

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on August 25, 1977 at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor Ike Fulks presiding.

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

Absent: Bill Necessary

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

Mrs. Bill Bentley of the Round Town section of Norton appeared before council regarding bridge to their property. She stated it was unsafe for children to go over on way to school. She requested that something be done regarding bridge to make it safe before school starts.

On motion by George Hunnicutt, seconded by Vernon Flanary and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Fulks, McElroy, Hunnicutt, Flanary, Yes) council moved that the City Manager be authorized and directed to repair bridge as if it belongs to City of Norton, said repair to be done with Federal and TVA Funds.

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Dr. Jon Van Tassell, Executive Director Diversified Educational Cooperative, appeared before council requesting that the lease currently on the three story building be dissolved and that a five year lease be drawn up on the two-story building at cost of \$1.00 per year and that Diversified not be responsible for the three-story building.

On motion by George Hunnicutt, seconded by Vernon Flanary and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Fulks, McElroy, Hunnicutt, Flanary, Yes) council moved that the City Attorney get together with Dr. Van Tassell or a representative of Diversified and be authorized and directed to prepare a lease in the guidelines as discussed at this meeting and bring back to council.

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Mr. Mefford of Liberty Avenue Section appeared before council regarding school buses not running to Sawmill Hollow. Council referred Mr. Mefford to school board with his request.

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A group of citizens appeared before council regarding blasting being done by Humphrey Enterprises at Hospital Site above Elementary School. The request of citizens present was for city to stop blasting immediately. The following people spoke on the issue: Patsy Kiser, Mrs. Joe Howard, Dick Hill, Roger Wells, Bill Farmer, Kathleen Vaughn, Imogene Emershaw, Jean Jones, Ewin Davidson, Linda Draughn, Frances Fuller, Mrs. Wells, Bill Strength, David Emershaw, C.R. Scott, H.I. Horne, Herbert Masters, Don Bates, Leola Yearly, Glenn Jenkins, George Scott, Smokey Carter, John Franklin.

On motion by Vernon Flanary, seconded by W.F. McElroy, and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Fulks, McElroy, Hunnicutt, Flanary, Yes) council moved that the City Attorney be authorized to draw up an ordinance prohibiting blasting in connection with strip mining or deep mining and that he may hire the technical services of blasting expert to help with this matter.

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On motion by George Hunnicutt, seconded by W.F. McElroy and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Fulks, McElroy, Hunnicutt, Flanary, Yes) council moved that call a special session of council to meet Tuesday night, August 30th at 7:30 P.M. in connection with this ordinance and also action of Board of Zoning Appeals.

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The City Manager brought council up to date on State Police Building. Tabled to later date.

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On motion by W.F. McElroy, seconded by George Hunnicutt and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Fulks, McElroy, Hunnicutt, Flanary, Yes) council moved that the following "Litter Control Act" be passed. (Insert)

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The City Manager brought to council's attention Virginia League Convention in September.

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The City Manager advised council that fire truck had been sent back to factory for repainting due to mix-up in color.

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The City Manager advised council that he would hold Executive Hearing Tuesday Night on Revenue Sharing Budget and that he had set up the date of September 6th for council hearing on the same. He also advised on anticipated funds to be received.

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The City Manager advised council of bid opening for water lines on Park Avenue to Elderly Housing Site. He advised that C.W. Johnson Construction Company was the apparent low bidder.

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Eddie Joe Estep, representing Norton Rescue Squad appeared before council requesting funds for remodeling and additions to their building. Council discussed this matter with members of squad present and advised that action would be taken after Revenue Sharing Hearing by council. (Insert)

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Council directed the City Manager to advertise for City Manager in League Magazine.

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On motion by W.F. McElroy seconded by George Hunnicutt and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Fulks, McElroy, Hunnicutt, Flanary, Yes) council moved that go into executive session, to discuss school board member.

Council reconvened at 10:34 P.M.

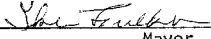
W.F. McElroy moved that Robert Isaac be appointed as member of the City of Norton School Board for three year term, said term to expire June 30, 1980.

On motion by George Hunnicutt, seconded by Vernon Flanary and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Fulks, McElroy, Hunnicutt, Flanary, Yes) council moved that the nomination be closed.

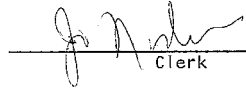
Councilman McElroy inquired as to status of Flag Rock Funds.

On motion made and duly seconded and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Fulks, McElroy, Hunnicutt, Flanary, Yes) council moved that city attorney draw up a resolution expressing appreciation of the fine services rendered by the City Manager.

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



Mayor



Clerk

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