

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on May 17, 1977 at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor Fulks presiding.

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

Also Present: Jim Vicars, City Manager & Kenneth Asbury, Attorney

Minutes of the regular meeting of April 10th and of special meeting of May 10th were read and approved.

Mr. Richard Bass, representing the Wise County Swim Team was present and again presented request for use of new swimming pool. He also asked if funds were available for equipment. Carl Lewis, Swim Instructor was also present and expressed his interest in both use of pool and equipment. The City Manager advised that hopefully the pool would be opened by the second week in June.

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The City Manager advised council that the Community Facilities Building was completed and that he would like for them to go over new building to decide upon use of building.

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Mr. Paul Elkins, Director of Mental Health & Retardation Board presented council with proposed 1977-78 budget for their program, the City of Norton's share being \$4,092.00. He asked that this appropriation be considered in the city's budget for 1977-78.

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Mr. A.P. Carter appeared before council and asked what the city's policy is in regard to maintaining Helena Street. He stated he intended to pave the driveway on his property. Matter referred to City Manager to look into.

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Charlie Litton appeared before council to discuss the matter of parking in the city. Mr. Litton discussed with council different possible locations for parking. He stated he would like for parking to be enforced so that merchants could have more business. Matter referred to City Manager to see what he could come up with.

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A.P. Carter asked what had happened to loading zones downtown?

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Discussion of unlicensed vehicles parking in streets was held. Also storage vehicles. Discussion of stock market needing repair where flood damaged their property.

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On motion by W.F. McElroy, seconded by Bill Necessary and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Fulks, McElroy, Hunnicutt, Flanary, Necessary, Yes) council moved that adoption of Affirmative Action Plan as read. (Insert)

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George Hunnicutt nominated Ruth Ann Clements as member of City of Norton School Board for term ending July 1, 1978.

W.F. McElroy nominated William G. McGannon as member of City of Norton School Board for term ending July 1, 1979.

On motion by George Hunnicutt, seconded by Bill Necessary and carried by unanimous roll call vote council moved that nominations be closed.

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On motion by George Hunnicutt, seconded by Vernon Flanary and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Fulks, McElroy, Hunnicutt, Flanary, Necessary, Yes) council moved that Ruth Ann Clements be appointed as member of City of Norton School Board, said term to expire July 1, 1978 and William G. McGannon as member of City of Norton School Board, said term to expire July 1, 1979, said terms to become effective immediately.

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On motion by Vernon Flanary, seconded by Bill Necessary and carried by unanimous roll call (Fulks, McElroy, Hunnicutt, Flanary, Necessary, Yes) council moved that Bob Isaac, George Mears, O.E. Mullins be appointed on grievance committee to consider the grievance of former Chief of Police Jones.

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The City Manager advised council that the A.R.C. Funds to go toward the improvement of the water system was being held in reserve for the city and that the city can get the grant approved by July 1st for \$300,000.

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The City Manager discussed with council the Backflow Cross Connection Program.

On motion by George Hunnicutt, seconded by W.F. McElroy, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, council moved that the Ordinance "Providing that all persons, firms, corporations or establishments who have water from the Municipal system shall install an improve Backflow presenter and providing penalties for violations thereof:"(Insert) Emergency existing said ordinance in effect as of date of passage.

The City Manager discussed with council change from 12" line to 18" line in the system.

On motion made by W.F. McElroy, seconded by George Hunnicutt and carried by unanimous roll call vote council moved that city be authorized to change from 12" water to 18" water line.

On motion by George Hunnicutt, seconded by Bill Necessary and carried by unanimous roll call vote, council moved that the City Manager be authorized and directed to make application to A.R.C. For funds to cover water line, change and such other improvements as he may deem advisable.

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On motion by George Hunnicutt, seconded by Vernon Flanary and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Fulks, McElroy, Hunnicutt, Flanary, Necessary, Yes) council moved that Resolution of the "City Council Acknowledgeing the Volunteer Fire Department of the City as Employees" be passed. (Insert)

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The City Manager presented Flood Report and presented different projects as approved by inspection team.

On motion by George Hunnicutt, seconded by W.F. McElroy and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Fulks, McElroy, Hunnicutt, Flanary, Necessary, Yes) council moved to authorize the City Manager to get bids on 19 individual projects which have been approved.

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The City Manager gave a report to council on TVA Funds. He recommended that this fund be used toward bridges.

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Council asked that the City Manager find out ownership of Bridge to Round Town.

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On motion by W.F. McElroy, seconded by George Hunnicutt and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Fulks, McElroy, Hunnicutt, Flanary, Necessary, Yes) council moved that Patsy Kiser be nominated for appointment as member of Mental Health Board.

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On motion by Bill Necessary, seconded by Vernon Flanary and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Fulks, McElroy, Hunnicutt, Flanary, Necessary, Yes) council moved that an option be granted to Virginia Department of Highways and Transportation for 1.43 acres of land that is adjacent to Benges Branch between the Norton Garment Plant and Spring Avenue and that the City Manager execute the necessary documents.

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The City Manager presented proposed map of changes in voting precincts. On motion by W.F. McElroy, seconded by George Hunnicutt and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Fulks, McElroy, Hunnicutt, Flanary, Necessary, Yes) council moved that map and plans of changes in voting precincts as presented and explained by City Manager be approved.

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The City Manager presented request from N.I.D.A. as to whether or not the City Council desires that they enter into negotiations with Diversified Education Cooperative for use of the Old Elementary School. Council referred the matter to City Manager to bring back plans to next council meeting.

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The City Manager presented two recommendations of the Planning Commission for two projects: 1st, they recommend that a 10 inch water line be installed along Rt. 74, from the intersection of park Avenue to the A-Mart Shopping Center 2nd recommends that the city pay betterment costs on the installation of an 18" water line in the area where U.S. 23 will require the relocations of the existing 12" line.

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On motion by George Hunnicutt, seconded by Bill Necessary and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Fulks, McElroy, Hunnicutt, Flanary, Necessary, Yes) council moved that city negotiate with the developers with regard to change in line and pay the difference in cost from 8" line to and 10" line along Route 74 from the intersection of Park Avenue to the A-Mart Shopping Center.

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On motion by W.C. Necessary, seconded by George Hunnicutt and carried by unanimous roll call vote W.C. Witt, and David Banks were reappointed on Board of Norton Industrial Development Authority for terms of four years, said term to expire May 10, 1981.

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Councilman Flanary brought to council's attention unlicensed vehicles parked on Kline Avenue between 8th and 6th Street.

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

MAYOR

The Fulks

CLERK OF COUNCIL

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