

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on September 5, 1978 at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor Hunnicutt presiding.

Present: George Hunnicutt, W. F. McElroy, Vernon Flanary, Robert Collier, Cliff Daniels.

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

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mayor Hunnicutt announced it was time for hearing on proposed rate increase by Century Virginia Corporation.

Mr. Otto Ohland of Century Virginia Corporation presented rate proposal change. Several citizens spoke on rate change. Christine Easterling, Bill McGannon, Mrs. Ray Salyers, Art Siniscrope, Herbert Masters, Frank Sexton, Terry Gibson. Most of the citizens present were against rate increase and were not interested in proposed satellite channels. Each of the councilmen posed questions to Mr. Ohland which he answered as well as answering questions of the citizens. A lengthy discussion was held after which the following motion was proposed.

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On motion by W. F. McElroy, seconded by Cliff Daniels and carried by the following votes, council moved that immediately increase monthly service charge \$1.00 per month and eliminate charge on any additional sets now in service but a \$1.00 monthly charge for all additional sets as may be ordered in the future and rate be increased \$1.00 per month when three Satellite programs are installed. W. F. McElroy, George Hunnicutt, Cliff Daniels - YES; Robert Collier, Vernon Flanary NO.

Christine Easterling of 4th Street and East Park Avenue was present and requested that something be done to street so that she would be able to get her car on to her property without dragging. Council discussed the possibilities with Miss Easterling and directed the City Manager to go out there and see what can be done about it and report back to next council meeting.

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Mrs. Ray Salyers brought to council's attention traffic problem in the A.M. at Norton Elementary School. Mrs. Redman also spoke on the subject. Council directed Mr. Baker to check this matter out to see what could be done about the matter and report back to next council meeting.

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Mr. Ray Salyers was present and asked when the City was going to fix road up to his property on Virginia Avenue and 7th Street, N.E.; asked about drain pipe to Smokey Combs residence and ditch lines. He also asked about fire hydrant and water pressure to his house. Matter referred to City Manager.

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Mrs. Bobby Redman asked if something could be done regarding dogs running at large on Virginia Avenue and 7th Street, N.E.

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Mrs. Carl Lawson appeared before council and presented several grievances and things which she thought was an unfair way of treating City employees.

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Mayor Hunnicutt advised Mrs. Lawson that he did not think this the proper place to file such matters and advised her to go through the City of Norton Grievance Procedure Ordinance.

Grievance Procedure Ordinances were carried over until later date.

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Dorchester water line held over until completion of engineer study.

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The City Manager reported to council the status of the Henry Street extension. He advised that preliminary plans of Highland Service have been approved by City Planning Commission. Council discussed this matter briefly with the City Manager and directed him to follow through with matter.

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The City Manager advised that Big Stone Asphalt Company was scheduled to begin work here on September 6th.

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Council inquired as to fixing of pot holes in streets and also on viaduct. The City Manager advised they were scheduling viaduct work to be done on a Sunday when traffic was low on that street. He also advised they were working on pot holes.

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Mr. Wright Dawson of Norton Redevelopment & Housing Authority presented proposal for 16 new units of Housing. Council discussed this matter briefly. Mr. Bolling of Housing Authority and Morris Burchette member of Housing Board also spoke on this matter.

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The following resolution was introduced by Wright Dawson, Executive Director, Norton Redevelopment & Housing Authority, read in full and considered: "Resolution authorizing, and directing submission of application for low-rent public housing project: (Resolution attached)

Mr. Collier moved that the foregoing resolution be adopted as introduced and read, which motion was seconded by Mr. Cliff Daniels and upon roll call the Ayes and Nays were as follows: Robert Collier, Cliff Daniels, W. F. McElroy, Vernon Flanary Ayes; George Hunnicutt, Nay.

The Norton City Council thereupon declared said motion carried and said resolution adopted.

On motion by W. F. McElroy, seconded by Robert Collier and carried by unanimous roll call vote, council moved that they go into executive session to discuss potential exchange of real estate.

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On motion by Robert Collier, seconded by Vernon Flanary and carried by unanimous vote, council moved that they go back into regular session.

Mayor Hunnicutt announced there was nothing concrete to report at this time. He stated that the City's negotiations for relocation of City Shop would require some viewing and deliberation before anything positive can be made with reference to plans.

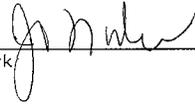
Mr. Baker advised council of Virginia Municipal League convention to be held on September 17th, 18th, and 19th. Three of the Councilmen expressed their desire to attend.

Mr. Asbury, City Attorney, presented resume of ownership of school property.

Council authorized and directed the city attorney to go ahead and get a prosecuting Attorney for City of Norton.

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


Mayor


Clerk

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