

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on January 4, 1977 at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor Fulks presiding.

Present: Ike Fulks, W.F. McElroy, Vernon Flanary, Bill Necessary

Absent: George Hunnicutt

Also Present: Jim Vicars, City Manager & Kenneth Asbury, City Attorney

Minutes of regular meeting and two special meetings were read and approved.

John W. Vaughn appeared before council and requested renewal of Pool Room licenses for Palace Pool Room. Matter referred to City Manager for investigation and report back to council for action.

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Robert Blair, appeared before council requesting that Second Street to Roberts Avenue be reopened. He also spoke of the narrow street on which they had to travel and condition of street in snowy time. Matter referred to City Manager to see what can be done.

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Robert Bolling appeared before council and requested renewal of Pool Room license for Sportsman. Matter referred to City Manager for investigation and report back to council for action.

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Mr. Logan Davidson of 115-7th Street, N.E. appeared before council requesting street light for that section. He also complained of dogs up in that section. Matter of light referred to City Manager.

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Mayor Fulks announced it was now time for public hearing on Josephine-Lower Dorchester Water Systems Improvements.

The City Manager presented proposal for the improvements which were to cost \$85,826.75 with the customer paying \$6.25/month for a period of five years.

Vilas Williams spoke on matter with his opinion being against such a high rate of Pay. Thought county should help.

Carroll Adams thought county should help out. Will it help people in lower part of Dorchester?

Spenser Breeding read from a record where an agreement was made in last annexation that the city was to furnish water and sewer to Josephine area.

Elmer Bates spoke in behalf of part of the citizens of Josephine. He was of opinion that city and county should help.

Dean Kirk spoke on promise of water and sewer from annexation proceedings.

Grant Lawson spoke against putting \$6.75 on his water bill. He was of opinion that city and county should help.

George Senicrope was interested in getting improvement. Larry Culbertson was against.

Curtis Fields spoke on matter stating he had plenty of pressure but thought some of people were confused thinking they were being forced into getting this improvement. He was not against it although he didn't really need additional pressure.

Bruce Fields asked who decided on 6" line and if it was really necessary. Why not a 4"?

Villas Williams asked what the Norton City Council has in plans for annexing Josephine?

Willie Keith was for improvement.

Council suggested that this group of citizens get a committee and go before the Board of Supervisors and Wise County Public Service Commission to try for some aid in helping with the expense of the property. The city Manager advised he would be glad to go along with them and help in any way he could.

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The City Manager presented resignation of Dr. Lewis Ingram as member of Mental Health Board.

The Mayor presented a list of five names as suggested by Mr. Paul Elkins, Executive Director of the Board.

On motion by Vernon Flanary, seconded by Bill Necessary and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Fulks, McElroy, Flanary, Necessary, Yes) council moved that Dorothy Isaac be appointed as member of Mental Health and Retardation Board.

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The City Manager presented request for street light at corner of Chestnut Street Extension. Request made by Buddy McCoy. Council instructed the City Manager to check into feasibility of putting lights along new extension, also one on 7th Street, N.E., said check to be made with Old Dominion Power Co.

Mayor Fulks discussed with council red light going from Wise to Ramsey on left turn. It was council's opinion that all street lights needed to be checked out.

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On motion by W.F. McElroy, seconded by Vernon Flanary and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Fulks, McElroy, Flanary, Necessary, Yes) council moved that "Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia, appointing road viewers pursuant to Section 15,1-364 of the Code of Virginia

be passed appointing the following viewers: James Collins, Steve Collins, and Jack Redman to serve as Board of Reviewers Pursuant to Sec. 15,1-364 of the Code of Virginia.

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Mayor Fulks advised council that there was sewage in two or three places above swimming hole in Ramsey going into creek. He asked that this matter be taken up with Health Department.

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On motion by Vernon Flanary, seconded by W.F. McElroy and carried by unanimous roll-call vote (Fulks, McElroy, Flanary, Necessary, Yes) council moved that "An Ordinance Recognizing the Police Department, Fire Department, and the Rescue Squad as an integral part of the official safety programs of this Municipality" be passed.

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Bob Isaac was present at council meeting and discussed with them the need for more parking facilities. Council instructed the City Manager to have parking meter enforcement and to see what he can come up with in regard to more parking.

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

*She Fulks*

MAYOR

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CLERK FOR COUNCIL