

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on September 15, 1981 at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor Hunnicutt presiding.

Present: George Hunnicutt, W. F. McElroy, Robert Collier, Cliff Daniels, Vic Jones

On motion by Robert Collier, seconded by W. F. McElroy and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that minutes of September 1st meeting be accepted as presented.

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Mr. George Burge and Mr. Mark Hodges of Urban Division, Virginia Department of Highways and Transportation were present at Council meeting to discuss with council traffic study made for City of Norton. Mr. Jim Gates, Resident Engineer, Department of Highways was also present.

Mr. Burge spoke briefly on the subject and introduced Mr. Hodges of Traffic and Safety Division, who is more or less the author of the traffic study.

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Mr. Hodges gave a brief synopsis of the report as presented to council prior to this meeting. Mr. Hodges stated they had basically used format as in resolution of council asking for this study. Mr. Hodges advised that primary study was in three areas: 1. Down Town Signals; 2. Norton Square Shopping Center; 3. Guest River Road Intersection. He outlined different recommendations for each of these areas as outlined in his report of the study. Council discussed this report at length with Mr. Hodges and Mr. Burke.

Mr. Prior of the CDBG Program advised Council construction bids had been received today from the following:

H. B. Rowe	\$695,837.10
C. W. Johnson	\$607,206.00
B. F. Robinette	\$599,179.38
(Engineers Estimate -	\$540,000.00)

Mr. Prior advised that under the C.D.B.G. Program they were limited to \$555,790 bracket. He presented alternatives since bid above \$555,000.

No. 1 Reduce Project Items:

Landscaping	\$13,460
Sidewalks	13,973
Paving @ Witts	10,398
1 Street Light	1,400

This will bring project cost of \$554,948.38.

No. 2 Accept bid and supplement \$555,790 CDBG Funds with \$43,389.38 from 1979 Entitlement. This will leave \$23,734 in that fund. HUD has approved this if Council selects this alternative.

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No. 3-Re-bid Project

Council discussed this in detail.

On motion by W. F. McElroy, seconded by Vic Jones and carried by the following roll call votes: Hunnicutt, McElroy, Collier, Jones, YES; Daniels, abstained, Council moved that supplement amount of money with \$20,373 1979 Entitlement money subject to HUD approval.

On motion by W. F. McElroy, seconded by Robert Collier and carried by the following roll call votes: Hunnicutt, McElroy, Collier, Jones, YES; Daniels, abstained, Council moved that award bid to low bidder, B. F. Robinette Construction Company in amount of \$575,321.38, that sum including \$20,373 to be transferred from 1979 entitlement subject to approval of HUD, approval of contractor, sub-contractor, and their eligibility.

Mr. James Peters appeared before council with reference to Trailer Parks. Council discussed this matter briefly and referred this matter to the City Manager for investigation.

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The City Manager presented list of equipment which he would like to offer for bids as surplus property.

On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Vic Jones and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved to declare the following surplus property and that the same be advertised for sealed bids. (1) International Backhoe, (1) Ford Dump Truck, (1) Ford Police Car, (1) Fordson Road Roller, (1) Meter Buggy, (1) Tailgate Roller Essick.

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On motion by Robert Collier, seconded by W. F. McElroy and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that following ordinance of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia "Exempting from the Local Sales and Use Tax Artificial or Propane Gas, Firewood, Coal or Home Heating Oil used for Domestic Purposes" be passed. (Insert)

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On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Robert Collier and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved they go into executive session to discuss personnel (Appointment) and land acquisition.

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On motion by Robert Collier, seconded by Cliff Daniels and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved go back into regular session.

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