

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on June 20, 1978 at 7:30 PM with Mayor Fulks presiding.

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

Also Present: Joe Baker, City Manager & Kenneth Asbury, Attorney

Mr. & Mrs. Cab Gannaway, Mr. C. D. Hunt and Mr. Charles Starnes were present and requested that something be done regarding water situation to their properties on Beech Street. Council discussed this matter at length with these citizens and directed the City Manager to get cost estimate from an engineer to see what can be done to correct this lack of water and pressure.

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Several citizens from Hamner Avenue area were present and inquired as to status of water line which was to be relaid by Humphrey Enterprises so that they will have enough water pressure. The City Manager advised the citizens that he had been in contact with Humphrey Enterprises and that they were going to take care of it in the near future.

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Miss Frances Fuller of 1816 Main Avenue appeared before council requesting that something be done regarding debris in creek back of her property. She stated that she had made this request for three years and that the problem was getting worse, washing away the back part of her property. She asked why this matter could not be taken up with Corps of Engineers or TVA or both.

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Bill McGannon of Oak Avenue appeared before council regarding all day parking on Oak Avenue. He presented clippings from newspaper regarding legality of insurance of parking permits for streets in residential area.

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Mr. Don Pippin appeared before council and first expressed his appreciation to different departments of the City Government in his building project on Park Avenue and 5th Street. He also spoke to council on the hazardous condition of the old elementary school. He asked that council give consideration to doing something to these buildings to eliminate this danger.

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Councilman Hunnicutt spoke briefly on the title of this property.

Mrs. Henderson of 11th Street expressed her appreciation to city for having gate installed at school. She stated it was a great help.

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Joe Fischer was present at council meeting and requested that drainage ditch that runs thru his property be fixed. The Manager stated the sewer line had been fixed but Mr. Fischer said he wanted the drain line fixed.

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Mayor Fulks announced it was now time for the decision to be made on the rezoning at intersection of Riddle Street and Virginia Avenue from R-B to R-A. Ralph Blevins, Mrs. Boggs, Mrs. Gilliam spoke on rezoning this area back to R-A zone. Mr. & Mrs. Monroe Moore spoke on leaving it as it is in the R-B Zone.

On motion by W. F. McElroy, seconded by Bill Necessary and carried by the following votes, Council moved that accept the recommendation of the City Planning Commission to deny the request to rezone and that a study be made by the City Planning Commission on the whole area on rezoning, said study to be made in the near future. George Hunnicutt, No; W. F. McElroy, Yes; Ike Fulks, Abstained; Vernon Flanary, Yes; Bill Necessary, Yes. All yes votes was with understanding this study be made as soon as possible.

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Mayor Fulks stated the next thing on agenda was final adoption of the budget. Leslie Mullins, Henry Stout and Mrs. Boggs each ask questions regarding budget.

On motion by Bill Necessary, seconded by W. F. McElroy and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved the adoption of the Ordinance for the fiscal year of 1978-1979 appropriating funds for all contemplated expenses of the Municipality for the fiscal year and placing levies upon real estate, personal property, merchants' capital, bank stock. (Insert in Book)

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Council briefly discussed referendum vote on school bonds.

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Henry S. Stout, Jr. an attorney with the firm of Mullins, Winston & Roberson, representing Norton Coal Company, presented position paper for re-opening of Norton Coal Company Deep mine within the Norton City Limits. Council discussed this matter at length with representatives of the coal company.

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On motion by George Hunnicutt, seconded by W. F. McElroy and carried by unanimous roll call vote council moved that the City Attorney get with Attorney for Coal Company and come up with his recommendation within their guidelines so as to protect the people of the City of Norton beyond any reasonable doubt as pertaining to deep mining.

On motion by Bill Necessary, seconded by Vernon Flanary and carried by unanimous roll call vote, council moved that George Culbertson and Ruth Ann Clements be reappointed as members of City of Norton School Board for three year term. Said term to expire June 30, 1981.

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The City Manager presented to council need for two additional police cars. On motion by George Hunnicutt, seconded by W. F. McElroy and carried by unanimous roll call vote, council moved that the City Manager be authorized and directed to put out bids for two new police cars, said funds to come out of General Operating Fund at the present time. Later to be reimbursed by Revenue Sharing Funds.

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The City Manager presented report on Parking Meter Survey.

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The City Manager advised council of the Public Hearing on June 29th on 201 Study to be held at Wise.

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On motion by George Hunnicutt, seconded by W. F. McElroy and carried by majority vote, council moved that the City Attorney draw up a resolution commending the Mayor for his fine services on City Council and also draw up resolution for Councilman Necessary for his fine services on the Council.


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Mayor Fulks and Councilman Necessary each spoke on their time spent on the council and stated it had been a pleasure and expressed their willingness to help in any way possible at another time.

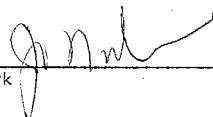
Council set reorganization meeting for July 1st at 9:00 AM and regular council meeting to be July 5th due to holiday on regular day.

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



Mayor



Clerk