

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on April 10, 1979, at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Hunnicutt presiding.

Present: George Hunnicutt, Robert Collier, Cliff Daniels, Frank Fischer

Absent: W. F. McElroy

Also Present: G. M. Newman, City Manager

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Edward Tate was present at Council and presented an update on status of lining of clear well and lower concrete dam.

On motion by Robert Collier, seconded by Cliff Daniels, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved that endorse authorization of City Manager for signing contracts with Universal Lining, Inc. and Atlantic Diving Company with the following stipulations: Wet well - 5 year guarantee on Workmanship and Installation; 20 year guarantee manufacturer of material; approval in writing by State Health Department on materials for use in wet well; certification to be in writing upon completion by Universal Linings, Inc. that it was installed in accordance with specifications and warranty is in effect; amount of funds not to exceed \$53,000.00 - money to be taken from water and sewer capital improvement fund to be used on interim basis. Also there is to be an engineering inspection of clear well.

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Mayor Hunnicutt in behalf of Council expressed his gratitude to Edward Tate for his fine services.

A group of ladies from Norton Women's Softball League was present inquiring as to who was responsible for getting permission to use the Little League Field at the Norton Elementary School. Mayor Hunnicutt advised that the City Council has no jurisdiction over the use of the Little League Field. The spokesperson for the league advised they had already been before the City School Board. Council instructed the City Manager to contact City Attorney as to whom has authority to let this lot out.

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Mr. Paul Carter of Community Action Feasibility Study was present and presented progress report on Community Action Feasibility Study. Council discussed this briefly with Mr. Carter. No action taken.

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The City Manager brought to Council's attention coal severance tax committee. Council directed the City Manager to check with Mr. Asbury to see if he had sent this resolution in to Richmond Tax Office.

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On motion by Frank Fischer, seconded by Robert Collier, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved that resolution be prepared authorizing sale of property in Ramsey section to Frank Day in accordance with letter from Department of Highways and Transportation under date of March 29, 1979.

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On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Robert Collier and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that the following resolution regarding Guy Coleman be passed as read and that a copy be sent to Sadie Coleman.

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The City Manager advised Council that he would like to have first two weeks of May as Clean-Up Week - April 30th thru May 11th. Council was in agreement for this date and directed the City Manager to ask different clubs or groups to participate in this clean-up campaign, and Mayor to declare date as Clean-Up Weeks.

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The City Manager advised Council that McDonald's would like April 21st as Litter-Gitter Day. The Mayor declared April 21st as McDonald's Litter-Gitter Day.

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The City Manager presented list of surplus equipment requesting permission to sell same.

On motion by Frank Fischer, seconded by Cliff Daniels, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that the City Manager be authorized and directed to dispose of this equipment in accordance with directives of City Attorney. (List Attached)

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Councilman Fischer asked about Highway meeting certain city officials attended in Bristol. Mayor Hunnicutt expanded on the meeting.

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Councilman Fischer stated he would like to compliment new City Manager on clean sidewalks and streets.

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On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Robert Collier, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that they go into executive session for possible land acquisition; land sale/lease of real estate and legal matters.

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On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Frank Fischer, 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. The Mayor advised the following was taken up in executive session:

1. To determine that they ask the City Attorney on behalf of the City of Norton to become an intervenor in behalf of the City in the matter of rate increase application of Old Dominion Power Company with the further instructions that he employ Southern Engineering Company of Virginia for the purpose of an analysis of the power company's filing who in turn will make a report to Council as to the feasibility of pursuing the matter further in accordance with letter of April 6, 1979, to Mr. Newman and further invite participation from County of Wise and County of Lee and such other government entities that may desire to participate.

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On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Robert Collier, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved that the City Manager be authorized and directed to hire these people in accordance with offer not to exceed \$400.00.

2. Matter of difference in cost and estimated cost of Big Stone Gap Asphalt Paving Company - I. Paving area between Sears and Pizza Hut; 50% overrun on the amount estimated on the bridge. Council concluded that upon the effecting of certain repairs of defects in work go ahead and pay Big Stone Asphalt Paving Co. \$6,493.40.

On motion by Robert Collier, seconded by Cliff Daniels, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved that they pay Big Stone Asphalt Paving Company the sum of \$6,493.40, but before execute transaction would like for them to come back and fix the western access to viaduct, said funds to be taken out of Revenue Sharing Funds.

3. Preferred station for County of Wise, shop for County of Wise and shop for the City of Norton. Conclusion of Council was that they would work wholeheartedly with County of Wise to bring about what they want and what we want and need. Savings could be effected in transporting garbage, etc. to Appalachia both out of County and City and that we would attempt to work to mutual satisfaction and profitable beneficial deal in which both political entities would profit. Great deal of possibility there thru cooperation between 2 entities. Savings could be effected on transporting garbage. Shops are put there for both political entities. Shops are put there for both political entities. Shops that are to repair vehicles, equipment, and that sort of stuff. They could both be brought under same police protection. It would be central insofar as County is concerned. It is about the only place we have to put a shop maybe. City Council would be willing to meet with county to work out arrangements to our mutual benefit.

The City Manager advised Council that he would like to set up public hearing on proposed Use Revenue Sharing Budget at 3:30 p.m., April 18th, in the Court Room. Date agreeable with Council.

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The City Manager requested a budget work session on Tuesday, April 17th, at 3:30 p.m. Council agreed for meeting and directed the City Manager to set up meeting with School Board for their budget.

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Mr. Newman discussed recent sewer mandate with Council and advised that he was attempting to correct some of these problems and would like some guidelines on this. He advised the cost would be between \$20,000.00 - \$25,000.00. (\$45,000.00).

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On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Robert Collier, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved that they authorize and direct the City Manager to purchase, not to exceed the amount of \$25,000.00 worth of materials, pursuant to Mandate of the State Water Control Board in an attempt to coordinate delivery within 60 days from time of order.

The city Manager discussed with Council traffic survey which had been requested previously. He advised that it was on a 5% local money and 95% State money. Council directed the city manager to get estimate on cost of this study. Council discussed this matter briefly.

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Mr. Newman presented proposed paving schedule. Council was to look at this list and come back to Mr. Newman at a later time.

On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Frank Fischer, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that City Manager be authorized to put this list out for bids.

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The City Manager presented letter from Mr. Kent Riggs of Piggly Wiggly Company regarding change in No Left Turn sign at Sav-U Grocery and Piggly Wiggly. City Manager was to check out and report back to Council at next meeting.

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Councilman Fischer asked about yellow line at bank between bank and post office building.

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The City Manager presented request from Virginia Municipal League for contribution to help with legal expenses in suit against Town of Blacksburg because of surplus in funds.

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On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Frank Fischer, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved that they send \$100.00 to Virginia Municipal League as per their request.

Mr. Newman advised the Government Class from School would like to have Student Government Day. Council was in agreement for them to have a Student Government Day and ask that Mr. Newman work it out.

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Mr. Newman advised Council he had hired a new Street Superintendent, Richard Hurt.

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The City Manager advised Council of problem they were having with grease and oil that is being put into sewer. Council directed the City Manager to come up with concrete proposal.

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Councilman Collier reported on meeting of dog committee. He advised that committee was going to set up meeting with Wise County Humane Society to see about working out some kind of agreement with housing of dogs. Sent letter to Wise County Board of Supervisors to see what we can work out with them. Also reported they were to have another meeting shortly.

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

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Mayor

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Clerk