

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on March 2, 1976 at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor Fulks presiding.

Present: George Hunnicutt, Ike Fulks, Roy Roberts, Jim Humphreys

Absent: W. F. McElroy

Also Present: Milas D. Franks, City Attorney and Montie Meeks, City Attorney

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved with amendment in Section 7320 to read "due to emergency be passed on first reading as read."

Rev. David Powers of Davis Chapel Church appeared before Council asking permission for Ladies' Auxiliary of the church to sell prepared food at City Reservoir on opening day of trout season. No action taken by Council; group referred to Health Department. 7327

Larry Gannaway, as spokesman for a group of citizens from Sentury Trailer Court, appeared before Council expressing their concern that TV Cable Service had been denied to them because of an alleged unsettled contract agreement between the owners of the mobile home park and TV Cable Service. Council discussed this matter with the citizens present and with Mr. Morgan Russell of TV Cable Service. Council advised that in it's opinion, TV Cable Service should not be denied to the residents of the mobile home park because of the alleged contract dispute between the mobile home park owner and the TV Cable company. Council encouraged Mr. Russell to provide cable service to the residents in question. 7328

Mr. Glenn Jones of Black Diamond Savings and Loan Association, Inc. appeared before Council and presented a letter inviting the City to take advantage of the Association's investment program. 7329

The Mayor advised that as was duly advertised in the local paper, the Council would now receive bids for providing TV Cable Service for the City of Norton. The City Manager presented a bid offer from P.G.R. Enterprises, Inc, P.O. Box 39099, Friendship Station, Washington, D.C., and advised that this was the only bid submitted. 7330

Father Bob Bond expressed to the City Council his concern of the need to continue providing local originated t.v. programs and encouraged the Council to request P.G.R. Enterprises, Inc. to give financial support for the continuation of this service to the community. After considerable discussion by the Council with Morgan Russell and all others present, the Mayor called for the reading, in it's entirety, of the ordinance granting to P.G.R. Enterprises, Inc. an exclusive franchise to operate a community antenna television system for the City of Norton. 7331

On motion by Jim Humphreys, seconded by Roy Roberts and carried by unanimous roll call vote; George Hunnicutt, yes; Ike Fulks, yes; Roy Roberts, yes; Jim Humphreys, yes, Council moved that TV Cable franchise ordinance be passed on first reading, granting to P.G.R. Enterprises, Inc. an exclusive franchise to operate a community antenna television system for the City of Norton, including the amended cover letter of March 2, 1976, attached to and made a part of the ordinance and including the amended schedule of rates attached to and made a part of the ordinance, with second reading of ordinance scheduled for 7332

next regular Council meeting.

On motion by George Hunnicutt, seconded by Jim Humphreys and carried by unanimous roll call vote; George Hunnicutt, yes; Ike Fulks, yes; Roy Roberts, yes; Jim Humphreys, yes, Council moved that Glenn Jones be appointed as member of Norton Industrial Development Authority to fill the unexpired term of W. P. Kanto, resigned, said term, which is to expire January 1, 1979.

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Discussion of location of new Health Department Building was tabled until a report could be received from Mr. Holyfield, Administrator of Wise County Health Department.

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City Manager advised Council that the School Board had requested joint budget work sessions for March 15, 1976 at 7:00 P.M. Council was in agreement with this date.

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

Ike Fulks
Mayor

Jim Humphreys
Clerk