

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on October 5 1976 at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor Fulks presiding.

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

Absent: Roy Roberts & Kenneth Asbury, City Attorney

Also Present: Milas D. Franks, City Manager

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Bill Shears, President of the Wise Co. Swim Association and Carl Curtis, Coach of Blue Marlins Swim Team were present at council meeting with Mr. Shears expressing an interest in the enclosing of City of Norton Swimming Pool. Council discussed this matter with gentlemen present and instructed the City Manager to request Lenowisco to explore possible funding agencies and to inquire about cost estimates.

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The City Manager advised council that the City Attorney was of the opinion that the right of way discussed on Wyandotte Avenue was not a matter for the City to decide but a matter of the property owners.1

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The City Manager advised that he had had the tree on Oak Avenue near the Joe Kilgore property cut for the sum of \$120.00

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The City Manager advised there would be a bid opening on Water project on October 13th at 10:00 A.M. in the court room and that recommendations for award would be made to council at their regular meeting on October 19th.

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The City Manager advised council of Rental Assistance Program of the Virginia Housing Development Authority.

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Earle Brown, Chief of Fire Dept. reported on status of fire trucks and that it was now time for purchase of another truck. Council concurred in Mr. Brown's request to go ahead and advertise for bids in November.

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The City Manager advised council that the Water Project Proposal for Josephine and surrounding area had been presented to the Wise County Public Service Authority and that they had voted to recommend same to the Board of Supervisors for final approval.

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The City Manager advised council that the planning commission would be meeting with ARIens Development Corporation at 10:00 A.M. Thrusday morning regarding shopping center on West Park Avenue.

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Mayor Fulks advised council he had been requested to have policemen patrol elementary school crossing at 7:45 A.M.

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Mayor Fulks called for motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel matter.

On motion by George Hunnicutt, seconded by Vernon Flanary and carried by unanimous roll call vote council moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel matter. 1

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Council reconvened at 9:00 P.M.

Mayor Fulks announced that the council discussed the acceptance of resignation of Milas D. Franks as City Manager and also discussed applications for position of City Manager.

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On motion by George Hunnicutt, seconded by W.F. McElroy and carried by unanimous roll call vote, council moved to accept, with regret, the resignation of Milas D. Franks as City Manager and directed the Clerk of Council to have the City Attorney prepare a resolution commending Mr. Franks, said resolution to be presented at next regular council meeting.

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Mayor Fulks stated the council had reviewed three or four applications for City Manager during the executive session.

On motion by George Hunnicutt, seconded by Vernon Flanary and carried by unanimous roll call vote, council moved to employ services of Mr. Jim Vicars as City Manager as of November 1st, subject to his acceptance. with offer as in budget at the present time.

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Mr. McElroy stated that due to fault of his own he had not talked with the applicant nor had he had time to review the applications.

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On motion by W.F. McElroy, seconded by George Hunnicutt and carried by unanimous roll call vote. council moved that an amount not to exceed \$100.00 be furnished toward moving of City Manager to Norton.

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Councilman Hunnicutt advised that Mr. Johnson had asked him about filling lot in in exchange for water easement. Matter referred to City Manager.

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