

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on February 6, 1979, at 7:30 P. M. with Mayor Hunnicutt presiding.

Present: George Hunnicutt, W. F. McElroy, Robert Collier, Cliff Daniels, Frank Fischer

Also Present: Earle Brown, Acting City Manager

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved by deleting Section 8340 and amending Section 8347 by adding "Notified by Mr. Asbury".

Mr. Kenneth Wampler, City Sheriff, was present and requested Council's permission to request a Deputy Sheriff for his office in the new year's budget. Council discussed this matter with Sheriff Wampler and ask that he give to the City Manager a report of his activities for the past year to substantiate his request for a deputy.

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Mr. Don Jack Mullins, Consulting Engineer, presented estimated project cost for 6" water line extension to Josephine Sewage Treatment Plant. Council discussed this matter with Mr. Mullins.

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Mr. Wright Dawson, at request of City Manager, was present at Council meeting to determine if there were any Community Development Funds that could be allocated to the above mentioned water project. He advised that after water tank completion and engineering services there would be a balance of \$188,678.81, A.R.C. Funds and \$285,000.00 of 1978 contract to be reprogramed, giving a gross amount of \$473,678.81. In his opinion he did not believe there would be any problem in using some of this money for this project.

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On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Robert Collier, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved that Don Jack Mullins, Consulting Engineer, be authorized to advertise project of 6" Water Line extension to Josephine Sewage Treatment Plant as per plans discussed by Mr. Mullins, said funds to be taken from Community Development Funds, project to be coordinated by Mr. Dawson, said project to be in amount of \$42,560.00.

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The City Manager reported on his further findings on change over in two traffic lights. He advised that after talking with Jack Carr, he estimated cost of change for each light to be \$2600.00. He also advised that he had talked with Mr. Hodges, traffic engineer, from Richmond regarding lights and that he had advised there was a possibility that City could get funds from State Urban Development to help on this project and also advised that it would be good to consider the Guest River 620 intersection and Shopping Center in line with installing traffic lights at these locations. Council instructed the City Manager to take this matter up with Mr. Gates, Resident Engineer, and report back to Council.

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Mr. Brown, City Manager, presented letter from Tabb, Inc., and proposal from Tabb, Inc. Mayor Hunnicutt read letter and proposal to Council and visitors present. Council discussed this matter at length with Mr. Humphrey of Tabb, Inc. and Mr. Hugh Cline, Attorney for Tabb, Inc. After a lengthy discussion of each of the proposals, Council agreed to discuss this matter with the City Attorney before taking action on the matter.

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The City Manager brought to Council's attention request for two street lights, one on 13th Street, N. W. , and one on 5th Street & Virginia Avenue, N. E. Upon recommendation of City Manager, requests denied.

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Council discussed with Mr. Don Jack Mullins, Consulting Engineer, proposed raw water line from Robinette Branch to Filtration Plant.

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On motion by Frank Fischer, seconded by Robert Collier, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved that Don Jack Mullins, Consulting Engineer, be authorized to advertise for bids Raw Water Line from Robinette Branch to Filtration Plant as per estimate of Mr. Mullins, in amount of \$43,612.80, under supervision of Mr. Wright Dawson and with said funds to be paid from Community Development Funds.

On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by W. F. McElroy, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters.

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On motion by W. F. McElroy, seconded by Frank Fischer, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved they go back into regular session.

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Mayor Hunnicutt announced they had appointed Edward F. Tate to coordinate information pertaining to the recommendations of the Corps of Engineers of the past inspections of the City's water dams, as well as other improvements to the water works, with expenditures contingent thereupon to be reimbursed.

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Mayor Hunnicutt further advised that it is eminent that the City Manager appointment will be made in the near future.

Council briefly discussed appointment of committee for spending of coal road tax.

Frank Fischer nominated Mayor Hunnicutt as representative from Council. Mr. Gates, Resident Engineer, member from Highway Department and agreed to ask Hurshel Bowers from Coal Industry to serve on this committee.

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On motion by W. F. McElroy, seconded by Cliff Daniels, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that the City Attorney be directed to prepare a resolution that the renting of the Welfare Office will be to the best interest of the City.

Councilman Daniels advised an Ordinance providing for the exemption of taxes on property of elderly will be presented at next council meeting for consideration by the Council.

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


Mayor


Clerk