

A special meeting of the City Council was held on November 8, 1978, at 6:30 P. M. in the Municipal Building with Mayor Hunnicutt presiding.

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

Also Present: Joe Baker, City Manager, Mr. Stewart Campbell, Attorney, C. L. Marcum, Commissioner of Revenue

On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Robert Collier, and carried by an unanimous vote, Council moved that they go into Executive Session to discuss legal matters.

On motion by Robert Collier, seconded by W. F. McElroy, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that they go into regular session of Council.

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

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

Mayor Hunnicutt declared the meeting in regular session. He stated the purpose of the executive session was with regard to lawsuits of the City of Norton. There was no conclusion made in the meeting.

Minutes of October 17th meeting were read and approved by adding to Section 8229, "subject to approval of City Attorney."

Minutes of October 30th meeting were read and approved by adding to Section 8235 "in the amount of \$3,327.00."

Minutes of November 1st meeting were read and approved.

Minutes of Special Meeting of November 3, 1978, were read with the following amendments to be added:

By consensus Council agreed to work on the force account with Humphrey Enterprises and Appalachian Construction Company to remove the slide at the upper reservoir. Funds are to be reimbursed from flood repair sources. Mullins Engineering also on force account has been contacted to survey the reservoir and to determine that we have removed what was required and to re-calculate our storage capacity.

Council agreed that the City Manager present a raw water report monthly.

Mr. William Hostetter, Director PR & Safety for Bluefield Automobile Club appeared before Council with Mr. W. S. Kiser who made presentation to the Mayor of the City of Norton for AAA Appraisal of pedestrian safety activities for the year 1977.

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Mrs. Gaynelle Malesky appeared before Council and gave a report on how the Bicentennial money had been spent. She also requested that Michael Mullins be considered for appointment to the Wise County Regional Library Board to fill the unexpired term of Virginia Horne who resigned.

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She also advised that Sunday was Luther Addington Day at the Wise County Library and invited those of Council who wished to attend to do so.

On motion by Robert Collier, seconded by W. F. McElroy, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that they accept the report of the Bicentennial Committee of Wise County for disbursements of funds and that this report be made a part of the minutes of this meeting.

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Mr. Jack Peters of West Main Avenue appeared before Council requesting refund of taxes erroneously assessed and on property on which he did not own. Council directed the Clerk to obtain from C. L. Marcum, Commissioner of Revenue, a letter giving reasons for this erroneous assessment.

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On motion by Robert Collier, seconded by W. F. McElroy, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that Michael Mullins be nominated to fill the unexpired term of Virginia Horne, who resigned from the Wise County Public Library Board, said term to expire June 30, 1981.

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On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Frank Fischer, council moved that the nominations be closed.

Mayor Hunnicutt declared Michael Mullins appointed by acclamation as a member of the Wise County Library Board to fill the unexpired term of Virginia Horne, resigned, said term to expire June 30, 1981.

On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Frank Fischer, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that Bill Branham be nominated as a member of the Norton Redevelopment and Housing Authority Board to fill the unexpired term of Frank Fischer, resigned.

On motion by W. F. McElroy, seconded by Robert Collier, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that nominations be closed.

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Mayor Hunnicutt declared Bill Branham appointed by acclamation as a member of the Norton Redevelopment and Housing Authority to fill the unexpired term of Frank Fischer, resigned, said term to expire January 28, 1979.

On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Frank Fischer, and carried by the following votes: McElroy, Collier, Daniels, Fischer, Yes - Hunnicutt, No. Council moved table discussion of Deep Mining Study due to heavy agenda for tonight and until such time as we have to consider it, this consideration to be at the next regular council meeting.

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On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Robert Collier, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that they go into executive session to discuss personnel matter.

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

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Mayor Hunnicutt reported that in their executive session regarding personnel matter, the following letter was presented. Mayor Hunnicutt read a letter of resignation of Joe Baker, City Manager, effective December 1, 1978, and stated the resignation was accepted unanimously.

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On motion by W. F. McElroy, seconded by Robert Collier, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that the following "Ordinance of the City of Norton, Virginia, Establishing Employment Procedures for the Police Department" be passed as read. (Insert)

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Discussion was made on tapping Robinette Branch off 619 and Benges Branch to get more water into the system.

On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by W. F. McElroy, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that the City Manager be authorized and directed to secure engineering services necessary to come into council with a proposal to tap Robinette Branch on the proposal of bringing water into the filter plant on a gravity fed basis immediately.

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Council asked if it would be possible to pull water from the upper reservoir without putting it down in the lower reservoir or could it go direct to the filtering plant.

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Councilman Frank Fischer suggested that on each regular council meeting agenda an item covering the raw water supply be placed.

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Jack McElroy was present and reported on the status of laying an emergency water line. He advised Council that water would be pumped into the system by Friday afternoon if all goes well.

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Councilman Collier asked if the City Manager could contact the Forestry Service to see what can be done toward having a permanent water line for emergency water supply.

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On motion by W. F. McElroy, seconded by Cliff Daniels, and carried by the following votes, Council moved that the following ordinance, "Adopting a Grievance Procedure to Provide an Immediate and Fair Method for the Resolution of Disputes Which May Arise Between the City and Its Employees": Collier, McElroy, Hunnicutt, Daniels, Yes - Fischer, Abstained be adopted. (Insert)

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Council briefly discussed insurance on the City's two dams. Council directed the City Manager to give them a complete file on all correspondence regarding insurance for the city's two dams at the next Council meeting.

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Councilman Daniels said he would like to have an up-date on all Board and Commission appointments.

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The City Manager advised Council that the Commissioner of Revenue has asked that they begin process for reassessment in 1980. Council discussed this matter briefly.

On motion by W. F. McElroy, seconded by Frank Fischer, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved that they instruct the City Manager and Commissioner of Revenue to make preliminary negotiations with the State in regard to having property reassessed next year during 1979.

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Councilman Collier inquired as to what plans had been made for removal of snow and ice from primary and secondary streets in the City of Norton. The City Manager advised of the amount of salt on hand, that snow plows were ready to be put into operation, and that the men had been instructed to begin work on main roads first and then on residential streets.

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Councilman Collier also spoke of clean-up in line with having a continuous plan for this work.

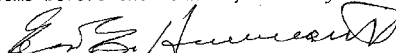
On motion by Robert Collier, seconded by W. F. McElroy, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that the following resolution, "Of cooperation with Wise County Litter Control Program" be adopted as read. (Insert)

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Council agreed to have executive session on Friday at 2:35 P. M. to discuss matters involving legal action.

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


Mayor

Clerk 