

On December 20, 1976 a special council meeting was called at 5:30 P.M. to discuss the proposed water tank on the west end on Norton. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ike Fulks who appointed City Manager, Jim Vicars as the temporary clerk of council for the purpose of taking minutes.

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

Also Present: Jim Vicars, City Manager

Mayor Fulks stated that this was a special meeting called for the purpose of reviewing the proposed water tank in the west end of the city and other matters that might come before council.

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City Manager, Jim Vicars reviewed a report he had prepared and delivered to council earlier with respect to the proposed water tank. Thompson & Litton engineer for the project, Woody Bryant commented on the soils engineering and basic engineering contracts which had been executed. Mr. Bryant further reviewed the various options that were available to the city, including placing the tank on the backbone ridge near the existing high pressure system. He discussed the various advantages and disadvantages of this proposal. Mr. Bryant presented a second option of placing the tank at the water treatment plant again he discussed the various advantages and disadvantages, and then he presented advantages and disadvantages to the proposed tank located near the Community Hospital.

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All members of council participated in the discussion about the various alternatives as well as Mr. Pete Lambert of the Norton Community Hospital. On a motion by Mr. George Hunnicutt, seconded by Mr. W.F. McElroy, and passed by unanimous roll call vote (Fulks, Hunnicutt, Flanary, McElroy, Yes) council moved to put a 1,000,000 gallon tank near the water filtration plant so as to benefit the entire city water system provided that Community Development Funds can be amended to allow this particular project.

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Mr. Pete Lambert commented that this is probably the best move for the city.

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Mr. Don Jack Mullins of Mullins Engineering commented that he was not asked to look for alternatives but to give a proposal on one site and one tank and that this seems to be a preliminary engineering report but that preliminary engineering report was not done.

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City Council set January 4, and January 18 as public hearings for the purpose of amendment of Community Development Program to allow the water tank.

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Mr. George Hunnicutt and Mr. Ike Fulks stated that they would like to participate in some size of tank in the area of the hospital. Perhaps going to a 350,000 gallon tank of which the hospital would utilize 110,000 gallons. The city would make up additional costs above that of a 110,000 gallon tank. The proposal was entered for the hospital and Arlen's Shopping Center to pay 80% of the cost of the 110,000 gallon tank with the city paying the remainder.

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Mr. Lambert proposed to pay \$20,000.00 and provide the tank site.

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After additional discussion it was decided to continue the discussion of this matter until the regularly scheduled council meeting the following evening.

On motion by Mr. George Hunnicutt, seconded by W.F. McElroy, and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Fulks, McElroy, Hunnicutt, Flanary, Yes) council adjourned.

Ike Fulks  
MAYOR

Jim Vicars  
CLERK OF COUNCIL