

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on December 4, 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.

Mayor Hunnicutt advised the City Attorney to prepare a resolution sanctioning the special meeting held on November 23, 1979 should there be any questions regarding same.

Mayor Hunnicutt recognized William Kelley, newly appointed Police Chief of Norton and welcomed him. Police Chief Kelley stated he was glad to be back as an employee of the City of Norton.

Mr. William D. Hostetter, Director Public Relations and Safety, Bluefield Automobile Club, representing the American Automobile Association and Mr. Wynn Kiser, Director of Triple A Motor Club, St. Paul were present. Mr. Kiser made presentation to Mayor Hunnicutt and Police Chief Kelley to the City of Norton of the Pedestrian Safety Award and also presented extra copies of the analysis. Mr. Kiser advised that Norton's Pedestrian injury rate is and has been below the national average for eight years. Council discussed their pleasure at receiving this award for the eighth year.

Mr. Asbury advised Council on the Industrial Waste Ordinance.

On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Frank Fischer and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved the adoption of the Industrial Waste ordinance as read subject to the approval of the State Water Control Board. (Insert)

Mr. Newman presented to council prepared resolution "Continuing Revenue Sharing".

On motion by Frank Fischer, seconded by Robert Collier, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council adopted the Resolution "Continuing Revenue Sharing". (Insert) Copies are to be sent to William C. Wampler, John Warner and Harry F. Byrd.

Mr. Newman discussed with Council his report to them. (Insert)

Mayor Hunnicutt advised Council of the Coal Severance Tax Committee. Mayor Hunnicutt read minutes of the Coal Road Severance Committee to Council. After discussion, Cliff Daniels made motion to approve the recommendation of the Coal Road Severance Tax Committee. This was seconded by Frank Fischer and carried by unanimous roll call vote to spend \$20,000.00 Coal Severance Tax on repaving Park Avenue. (Insert)

Mr. Newman advised Council that to date 114 citizens of Norton had applied and received tax credit for elderly for a total amount of \$10,325.00. This is the approximate dollar figure Council had allowed.

Councilman Collier inquired on the 201 Sewer Study. Mr. Newman advised for the time being, it would be tabled. The County is waiting for a new Board to take office and Town of Wise wants more time on same.

City Manager inquired of Council about free parking during the Christmas holiday. After discussion, Council advised the City Manager to handle this matter and that it is available to the merchants if they feel they need it.

Mr. Newman advised that the VDH&T would conduct traffic survey next week.

Councilman Daniels ask City Attorney to prepare for next Council meeting an ordinance to control on-street loading and unloading between peak hours of 7:30-8:30 and 4:30-5:30 especially. He advised that it was a very dangerous situation and that the City did not have a loading zone for a tractor trailer. Councilman Daniels said 4th and 6th Streets were particularly bad.

Councilman McElroy inquired if the City was able to go forward on the 10th Street Project straight on through into the Pizza Hut and then turn right. After much discussion, Council advised City Attorney to confer with Jeanette Isaac (Owner of the Sears Property) and the Pizza Hut for their approval of same.

Councilman Daniels inquired as to the status of tearing out wall in Esserville and was advised by City Manager that they were waiting for the results of the traffic survey before proceeding on this matter.

Councilman Fischer ask if it was the City's responsibility about the debris that has been left at the Old Virginia Supply location. He advised that if we had high waters again, there would be four bridges blocked and some flooding. He advised City might clean out stream behind Witt Motor again. Council advised City Manager to do something for flood prevention.

The City Attorney read resolution to "Acquire Royal Laundry Property" with the stipulation, "Per the approval of the City Attorney". He explained to Council this was for no substitution of deed - that he had written the deed and searched the title.

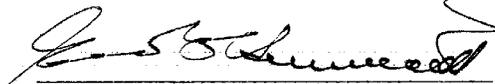
On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Robert Collier and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to adopt the resolution to "Acquire Royal Laundry Property."

On motion by Councilman Fischer, seconded by Robert Collier and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved they go into executive session for the purpose of discussing legal matters.

On motion by Robert Collier, seconded by George Hunnicutt and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to go back in regular session. Mayor Hunnicutt

stated we had no legal problem and the City would go ahead with the purchase of Royal Laundry Property within the next few days.

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



Mayor



Clerk

