

A continued meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on September 18, 1980 at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor Hunnicutt presiding.

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

Also present: G.M. Newman, City Manager

Mr. Bardin Thrower of Thrower & Thrower presented annual audit of City of Norton. Mr. Thrower went over the entire audit with Council. Council expressed appreciation for the fine job done.

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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.

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

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Mayor Hunnicutt reported conclusion in our executive session had to do with major changes that had been made with reference to financing. 1. Change in procedures such as mandated by the State is going to require more attention to carry out their mandate. 2. Vast expansion of City Government with reference to this. Thereby the City Council needs his disclosure of funds, his liability for those funds and handling of those funds pointed out in span of about 15 years an expansion of budget by 5 fold. Certain responsibility of administering Redeveloping & Housing Authority monies Federal Government mandated that Council be responsible for these funds. We sit here and administer that fund, appropriated portions of it, passed on it, currently engaged in working out this Railroad Avenue Property with their funds and conclude the same decision that was made something like a year ago had to be put into effect, that is that the City Manager find a director, proceed with his instructions in a most emphatic and almost on emergency basis. Go ahead at this time and come up with an Assistant who will help administer the finances that pertain to the City of Norton. This doesn't pertain to anything Treasurer is responsible for - we are not talking about State money - talking about disclosure of city's funds and rely upon liability of City Council to do that - saying in effect - instruct City Manager to go ahead now the important business of hiring, almost on emergency basis, a Director who will expedite these responsibilities and whatever it takes in reference to money within the bound of reason. Due to the accounting procedures and all other reasons, we can't wait any longer to expedite that one program. This is upon recommendation of City Auditor. Also with concurrence of full city council realize that we are short in this particular field and we must provide this money to the City Manager.

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On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Vic Jones and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved accept report of Thrower & Thrower for the year ending June 30, 1980 and that gratitude for this job be expressed to Thrower & Thrower.

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Council considered contract for annexation feasibility study. Council discussed this matter briefly.

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On motion by Robert Collier, seconded by Cliff Daniels and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved that transfer last fiscal year surplus of \$89,093.27 to Contingency Fund.

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On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Robert Collier and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved that authorize the City Manager to enter into contract, as outlined before us, with Balzar & Associates for undertaking annexation feasibility study for sum not to exceed \$60,000.00, said funds to come from contingency.

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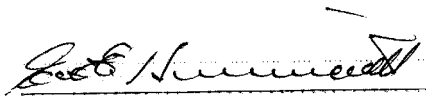
On motion by Robert Collier, seconded by Vic Jones and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved that City Manager be authorized and directed to notify firm of Penn-Stewart-Eskridge & Jones, Attorneys in same matter, funds to be paid on per diem basis with termination at any time by City, said amount not to exceed \$25,000 with said funds to be paid from contingency.

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On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Vic Jones and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved that additional Supplement of \$1750.00 be paid to Thrower & Thrower for audit, this supplement brought about by change in system mandated by State of Virginia.

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



Mayor



Clerk