

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on June 17, 1975 at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor Fulks presiding.

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

Absent: Jim Humphreys

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

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mayor Fulks announced that it was now time for Public Hearing on two rezoning requests as advertised.

The first hearing was a request to rezone at 14th Street, SE to Guest River from General Business to Heavy Industrial.

Councilman Hunnicutt stepped down from his seat on the City Council since he has an interest in the property.

Several citizens from this area were present and discussed this matter with Council, voicing their objections to having it rezoned. The clerk read the letter from Norton Planning Commission recommending denial of this request.

Mr. Hunnicutt withdrew his request stating he would again submit a request at a later date to begin at 15th Street.

Mayor Fulks announced that next hearing would be request to rezone 13th Street, NW from A Residence to General Business.

Several citizens were present and voiced their objections.

The City Attorney advised Council to not proceed with this hearing until they get a recommendation from the City Planning Commission.

Miss Leola Yeary asked Council several questions so that her government class could hear the answers. Some of the questions asked was, "How long has it been since Norton has been rezoned? If you rezone, how many requests since that time? Do you consider this good zoning?" Council discussed these questions with Miss Yeary.

Mr. R.D. Smith was present and first stated he would like to compliment Mr. Hunnicutt for withdrawing his rezoning request. He also asked when the Utility Companies were to be reassessed. Also, he would like to see more input from the citizens of Norton in Council proceedings. He further suggested that Council appoint a citizen's advisory committee to work with them.

Mrs. Francis Cress asked what protection the residents get from pollution down from 13th and 14th Street. Council discussed the above matters at length with the citizens present.

Mrs. Lucille Craft of Roundtown section was present and asked that something be done to road they were having to use since the bridge to Roundtown was closed to traffic. Matter referred to City Manager.

Emogene Emershaw was present representing Band Boosters and requested they be given permission to hold street dance on first and third Saturdays of each month. Council discussed this matter briefly after which Mrs. Emershaw was advised they could hold the street dances twice a month unless they have trouble.

Mrs. Ross of 615 Roberts Avenue requested that something be done to the old house at Roberts Avenue which has been partially burned for almost a year. She stated it needed to be torn down, that she was getting rats from this property.

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A visitor at Council advised Council of old building on Kline Avenue, formerly a beer place, being dangerous to children playing in and on the building. Council advised that this was part of the property being considered for purchase by HighRise.

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Mr. Workman, representing his son Joe Eddie Workman, appeared before Council regarding request to vacate 6th Street, SW. Mr. Workman withdrew the request pending Highway Department Right-of-Way.

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Mrs. Kinard Isom was present at Council regarding her request for deed to piece of property belonging to City in front of her property in East Park Avenue. Council discussed this at length with Mrs. Isom.

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On motion by W.F. McElroy, seconded by George Hunnicutt and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved that Miss Edna Fuller be recommended to judge for appointment as member of City of Norton Board of Zoning Appeals.

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Council discussed with the City Manager purchase of computer. Council was in agreement for need of machine, but would like to see how the City's finances are at the end of June, 1975.

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On motion by George Hunnicutt, seconded by W.F. McElroy, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved that W.P. Kanto be reappointed to a five (5) year term on Duffield Development Authority, said term to expire June 30, 1980.

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On motion by George Hunnicutt, seconded by W.F. McElroy, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved that Water Purchase Contract with W.P.S.A. be executed by the Mayor and Secretary of the Council, pursuant to previous Resolution of Council of March 25 and amended April 1, 1975.

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Ike Fulks-Yes Roy Roberts-Yes
W.F. McElroy-Yes George Hunnicutt-Yes

On motion by W.F. McElroy, seconded by George Hunnicutt, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved that the City of Norton have a dog quarantine the week of July 21 - 26th.

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Mr. Franks advised Council of operation of City's Sewer Plant due to death of Pete Dorton, former operator.

Council instructed the City Manager to write a letter of appreciation to Mrs. Dorton commending her husband for the faithful service he had rendered to the City.

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Mr. Franks gave a brief report of Capital Outlay costs.

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Mr. Franks presented Resolution authorizing "Application for C.D. Urgent Needs Fund".

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On motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by W.F. McElroy, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved that Resolution authorizing "Application for C.D. Urgent Needs Fund" be adopted as read. (Insert - Page 181)

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Mr. Franks advised Council of train excursion from Big Stone Gap to Norton on July 3, 1975. He advised that Council had been invited to ride on this excursion.

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Mr. Franks advised Council that Grant Agreement for \$503,000.00 for Community Development Entitlement Funds has not been executed by the City.

On motion by W.F. McElroy, seconded by George Hunnicutt and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved that the City Manager execute Grant Agreement.

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Vice-Mayor McElroy advised public that plans were to open the Norton Municipal Swimming Pool Saturday, June 21, 1975.

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

The Lucker
MAYOR

CLERK