

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on January 18, 1977 at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor Fulks presiding.

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

Also Present: Jim Vicars, City Manager and Kenneth Asbury, Attorney

On motion by Bill Necessary, seconded by Vernon Flanary and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Fulks, McElroy, Hunnicutt, Flanary, Necessary, Yes) council moved that pool room license be renewed for Robert Bolling, T/Z Sportsman Pool Room and John Vaughn, T/A Palace Pool Room.

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Mayor Fulks announced it was now time for second public hearing on 1976 Community Development Program Entitlement Grant Amendment.

On motion by W.F. McElroy, seconded by Vernon Flanary and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Fulks, McElroy, Hunnicutt, Flanary, Necessary, Yes) council moved that the 1976 Community Development Program Grant be amended to allow \$134,120.00 to be used to finance 1,000,000 gallon tank to be constructed near the present filter plant.

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Matter of vacation of Third Street tabled until next council meeting after all of viewers have signed the report.

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The City Manager advised council and residents of Josephine and lower Dorchester area present that the Board of Supervisors would like to meet with council on February 8th at 7:30 P.M. at Wise for the purpose of considering the proposed increase water rate in Josephine-Lower Dorchester area.

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The City Manager reported on street light requests of last council meeting - three on Chestnut Street and one at 115-7th Street, N.E. He advised that the Old Dominion Power Company had advised that they could install three lights on Chestnut Street extension which would be adequate for this section. He also advised that the light in question for 115-7th Street, N.E. would need more study. Council instructed the City Manager to go ahead with Chestnut Street lights.

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The City Manager gave report on requests of Robert Blair to reopen Second Street and condition of roads during snowy weather and repair of road.

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The City Manager gave report on insured properties of the City of Norton. After a brief discussion, matter was referred back to City Manager.

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Mr. Monroe Thrower presented audit for year ending June 30, 1976 and reviewed the same with council. Council commended Mr. Thrower on his good job on audit.

On motion by Bill Necessary, seconded by W.F. McElroy, and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Fulks, McElroy, Hunnicutt, Flanary, Necessary, Yes) council moved to accept audit as presented.

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The City Manager advised council that the City Planning Commission would like to hold joint public hearings with council to consider the following:

1. Zoning of property in the newly annexed area.
2. New flood plain regulations that must be adopted by Feb. 16, 1977.
3. New definition for mobile homes.
4. New zone to be used on government owned properties in the newly annexed areas.

He advised they would like these two hearings scheduled for February 3rd and February 10th.

On motion by George Hunnicutt, seconded by Bill Necessary and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Fulks, McElroy, Hunnicutt, Flanary, Necessary, Yes) council moved that two joint public hearings on February 3rd and February 10th on Zoning Amendment and additions be held.

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The City Manager discussed need for purchase of new welder for city. On motion by George Hunnicutt, seconded by W.F. McElroy and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Fulks, McElroy, Hunnicutt, Flanary, Necessary, Yes) council moved that the City Manager be authorized to purchase a welder, said funds to be taken from contingency fund.

On motion by W.F. McElroy, seconded by George Hunnicutt and carried by unanimous roll call vote, council moved that Maurice Burchette be reappointed said term to expire January 28, 1981.

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The City Manager advised council that after much consideration and study he had appointed Lt. Bruce Rose to position of Chief of Police, effective January 19th.

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The City Attorney presented letter from State Board of Elections regarding Central Absentee Ballot District. No action taken.

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Mr. Asbury, City Attorney advised council of two proposed house bills, #1266 and #855. He recommended to council that they oppose these bills. On motion by George Hunnicutt, seconded by W.F. McElroy and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Fulks, McElroy, Hunnicutt, Flanary, Necessary, Yes) council instructed the City Manager to have resolution prepared and sent to our state representatives opposing #1266 and #855.

Mayor Fulks asked the City Manager to see what kind of grant he could get to help the Rescue Squad to help purchase ambulance for their department.

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

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MAYOR

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