

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on September 19, 1978, at 7:30 p. m. with Mayor Hunnicutt presiding.

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

Absent: Vernon Flanary

Also Present: Joe Baker, City Manager, and Kenneth Asbury, Attorney

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved with correction to Section 8174 to read George Hunnicutt abstained, pursuant to Sec. 2.1-352, Code of Virginia "Disclosure of Material & Financial Interest".

Delegate Orby Cantrell was present at Council meeting and presented a request in regard to having road in Dorchester section of Route 610 reconstructed. Mr. Cantrell discussed this matter at length with Council stating that in his opinion the State Highway Department would participate 90-10% in cost of construction.

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 write the Department of Highways & Transportation requesting that they participate with the City of Norton in the reconstruction of Route 610 approximately one mile from Powell River Bridge at cost not to exceed \$200,000, cost to city not to exceed \$20,000, said funds to be taken from Community Development Funds. Copy of said letter to be sent to Delegate Orby Cantrell.

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Mr. Leslie Mullins, representing Norton Coal Company appeared before Council regarding deep mining. He presented resolution as prepared by Mr. Asbury referring a study of deep mining to the Planning Commission.

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On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Robert Collier, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, council moved that the "Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia, Referring a Study of Deep Mining to Planning Commission" was passed with deletion of reference to any particular property.

Council ask that the Planning Commission study this Mining Ordinance and make a recommendation to this council on it and in doing so if they need outside help they get proposals on the cost of outside help and come back to council for funding.

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Christine Easterling was present and inquired as to what the City was proposing to do regarding her driveway off 4th Street. Council discussed this matter with Miss Easterling and directed the City Manager to go back out there and see what the city can reasonably do to alleviate the situation and do it.

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Mr. Bill McGannon ask council what had been done regarding parking situation on Oak Avenue. Council discussed this matter after which Mayor Hunnicutt stated he would like to appoint a five man blue ribbon parking committee to study this situation and make recommendations. He ask that each councilman contact persons who would be willing and would work on this committee and present back to council at next meeting for appointment by Mayor.

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Nominations for Planning Commission Board of Zoning Appeals delayed until later date.

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Mayor Hunnicutt ask City Manager for report on what had been done toward traffic hazard at elementary school. Mr. Baker reported the Chief of Police had worked this out with Al Johnson of the school.

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Council ask the City Manager what status of Dorchester water line was. He advised that the engineers had not completed their study but that Humphrey Enterprises had agreed to pay \$10,000.00 for 1000 feet of line which they had removed from this section. Removal of the 1000 feet had caused an additional 500 feet to be useless as related to residents of this area.

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Council inquired as to what had been done at Henry Street. Council ask the City Attorney to give an opinion on the two developments. The City Attorney advised he would check the two development plats before giving an opinion. Council was in agreement for this to be done.

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Vice Mayor McElroy inquired as to disposition of water problem on Beech Street for which the council had approved \$600.00 for engineering fees. Mr. Baker advised Mr. Mullins, engineer for project, would have report ready by next council meeting.

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The City Manager presented reports on Upper Norton Reservoir Dam and Lower Norton Reservoir Dam. Council discussed this matter at length.

On motion by W. F. McElroy, seconded by Cliff Daniels, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, council moved that the City Manager be authorized and directed to contact engineers, including Chester Engineers, with reference to getting quotations on stabilizing tests, soil borings, core drillings, and testing; quotation on spillway and increasing water pressure and in addition incorporate in quotation cleaning out the slide in the upper dam. Also incorporate their quotation for increasing its capacity.

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Mayor Hunnicutt discussed briefly action taken at previous meeting regarding water being gravity fed from Benges Branch. He thought that this should be complied with and directed the City Manager to give report on it at next council meeting.

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On motion by W. F. McElroy, seconded by Robert Collier, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, council moved that an expenditure of \$300.00 per month be approved for salary of James Roberson, Asst. Prosecuting Attorney for the City of Norton.

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Council briefly discussed what the plans were for old school building. Mr. Baker gave recommendation of Fire Marshal, Earle Brown.

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On motion by W. F. McElroy, seconded by Cliff Daniels, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, council moved that authorize the City Manager to apply for the \$200,000 Community Development Block Grant/Discretionary Grant.

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On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by W. F. McElroy, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, council moved that the following resolution "Authorizing borrowing of funds on a temporary basis for interim Financing of the General Operating Fund be passed". (Attach)

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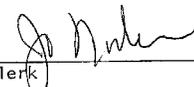
Council inquired as to status of city audit. Mr. Baker advised the Auditor said it would be ready soon.

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



Mayor



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