

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on October 21, 1980 at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor Hunnicutt presiding.

Present: George Hunnicutt, W.F. McElroy, Robert Collier, Cliff Daniels, Vic Jones

Also Present: G.M. Newman, City Manager & Kenneth Asbury, Attorney

On motion by Robert Collier, seconded by W.F. McElroy and carried by unanimous vote, council moved that minutes be approved as presented.

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J.T. Caruso was present and advised council that parking situation on Block 5 has improved, however on certain days when do not have a meter man the same 5 or 6 people take advantage of situation and park on the street. He stated he would appreciate it if something could be done.

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Mayor Hunnicutt welcomed Miss Yeary's Government class to Council meeting.

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O'Neil Arnold, one of the students expressed his opinion and ask why smoking could not be done away with in the Council chambers during the meeting. He stated it was bad for people who do not smoke to have to breathe the smoke. He ask council if they did not respect the opinion of those who do not smoke. Councilman Collier was in agreement with Mr. O'Neil regarding smoking in council chambers.

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Council considered amendments to Emergency Water Ordinance. A lengthy discussion was held.

On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Vic Jones motion was made to adopt this emergency ordinance with the following changes: In paragraph "Declaration of Emergency" line 2 substitute City Council in place of City Manager; Paragraph 1 under contingency Plan Class 3; 3 E, Class 2; 4 E Class 2. First 2,000 gallon exempt.

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On motion by W.F. McElroy, seconded by Robert Collier and carried by the following votes, council moved to leave in second line of section of Declaration of Emergency City Council as calling Declaration of Emergency: Collier, McElroy, Hunnicutt, Jones YES - Daniels, No.

Mayor Hunnicutt called for vote on ordinance as amended - all voted aye. Paragraph 1, Class 3; 3E, Class 2, 4E, Class 2.

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Councilman Daniels ask that get full copy of new ordinance to replace all old ordinance.

On motion by Robert Collier, seconded by Vic Jones and carried by unanimous vote, council moved that adopt ordinance repealing existing ordinance and adopting a contingency plan for the use of water during periods when the City of Norton is experiencing a water shortage, as revised by substitution of the plan.

On motion by W.F. McElroy, seconded by Robert Collier and carried by the following roll call votes the following resolution endorsing General Revenue Sharing was passed: McElroy, Collier, Daniels, Jones, Yes - Hunnicutt, abstained. (Insert)

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On motion by W.F. McElroy, seconded by Vic Jones and carried by the following roll call votes, Council moved that the following ordinance regulating Bingo and Raffles be passed: McElroy, Hunnicutt, Jones, Daniels, Yes - Collier, No.

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On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Robert Collier and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved the following ordinance regulating itinerant merchants purchasing gold & silver was passed.

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On motion by W.F. McElroy, seconded by Vic Jones and carried by unanimous vote, council moved that the following ordinance "Amending Criminal Code" be passed

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Councilman Daniels presented request for funds for Chapter 10 Board.

On motion by Robert Collier, seconded by W.F. McElroy and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved that payment be made for pro rata share of attorney fee for Chapter 10 Board out of funds already appropriated in the amount of \$1157.00

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On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Vic Jones and carried by unanimous roll call vote, council moved go into executive session to consider pending contract and consideration of personnel matter.

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On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Vic Jones and carried by unanimous vote, council moved they go back into regular session.

Mayor Hunnicutt declared council back in regular session.

Mayor Hunnicutt reported pending contract with Housing and Urban Development was considered but no conclusion was made and will have to be considered at next regular meeting on November 5th. This meeting will be held on 5th Nov. due to election on Nov. 4th. Appointment considered was to Southwest Virginia Emergency Medical Service Council.

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Robert Collier Nominated Tom Renfro to reappointment to Southwest Virginia Emergency Medical Service Council.

On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by W.F. McElroy and carried by unanimous vote, council moved nominations be closed.

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Mayor Hunnicutt declared Tom Renfro appointed for three year term by acclamation on Southwest Virginia Emergency Medical Service Council.

Mr. Newman presented letter from Norton Community Hospital regarding the city using parking lot for public parking, setting out regulations they would accept if city used their parking lot. Council discussed this matter at length.

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Mr. Newman advised that holes would have to be patched and a sign erected before property could be used for parking. Council was in agreement for this work to be done.

Mr. Newman advised council that he had received bids on dredging of upper reservoir. On motion by W.F. McElroy, seconded by Cliff Daniels and carried by unanimous roll call vote, council moved that accept low bid of Fraleys, Inc. in amount of \$33,000.00, said funds to be reimbursed by Federal Emergency Service.

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Mr. Newman advised council he had received the deed for R.R. Avenue project. Found project to be over designed - update at next meeting.

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Mr. Newman advised that Mr. Tate has requested some parking space and that he has been ask to look into it. He advised that when the construction work does begin on R.R. Avenue there is going to be some vehicles misplaced out there - possibly on some peoples properties with equipment. On property on parking lot next to Coalfield Progress back island contains 32 parking places which he recommends 1st come - 1st serve basis. Mr. Tate spoke on the matter - "You all understand why I requested this. This is an in kind thing of reciprocity. I. The fact alley behind our building - the city has used for years as access to city parking lot on the west side of our building city parking lot on East Side of Bank that is under construction is one way - have used our lot to get out for years. I think it an important thing that for years I tried to someone to fix drainage down there. This is the first city manager have had to get anything done about it. The water comes off the parking lot - goes into my boiler room. In regard to parking - I am waiting to see what happens to railroad avenue. It has got me in quiet a bind. I feel like what I am asking for is not free parking - it is in kind or reciprocity of payment to me for use of our property for all these years. I will accept Mickey's recommendation - 1st come - 1st serve. I hope you understand I am not asking for something free. It is reciprocity.

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Council was in agreement to bag meters at this time and try situation and leave some options open for Mr. Tate and look at that avenue first and see how it does.

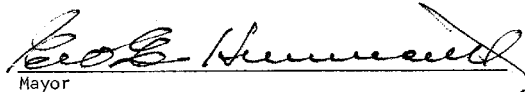
Council discussed briefly R.R. Avenue project with Mr. Prior --


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Mayor Hunnicutt discussed with council the need for city having an up-to-date storm sewer map.

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


Mayor


Clerk