

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on September 2, 1975 at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Fulks presiding.

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

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

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Leslie Mullins representing the Norton Methodist Church appeared before Council and advised that the proposal to participate with the City in the purchase of the Presbyterian Church property at the corner of 8th St. & Virginia Avenue had been turned down by their church.

On motion by W. F. McElroy, seconded by Roy Roberts and carried by roll call vote: Ike Fulks, yes; W. F. McElroy, yes; Jim Humphreys, yes; Roy Roberts, yes; George Hunnicutt, yes; Milas Franks, yes; Montie Meeks, yes, Council moved that the matter of purchase of the Presbyterian Church property be tabled until a later date. 7193

Mrs. Geogia Osborne appeared before Council and presented a petition from the residents of McChesney Street requesting that something be done to correct the road conditions. She advised Council that the road was almost impassable and requested additional street lighting. Matter referred to City Manager to determine what could be done regarding this request. 7194

Rev. E. B. Bolling of Guest River appeared before Council concerning request for water for residents of his community. Council discussed this matter with Mr. Bolling after which Council directed the City Manager to make a study of the requested water extension and bring back a cost estimate to the Council. 7195

Mr. V. J. Strength of Craig Street appeared before Council requesting that something be done to eliminate dust and water problem on Chestnut Street back of his property. Council discussed this matter with Mr. Strength and instructed the City Manager to meet with Highland Service Corp. in an effort to resolve this problem. 7196

City Manager presented to the Council a revised contractual agreement authorizing expenditure of the City of Norton Community Development Entitlement Fund.

On Motion by Jim Humphreys, seconded by W. F. McElroy and carried by unanimous roll call vote: Ike Fulks, yes; W. F. McElroy, yes; Jim Humphreys, yes; Roy Roberts, yes; George Hunnicutt, yes; Milas Franks, yes; Montie Meeks, yes. Council moved to accept the contract agreement with the Local Housing Authority by substituting the revised budget identified as Exhibit A and further specifying that the note at the bottom of Exhibit A be deleted and further authorized the City Manager to sign the said contractual agreement. 7197

Mr. Wright Dawson, Executive Director for the Local Housing Authority, appeared before the City Council and requested their consideration of closing a 12' alley adjoining the property in the vicinity of Kline Avenue that is being considered by the Local Housing Authority for the construction of a 90-unit elderly highrise.

On motion by George Hunnicutt, seconded by Jim Humphreys and carried by a unanimous roll call vote: Ike Fulks, yes; W. F. McElroy, yes; Jim Humphreys, yes; Roy Roberts, yes; George Hunnicutt, yes; Milas Franks, yes; Montie Meeks, yes. Council moved that the City Council go on record that they will make every effort to close the alley in question within the bounds of the law, at such time as it becomes necessary that it be closed. 7198

The City Manager presented a letter of resignation from George McElyea resigning as member of the Norton Redevelopment and Housing Authority Board effective July 15, 1975.

On motion by George Hunnicutt, seconded by W. F. McElroy and carried by a unanimous roll call vote: Ike Fulks, yes; Jim Humphreys, yes; W. F. McElroy, yes; Roy Roberts, yes; George Hunnicutt, yes; Milas Franks, yes; Montie Meeks, yes, Council moved that T. D. Lassiter be appointed to the City of Norton Redevelopment and Housing Authority Board to fill the unexpired term of George McElyea; said term to expire January 28, 1976.

7199

Councilman Jim Humphreys presented formal resignation as the City's representative to the Chapter 10 Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services Board.

On motion by Jim Humphreys, seconded by Roy Roberts and carried by a unanimous roll call vote: Ike Fulks, yes; Jim Humphreys, yes; W. F. McElroy, yes; Roy Roberts, yes; George Hunnicutt, yes; Milas Franks, yes; Montie Meeks, yes, the resignation of Jim Humphreys as member of the Chapter 10 Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services Board be accepted and that Dr. Lewis Ingram be appointed to fill the unexpired term of Jim Humphreys, said term to expire January 1, 1977.

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On motion by W. F. McElroy, seconded by Jim Humphreys and carried by a unanimous roll call vote: Ike Fulks, yes; Jim Humphreys, yes; W. F. McElroy, yes; Roy Roberts, yes; George Hunnicutt, yes; Milas Franks, yes; Montie Meeks, yes, the following Regional Education Service Agency State Funding Resolution was adopted. (Insert)

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On motion by Jim Humphreys, seconded by W. F. McElroy and carried by unanimous roll call vote: Ike Fulks, yes; Jim Humphreys, yes; W. F. McElroy, yes; Roy Roberts, yes; George Hunnicutt, yes; Milas Franks, yes; Montie Meeks, yes, Council moved that the City Manager be authorized to contract with Airport Marking Company of Alexandria, Virginia to perform the necessary highway marking for the City.

7202

The City Manager presented maintenance agreement with the Virginia Department of Highways regarding the construction of bridges on Route 58 in the Ramsey Section of the City.

On motion by George Hunnicutt, seconded by W. F. McElroy and carried by a unanimous roll call vote: Ike Fulks, yes; Jim Humphreys, yes; W. F. McElroy, yes; Roy Roberts, yes; George Hunnicutt, yes; Milas Franks, yes; Montie Meeks, yes, Council moved that the City Manager and City Clerk be empowered to enter into the stated agreement with the Virginia Department of Highways and Transportation covering the construction and maintenance of bridges on Route 58.

7203

The City Manager advised the Council that the City was approaching a serious water shortage. The Council discussed at length with the City Manager and other City employees present alternatives available for conserving the water supply and making arrangements for replenishing the water supply.

On motion by Jim Humphreys, seconded by W. F. McElroy and carried by unanimous roll call vote: Ike Fulks, yes; Jim Humphreys, yes; W. F. McElroy, yes; Roy Roberts, yes; George Hunnicutt, yes; Milas Franks, yes; Montie Meeks, yes, Council moved that the City Manager be authorized to renovate and pump water from the well located at the intersection of 12th Street, NW and Park Avenue, and to advise all City water customers that a mandatory water conservation program will be considered in the near future if the water situation doesn't improve.

7204

The City Manager reminded Council of the annual Virginia Municipal League Conference to be held at Hampton, Virginia, September 20th - 24th.

Mayor Fulks made the following inquiries:

1. Status of erection of speed signs in Dorchester area.
2. Erection of signs advising no alcoholic beverages allowed in playground areas.

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