated Mr. Newman to coordinate this and find out who will go up there and represent the City of Norton and poll Council for consensus of the nominee.

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Mayor Hunnicutt announced it was now time for hearing on the proposed Revenue Sharing Budget. Mr. Newman read the budget in its entirety.

On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Frank Fischer, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved that City of Norton Revenue Sharing Budget in amount of \$105,937 be adopted as read.

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On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Robert Collier, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved that the 1979-80 City of Norton General Operating Budget in the amount of \$1,958,804 and the 1979-80 Water and Sewer Operating Fund Budget in the amount of \$379,625 be adopted as read with the following increases in Revenue: 1. Real Property Tax - \$.20 per \$100 of Assessment totalling \$.85 per \$100 assessment; 2. Residential Refuse Collection - an increase of \$1.00 per month individually, totalling \$3.00 per month; 3. An increase of 40% above our current water rates; 4. A deposit by water customers be increased from \$16. to \$25; 5. Water installation fee - An increase to \$240 for 5/8" taps from \$200. Sewer installation fee - increase to \$175 per tap from \$150; Monthly parking permits from \$5.00 to \$10.00.

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Mr. Roy Kiser, Wise Co. Extension Agent, appeared before Council and presented the following "Proposal and Guidelines for the Wise County-City of Norton Farmers' Market" (Insert). Council discussed this matter briefly with Mr. Kiser.

On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by W. F. McElroy, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that grant permission to Wise County Extension Service to operate Wise County-City of Norton Farmers' Market adjacent to Chamber of Commerce under proposal and guidelines as presented by Mr. Kiser. (Insert)

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On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Frank Fischer, and carried by the following votes, Council moved adoption of "Ordinance adopting a Contingency Plan for the Use of Water During Period when the City of Norton is Experiencing a Water Shortage"; Daniels, Fischer, Collier, YES; Hunnicutt, McElroy, NO. Mr. McElroy voiced his objection to ordinance in the charge to be made of three times the normal rate of all water consumption. Mr. Hunnicutt agreed with Mr. McElroy in this objection -- also again stated he did not think this an emergency at 60 million gallons and that he thought to shunt this responsibility of administration of this emergency on the City Manager was illegal and unfair.

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The City Manager requested that Off-Site Drainage Ordinance be tabled until later date, and that the Planning Commission be requested to update subdivision regulations.

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On motion by W. F. McElroy, seconded by Frank Fischer, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved that the following resolution requesting highway traffic study be passed: (Insert)

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On motion by Robert Collier, seconded by Frank Fischer, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that Treasurer and City Manager be authorized to receive and disperse moneys for Elementary School Improvements.

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Mayor Hunnicutt asked for status of water tank project. Mr. Newman brought Council up-to-date on this matter.

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Councilman Fischer inquired as to whether or not wires had been put underground up at upper dam which wires lead to two pumps. Mr. Newman advised it was already underground.

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On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Frank Fischer, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved they go into executive session for possible land acquisition and legal procedure.

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On motion by Frank Fischer, seconded by Robert Collier, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that they go back into regular session.

Mayor Hunnicutt declared Council back in regular session.

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Mayor Hunnicutt stated he would like to report it appears that we have very nearly come upon an agreement with the County of Wise to provide them with a place for their shop and transfer station on the land the City of Norton owns west of Norton and East of Legg Motor Company and that the City Manager be authorized and directed to work out details and bring back to Council. He also stated the basic agreement has been worked out.

The City Manager advised that the majority of the material for the repair of elementary school had been received and that work was to begin June 18th.

The City Manager advised he had received letter from U. S. Forest Service regarding resolution sent by City Council.

Mr. Newman advised he had received letter from Mr. Williams of the Highway Department regarding tearing down of old houses purchased by them. He advised that they would be torn down in four to eight weeks.

Mr. Newman advised he had received notice that the Litter Control allocation would be \$2000 instead of \$1500.

Vice Mayor McElroy asked if the City was going to follow up on shoulders when paving is finished. The City Manager advised this was in the plans.

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

Bob Hunnicutt
Mayor

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Clerk

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