

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on April 4, 1978 at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor Fulks presiding.

Present: Ike Fulks, W. F. McElroy, George Hunnicutt, Vernon Flanary, W. C. Necessary.

Also Present: Joe Baker, (City Manager) & Kenneth Asbury, (Attorney).

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mrs. Pam Honeycutt, representing Hamner Avenue, appeared before Council regarding blasting from St. Mary's Hospital Site. Council discussed this matter at length with Mrs. Honeycutt and directed the City Manager to check out this matter. Mrs. Honeycutt also requested more gravel in hole at top of Hamner Avenue.

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R. D. Smith of Chestnut Street also spoke on the blasting.

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The City Manager reported on parking site which the Council had directed to be negotiated, He advised he had contacted the Norton Redevelopment & Housing Authority and they were willing to lease the lot for City's parking. He advised he had not contacted the Norton Community Hospital. Council directed the City Manager to contact authorities of Norton Community Hospital.

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The City Manager reported the City had placed large stakes around the curve to eliminate parking on 12th Street where you come out into the Street from the alley between 12th & 13th Street.

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The City Manager reported the requests of Mrs. Dick Flanary for parking lot at the Elementary School had been taken care of. He advised that lights at the tennis court were to go off at 11:00 P.M. and that the Patrolmen were to patrol this area regularly.

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The City Manager advised that signs for the car wash on East Park Ave. had been ordered.

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Councilman Necessary discussed with Council, changing of the truck route from Park Avenue around Kentucky Avenue. Council discussed this matter at length and directed the City Manager to have State make a traffic count and come back to Council at next meeting with something on the matter.

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Mr. Neil Boggs was present and discussed with Council, the traffic light at 11th Street.

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Mayor Fulks suggested that a Patrolman be placed at Guest River intersection between 4:30 and 5:30 each day. The City Manager advised that the City had a shortage at this time in Patrolmen and were not able to do this. A traffic survey for this area was also suggested.

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Mayor Fulks asked the City Manager what had been done regarding W. H. Earle's request on Ridge Avenue. He advised that this might be eliminated by the property owner ditching his property.

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Mr. Frank Sexton Sr., of West Main Avenue was present and asked if the City had any plans to clean out the Creek. He advised that bridge near his property had washed out once and that all kind of debris had washed against the culvert and bridge now.

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Mrs. Patsy Kiser, Norton's representative on Mental Health Facility Board, appeared before Council requesting suggestions for a name for the new Mental Health Facility in Norton, This was left up to the Board of Supervisors for a name.

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Mr. Ray Mullins of the Juvenile Court Program was present requesting that Council give a letter of intent to budget an additional sum of \$346.00 for the Juvenile Home Program.

On motion by George Hunnicutt, seconded by W. F. McElroy and carried by unanimous roll call vote Council moved that they will budget for consideration the sum of \$568.00 to fund Group Juvenile Home Program for which we are already committed.

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Mr. Harley Stallard, Superintendent for City of Norton Schools, presented the proposed budget, in detail, for year 1978-1979 for City of Norton Schools. Council discussed this matter briefly and advised that they would take this under consideration at a later date.

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On motion by George Hunnicutt, seconded by W. C. Necessary and carried by unanimous roll call vote Council moved that Mr. Stallard be commended for performing a very valuable service to the City of Norton School Board, and that this be made a matter of record in the minutes of this meeting.

The City Manager presented proposed budget for the City of Norton for year 1978-1979.

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Council agreed to have work session on Budget April 10th at 7:00 P.M.

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Mr. Asbury, City Attorney presented memorandum on TV Cable charges. Council directed the City Attorney to notify the TV Cable Company of the illegality charge on cable service bills.

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Councilman Flanary brought to Council's attention, stone on sidewalk going out to Norton Elementary School and reported complaints he had had from citizens regarding same.

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Vice Mayor McElroy asked why piles of dirt in the parking lot were not being moved.

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Councilman Hunnicutt discussed briefly with Council the tax situation in regard to public service taxes.

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Attorney Asbury spoke briefly to Council regarding fuel adjustment clause on power bills.

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

J. Parker
Clerk

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Mayor