

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on May 1, 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, City Attorney

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved with amendment to Section 9475 by recording "W. F. McElroy abstained from voting".

A group of teachers from both Burton High School and Norton Elementary School was present with officers of Education Association of Norton speaking. Jean Lively, Immediate Past President of Education Association of Norton spoke first on subject of proposed budget appropriation for City of Norton Schools, expressing the need of "Fair Play for Teachers". Mrs. Lively introduced salary committee - Susan Fore, James Dotson, David Tipton who each in turn presented different phases of school programs, together with reasons why they would like the different programs kept in the school instead of curtailment of parts of the program. They also brought out their position on teacher's salaries and fringe benefits.

Mr. B. V. Cooper of Chestnut Street spoke on the teacher's salaries of City of Norton Schools and presented a comparison of salaries with cost of living - 1973-74 school year to present. He also spoke on intersection of Hagan Avenue and Chestnut Streets regarding stop signs. He stated he thought the signs should be removed or enforced. He also advised that these stop signs were not being observed.

Mary Cassell spoke briefly on school situation.

Mark Caruso, student at Burton High expressed his concern over chemistry Labs not being in operable shape and stated he would like to see them put in use while he was still in high school.

Mary Haynes, President of John I. Burton Band Boosters, spoke on musical phase of school program.

J. T. Caruso, President of Black Raiders Booster Club spoke in behalf of Athletic Program.

Fred Woods of Hoot Owl section of Norton inquired as to reason buses do not pick up children in Hoot Owl Section. He also asked about trash pick-up and if it was possible to get corporate sign out in Hoot Owl. Council suggested he take these matters up with the City Manager.

John Horseman, President of Norton Elementary P.T.A., stated he would like to see the City Council do all they can do for education for our children.

R. D. Smith would like to have two stop signs kept on Chestnut Street. He stated it has slowed down traffic considerably.

The City Manager opened bids for proposed paving program:

W. & L. Construction & Paving of Chilhowie	\$22.47 Per Ton
Pope Bros. Construction Co., Bristol	24.75 Per Ton
Big Stone Asphalt Paving Corporation, Big Stone Gap	24.50 Per Ton
Adams Construction Company, Roanoke	25.37 Per Ton

Mr. Jim Humphreys and Mr. Milas Franks each expressed their opinion as to Council giving a response to teachers on their inquiries. Councilman Daniels pointed out that #3 item on the agenda would be covering setting date for public hearing on budget.

On motion by Robert Collier, seconded by Cliff Daniels, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved that the City Manager, with consultation of the City Attorney, enter into contract with W. & L. Construction & Paving of Chilhowie for paving of streets as presented until said appropriation for work runs out, said payments to be made in four payments with final payment being made after completion of work. Contract to also specify time of beginning and ending of work.

The City Manager made report on his findings of Farmer's Markets in other places.

On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by W. F. McElroy, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that Animal Quarantine be June 4th - June 22nd in conjunction with Wise County quarantine.

On motion by Frank Fischer, seconded by Cliff Daniels, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved that the "Rules and Procedures for the Police Department be adopted and that "Grievance Procedures and Employment Procedures" for Police Department be incorporated by reference.

Mr. Bill Edwards of Dewberry-Nealon-Davis appeared before Council and presented proposal as Consultant Engineers on a Retainer basis. Council briefly discussed this matter with Mr. Edwards and advised they would take this matter under advisement.

On motion by W. F. McElroy, seconded by Cliff Daniels, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that Mr. Mickey Newman be appointed contact liaison for 1980 census.

On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Robert Collier, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved that the City Manager be authorized and directed to advertise for public hearing on May 22nd at 7:30 p.m. proposed Revenue Sharing Budget in amount of \$105,937. In addition to advertising Public Hearing General Fund Budget as presented in work session this afternoon to include the increase in real property tax rate .20 per \$100 of assessment; Residential refuse collection \$1.00

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per month individually; 40% increase above current water rate; deposit by water customers be increased from \$16 to \$25; water installation fee - increase to \$240.00 for 5/8" taps from \$200. Sewer installation fee - increase to \$175 per tap from \$150; monthly parking permits increase from \$5.00 to \$10.00, in the amount of \$1,955,404.

Councilman Daniels presented proposed ordinance adopting a contingency plan for the use of water during period when the City of Norton is experiencing a water shortage.

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Council discussed this matter at length. Mr. Newman stated it is an awesome responsibility to declare this emergency. I would like to be relieved of that and let the Council declare the emergency.

On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Robert Collier, and carried by the following votes, the following ordinance adopting a contingency plan for the use of water during period when the City of Norton is experiencing a water shortage was passed on first reading - Cliff Daniels, Yes; Frank Fischer, Yes; George Hunnicutt, No - I want to put in record reason why I vote No. "I don't think we have an emergency. Don't think we can delegate authority to City Manager to declare an emergency. I think it is presumptive and abusive of the authority of this Council to declare a water emergency when we get down to 60 million gallons of storage. I hope somebody challenges it in court. When we get to the point of declaring an emergency of 60 million gallons of water laying up there in the reservoir and then when we tell you we are going to charge you 300% of 140% of what you are paying for it today - we are using 1,000,000 gallons of water a day normally." W. F. McElroy, No; Robert Collier, Yes.

Councilman Daniels stated he would like to make available this emergency ordinance for any person to read in detail.

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The City Manager advised Council there would be a meeting at Clinch Valley College on Thursday, May 10th concerning acceptance of sub-division streets by State Highways. It would be a benefit to City if the widths of these streets were cut down.

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The City Manager advised that Weight Watchers Organization would like to use Court Room on Monday nights for their meetings. Council discussed this matter briefly.

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On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Robert Collier, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that Weight Watchers be allowed to use Court Room once a week on Monday nights at charge of \$15.00 per night.

The City Manager advised that fire insurance and liability insurance would be cancelled at old school building as of June 30th after being used by Diversified Services.

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Council briefly discussed occupancy of the old school buildings.

The City Manager advised he had received a letter from Headstart requesting use of old school building. Council briefly discussed this letter with no definite action taken.

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Jean Lively stated she would like to know if at Budget Hearing, does bottom line figure include restoration of those funds for the school board that will be necessary to meet needs that we have expressed here this evening. Mayor Hunnicutt advised that as far as he knows it does.

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On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Frank Fischer, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that they go into executive session to discuss possible land acquisition/disposition.

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

Mayor Hunnicutt declared council back in regular session. He reported there was nothing to report.

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On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Frank Fischer, and carried by the following roll call votes - Hunnicutt, Collier, Daniels, Fischer, Yes - McElroy, abstained, Council moved that authorize the Mayor and City Treasurer to borrow from Wise County National Bank a temporary loan in the amount not to exceed \$100,000 for paving to be paid out of 1979-80 budgeted amount for paving and reconstruction of streets.

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

Robert Hunnicutt
Mayor

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Clerk