

The regular meeting of the City of Norton City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room at 7:30 p.m. August 7, 1984.

Present: George Hunnicutt, Roy Roberts, Ray Salyers, Milas Franks, Cliff Daniels

Also Present: C. R. Brown, City Manager and Kenneth P. Asbury, City Attorney

The invocation was given by Rev. Claude Quillen.

On motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Ray Salyers, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that the minutes of the July 17, 1984 meeting be approved as presented.

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Mayor Hunnicutt recognized two former Councilmen, W. F. McElroy and Victor L. Jones, asked them to come forward, and presented them with a picture of them with their respective Council in recognition of their service to the City of Norton.

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The Mayor further advised that Items A & D on the agenda had been tabled until another meeting. Item A was the introduction of Mr. Al Armentrout, the new Superintendent of the City of Norton Schools. Mr. Armentrout was unable to be present at this meeting.

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Item D on the agenda was a Resolution of Appreciation to Mr. Kenneth P. Asbury. Due to the arrival of more information concerning this, this item was tabled until receipt of same.

Mrs. Helen Flanary, 117 - 5th Street, discussed with Council a house located beside hers that she has been trying to get torn down. The property owner, so she was advised, had ten days to tear it down, and nothing else had been done to it. She was also concerned with the briars in front of this dwelling and an old Church building located on her street. The City Manager advised her that he had talked with the Building Official on these items. He personally had written the letter to the property owner on the house and if the weeds were not cut, the City would do this and bill the owner. The matter of the old Church had been checked out and the property owner advised; however Mr. Brown said he would check into these items again.

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The City of Norton School Board requested to carry forward \$35,288.65 (unaudited) in interest generated from their funds during fiscal year 1983-1984. Mr. Ron McCall, member of the City of Norton School Board, was present to answer any questions for Council.

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After much discussion and upon a motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Milas Franks, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to table this request until they get a copy of the School Board Audit and get the amount of surplus.

Councilman Daniels asked the City Manager to look at the School Board's interest income and attempt to determine what portion was from local funds and what portion was from State and/or Federal funds.

The City Manager requested to spend one-half or \$8,167.56 of the Coal Severance Tax Money collected during fiscal year 1983-1984 with these funds to be spent on the paving of Kentucky Avenue.

The City Attorney explained the way Coal Severance Tax money is spent. A committee is comprised of a member of the Council, the coal mining industry, and the Resident Engineer of the Highway Department and one-half of the amount goes into the General Fund and one-half on coal haul road repairs.

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The Mayor advised that the City does not have a representative of the coal mining industry on this Committee and that they need to find someone to serve on this Committee.

After a discussion and upon motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Milas Franks, and carried by the following roll call vote: Roberts, Salyers, Franks, and Daniels - YES Hunnicutt: NO, Council moved to authorize the expenditure of \$8,167.56 subject to

the Coal Haul Road Committee's approval of Coal Severance Tax Money to be used on Kentucky Avenue and that this sum is to be included in the paving bid money. 11319

During this time, the City Manager advised that the paving bids had been opened today and that W & L Construction had the low bid of \$117,000.

Councilman Daniels asked that before the Council accepts any bid for the paving that a map be prepared of the streets that have been paved in the last 4 or 5 years.

Mr. Charles Daniels representing the Norton Lions Club read a letter presented to Council by Lions Club President Otis E. Mullins. The Lions Club is ready to deposit \$30,000 in an escrow account for the proposed 11th Street Park in addition to the \$6,500 they have already spent on engineering and architecture work. They, in turn, ask that the City put the same amount in an escrow account. \$40,000 will be secured by private donations, and a \$100,000 Block Grant will be sought from the State Department of Parks and Recreation, making a grand total of \$200,000 for the 11th Street Park.

After a brief discussion and upon a motion by Milas Franks, seconded by Roy Roberts, and carried by an unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to commit \$30,000 of the \$37,000 in unappropriated funds derived from the land sale with Paramount to the 11th Street Park subject to the availability of community donations and Block Grant Funds. 11320

Councilman Salyers asked the City to make arrangements for more playgrounds in various areas of the City such as West Main Avenue and East Park Avenue. The City Manager will discuss this with Anne Massey, the City Parks and Recreation Director. 11321

On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Roy Roberts, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved to go into Executive Session to discuss legal matters as Per 2.1-344 (A) (6) and Personnel as Per 2.1-344 (A) (1) of the Code of Virginia, As Amended. 11322

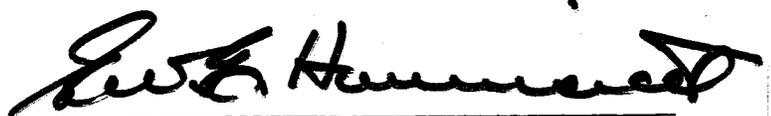
On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Milas Franks, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved to go back into regular session. 11323

The Mayor announced nominations were in order for an appointment to the City of Norton Planning Commission. Councilman Daniels nominated Arthur Pedie Poston and Councilman Roberts moved that the nominations be closed. This was seconded by Councilman Salyers and carried by an unanimous vote that Mr. Arthur Pedie Poston be appointed to the City of Norton Planning Commission for a four year term ending June 30, 1988, filling the position vacated by W. F. McElroy. 11324

The City Manager advised Council of the propane gas leak which was on August 6, 1984 and that it could have been a very bad situation. He felt that as a whole the City was 100% successful and that 99.9% of that was due to Fire Chief Earle Brown, who handled the entire situation and was in command. 11325

Mr. Brown also advised Council that one of the pictures of the previous Council and the same one presented to the former Council Members will be hung in the Lobby of the Municipal Building and that the picture taken tonight of the current Council will hang in the Council Chambers for their tenure. 11326

There being no more business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned.


Mayor


Clerk