

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on November 1, 1977 at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor Fulks presiding.

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

Also Present: W.P. Kanto, Acting City Manager & Kenneth Asbury, Attorney

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Glen Diets of the Hoot Owl Section of Norton appeared before council in regard to placing trailer on his property in Hoot Owl Hollow. He stated he had been advised by Earle Brown, Building Inspector that it was in Class A, zone and would not be permissible. Council advised that this matter was to be taken before City Planning Commission for rezoning. Mr. Diets was advised to come in to city office and the Acting City Manager would instruct him in applying for re-zoning.

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Mr. Morgan Russell, of P.G.R. Enterprises appeared before council and presented Mr. Otto Olan of Century Communications Corporation. Council discussed transfer of franchise with Mr. Olan.

On motion by George Hunnicutt, seconded by Bill Necessary and carried unanimous roll call vote (Fulks, McElroy, Hunnicutt, Flanary, Necessary, Yes) council moved that the Acting City Manager be authorized and directed to write letter to P.G.R. Corporation and Century Communications Corporation requesting the following: 1. Furnish us evidence of his financial stability and integrity to be directed to Mr. McElroy. 2. That give us a written statement declaring his intentions as to service to be rendered to the people of the City of Norton. 3. A copy of sales contract, this in view of the fact that the ordinance granting the franchise entitles the owner of the franchise to a fair return on investment capital.

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Mr. Dan Price, Executive Vice-President of Chamber of Commerce appeared before council requesting in behalf of the merchants, that November 25 and 26 be free parking days on Park Avenue.

On motion by Bill Necessary, seconded by Vernon Flanary and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Fulks, McElroy, Hunnicutt, Flanary, Necessary, Yes) council moved that Free Parking be allowed on Park Avenue on November 25th and 26th.

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On motion by W.F. McElroy, seconded by Vernon Flanary and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Fulks, McElroy, Hunnicutt, Flanary, Necessary, Yes) council moved adoption of ordinance changing Section 12-54 of the City Code increasing the payment of parking meter fines from twenty-five cents to one dollar and \$3.00 fine to \$5.00. (Insert)

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On motion by W.F. McElroy, seconded by Bill Necessary and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Fulks, McElroy, Hunnicutt, Flanary, Necessary, Yes) council moved that ordinance providing for issuance of parking spaces in the City of Norton that the fee be increased from \$3.00 per month to \$5.00 per month. (Insert)

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Gary Riner gave progress report on repairing flood damage and financial aspect of project.

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Mayor Fulks brought to council's attention request of Howard Johnson for sewer connection to his property.

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Amendments to the recently adopted "Blasting" ordinance will be presented to council at November 15th meeting.

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Don Earles failed to appear and present easement for council's consideration.

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Mr. Kanto advised council that he and Diversified Educational Cooperative Director are in the process of complying with council's wishes in regard to establishing the areas of the old school property for which the Diversified Educational Cooperative is responsible.

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Mr. Kanto gave report on bids for million gallon storage tank.

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Mr. Kanto reported on school funds.

On motion by George Hunnicutt, seconded by Bill Necessary and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Fulks, McElroy, Hunnicutt, Flanary, Necessary, Yes) council moved that it be spread forth upon the minutes that General Operating Fund surplus in the total amount of \$53,502.01 was appropriated to the City of Norton School Board and delivered thereto in the final amount of \$28,502.01 on October 31st and that \$25,000.00 that was in the minutes of June, 1977 as a loan is hereby exonerated.

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Mr. Kanto gave a report on East Park Avenue Sewer line. The Acting City Manager was directed to pursue the matter further.

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Mr. Kanto presented recommendation of the Planning Commission on the new St. Mary's Hospital road. Matter referred to City Manager to take up further with the property owners concerned.

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The City Manager advised that a copy of the city audit had been delivered to each councilman.

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Mr. Kanto advised that police car specifications have been prepared and four local dealers have been asked to bid on a new police car, bids to be opened at 2:00 P.M., November 15th.

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The City Manager advised that they are working on specifications for new garbage truck and that they plan to ask for bids for Tuesday, December 6th at 2:00 P.M.

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The City Attorney reported that the only report he had was on T.V. Cable Franchise.

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Mr. Kanto advised that Mr. Joseph Baker has been employed as City Manager as of November 16th at a salary of \$19,000.00.

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On motion by George Hunnicutt, seconded by W.F. McElroy and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Fulks, McElroy, Hunnicutt, Flanary, Necessary) council commended Mr. W.P. Kanto, Acting City Manager for the fine services he is and has been rendering and asked that he present an invoice for all extra expenses he had had due to his services for the city and also that he continue his services until the new city manager gets oriented. They also moved that the City Attorney send invoice for services above those required on retainer fee.

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

W.P. Kanto
MAYOR

J. J. Baker
CLERK