

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on June 15, 1976 at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor Fulks presiding.

Present: Ike Fulks, W.F. McElroy, George Hunnicutt, Roy Roberts, Jim Humphreys

Also Present: Milas D. Franks, City Manager

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mayor Fulks announced it was time for 2nd reading on the proposed 1976-77 Budget.

The City Manager advised council of letter he had received from State Compensation Board regarding pay increase for constitutional officers. He advised that the Board gave a 7% raise but could not participate in retirement payment as had been requested by the City in prior correspondence.

The City Manager read the entire budget department totals.

On motion by George Hunnicutt, seconded by W.F. McElroy and carried by the following votes: George Hunnicutt, Yes, W.F. McElroy, Yes, Ike Fulks, Yes; Roy Roberts, No, Jim Humphreys, No, Council moved that the budget for ensuing year 1976-77 be passed on second reading with two provisions, (1) That constitutional Officers shall get an 8% pay increase, the apportionment to be paid in salary and retirement, to be worked out pending further communication with Virginia Compensation Board. (2) As to all other City employees of the City of Norton they be granted an immediate 3% salary increase, plus 5% retirement to be paid entirely by the City pending such time detail job classification program is instituted by the City and accepted by the Council setting forth said job classifications, number of employees in each classification and all pay raises, exclusive of cost of living increase, in no instance, pending acceptance of said job classification, shall any annual increase exceed the sum of \$800.00 annually, and that the tax rate be set at \$3.75/\$100 assessed valuation for real estate and \$5.50/\$100 assessed valuation for personal property. 7400

On motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Jim Humphreys and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Ike Fulks, Yes, W.F. McElroy, Yes, George Hunnicutt, Yes, Roy Roberts, Yes, Jim Humphreys, Yes, council moved that city accept Alternate #1 of Water Project as recommended by Thompson & Litton, said alternate to be for sum of \$425,000.00. 7401

On motion by George Hunnicutt, seconded by W.F. McElroy and carried by unanimous vote, Ike Fulks, Yes, W.F. McElroy, Yes, George Hunnicutt, Yes, Roy Roberts, Yes, Jim Humphreys, Yes, council moved adoption of Ordinance of the City of Norton, Virginia, a Municipal Corporation, authorizing the sale of certain real estate to the Industrial Development Authority of the City of Norton, said ordinance passed as an emergency ordinance. (page 235) 7402

The City Manager discussed with council school board deficit.

On motion by George Hunnicutt, seconded by W.F. McElroy and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Ike Fulks, Yes, W.F. McElroy, Yes, George Hunnicutt, Yes, Roy Roberts, Yes, Jim Humphreys, Yes, council moved that City pay to City of Norton School Board Fund the sum of \$27,800.00 as needed, making a sum total of \$67,800.00 paid. 7403

The City Manager discussed the cash flow for 1976-77 with council. He asked permission to discuss this matter with Mr. Thrower for recommendation as to needs of the City for borrowing. 7404

The City Manager discussed briefly fee system for Flag Rock Recreation area. Council instructed the city manager to inquire as to what other places were charging and bring back recommendations to council at next meeting. Council also authorized the City Manager to continue the present fee system until something further can be worked out. 7405

The City Manager reported on Tabb, Inc. 13th Street Activities. On motion by George Hunnicutt, seconded by W.F. McElroy and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Ike Fulks, Yes, W.F. McElroy, Yes, George Hunnicutt, Yes, Roy Roberts, Yes, Jim Humphreys, Yes, council moved that the people responsible for undermining the alley be notified, certified mail, return receipt requested, that they have in fact violated property rights of the City of Norton by doing substantial grade work without authority, without any prior approval of either the Planning Commission or City Council, that they be further notified that they will be held financially responsible for this encroachment; that they further be called upon to submit to the City Manager of Norton detail on any minerals removed from this property. 7406

On motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by W.F. McElroy and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Ike Fulks, Yes, W.F. McElroy, Yes, George Hunnicutt, Yes, Roy Roberts, Yes, Jim Humphreys, Yes, council moved that Resolution dedicating and Opening Flag Rock Recreation Area be ratified as presented. (insert) 7407

The City Manager presented to council request for paving of 10th Street S.W. On motion by George Hunnicutt, seconded by Jim Humphreys and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Ike Fulks, Yes, W.F. McElroy, Yes, George Hunnicutt, Yes, Roy Roberts, Yes, Jim Humphreys, Yes, council moved that request for paving 10th Street, S.W. be made to N.I.D.A. for their consideration. 7408

On motion by W.F. McElroy, seconded by George Hunnicutt and carried by following votes, Fulks, McElroy, Hunnicutt, Roberts, Humphreys, Abstained council moved that the following resolution commending Mr. Jim Humphreys be passed. (insert) 7409

Mr. Humphreys expressed to the public his pleasure in having served the City of Norton as a councilman. He stated it had been a learning time for him and that he hoped he had been useful as to best interests of City of Norton. 7410

The City Manager reminded council of organizational meeting to be held on July 1st at 10:00 A.M. 7411

The City Manager presented list of six persons for members of recreation committee: Bob Isaac, T.D. Lassiter, Imogene Emershaw, Sue Gillenwater, Jackie Mainous, John Krulis.

On Motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by George Hunnicutt and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Ike Fulks, Yes, W.F. McElroy, Yes, George Hunnicutt, Yes, Roy Roberts, Yes, Jim Humphreys, Yes, council moved that accept slate of members as presented by City Manager and that said recreation 7412

committee be asked to present a seventh member to serve on this committee.

The City Manager advised council he had received a letter from Virginia Municipal League asking he attend a meeting in Richmond on June 22nd, as member of transportation committee.

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On motion by W.F. McElroy, seconded by Jim Humphreys and carried by unanimous roll call vote council moved that Mr. Franks be granted permission to attend meeting in Richmond, June 22nd.

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Mr. Humphreys stated he would like to recommend that they consider job classifications at next regular council meeting.

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Mayor Fulks inquired as to status of Swimming hole in Ramsey section.

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

Mayor

Clerk