

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on March 20, 1979, at 7:30 p. m. with Mayor Hunnicutt presiding.

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

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

Minutes of meetings of March 6th and 13th were read and approved by amending Section 8424 by adding "for acquisition of real property".

The City Manager presented list of five persons to serve on Animal Control Committee: Mrs. Pat Daniels, Robert Collier, Neal Boggs, Clarence Holcomb, T. D. Lassiter.

Mayor Hunnicutt appointed all five of above mentioned persons as outlined to serve along with City Manager as ex officio member of committee for purpose of making recommendations to the Council for Control of Animals and such other guidelines as had been discussed and promulgated here.

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On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Robert Collier, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that the following resolution requesting and suggesting to the County that they are hereby invited to participate in our street repair program with severance tax revenue limited to coal haul roads was passed.

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On motion by Robert Collier, seconded by Cliff Daniels, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that the resolution regarding traffic condition extending from 11th Street and Park Avenue westward to the West Corporate limits of the City on Routes 23 & 58 be passed as read.

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On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Robert Collier, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved to recommend to Judge of Circuit Court, Bardin Thrower and Benny Mason, for appointment to the Board of Assessors.

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Council briefly discussed Old Dominion Power Company proposed rate increase. The Mayor read letter from United Citizens Against Fuel Adjustment.

On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Robert Collier, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved that City Manager be authorized and directed to request from State Corporation Commission financial statement on Old Dominion Power Company as of December 31, 1978.

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The City Manager brought to Council's attention sanitary sewer problems on which they have a six month mandate.

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The City Attorney advised Council that he had checked on the Bill of House of Delegates on transfer of schools and that it will be effective July 1st. He also advised need to purchase a new tax book.

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The City Manager read letter from Mr. John VanTassell of Diversified Education advising City that they would be vacating the buildings by June 30, 1979.

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The City Manager and City Attorney discussed with Council personal liability insurance. Mr. Newman advised that he had been going over all the policies of the City and had discussed this particular one with Mr. Witt.

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Councilman Daniels advised that the City Attorney is drafting a resolution regarding contingency plan if another water crisis comes about. Said resolution to be presented to Council for their consideration.

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Councilman Daniels asked about plans for tax collections. He was advised there would be a plan started in the near future. Council discussed this matter at length.

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On motion by W. F. McElroy, seconded by Frank Fischer, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that they go into executive session to discuss personnel matter.

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

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Mayor Hunnicutt declared Council back in regular session. He stated the purpose of meeting was held with reference to the advertisement for an additional person to work in the City of Norton. No conclusion made.

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Councilman Daniels suggested that the City Manager be authorized to begin obtaining preliminary budget information toward two old school buildings. Consideration of cost of demolishing structures, protection of people, and beautifying of lots.

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The City Manager advised Council that City needed to have a proposed Use Revenue Sharing Budget Hearing early in April. He advised there was to be two public hearings.

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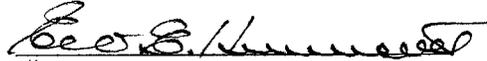
On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by W. F. McElroy, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved that City Manager be authorized to spend \$14,500 additional from Revenue Sharing Funds for two more dump trucks, motor grader and rubber tire loader, this to be added to \$2,500.00 already approved on March 6th.

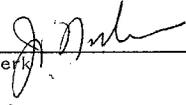
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The City Manager reported that he had received a report from Bureau of Census, giving Norton's population as 4418.

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


Mayor


Clerk

