

At a regular meeting of Council held in the Council Chamber this evening at 7:30 PM there were present:- Mayor Roy H. Erickson, City Manager Marvin B. Milam, City Attorney Norvell A. Lapsley, Clerk N. Arlene Loker, Vice-Mayor E. Warren Denton, Jr., Councilmen Paul C. Cline, Raymond C. Dingleline, Jr., Walter F. Green, III, City Auditor R. William Shifflet and Chief of Police Julius F. Ritchie. Absent:- none.

Minutes of the meeting of June 25th were read, and approved as corrected.

The following monthly reports were presented and ordered filed:

From the City Manager:-

A report of activities in the various departments and said office for the month of June, 1974.

From the City Treasurer:-

A Trial Balance report as of close of business on June 28, 1974.

From the Police Department:-

A report of parking meters and receipts from same for month of June, 1974.

From the City Auditor:-

A report of cash discounts saved during month of June, 1974 totaling \$ 227.71.

From the Data Processing Manager:-

A report of water and sewer accounts, meters read, installations, cut delinquents, complaints, etc. for month of June, 1974.

✓ Correspondence from Attorney Henry Clark was presented and read with which he enclosed a preliminary plat of a proposed subdivision by Mr. Bill Neff on the east side of S. Main St., comprised of 6.84 acres of land, which is desired divided into five lots. Manager Milam noted that this is a subdivision of acreage and that a public street will be recorded, as well as one acre being dedicated to the city at a later date. He pointed out the area on a map for information. Following a brief discussion, Councilman Cline moved that the plat be referred to the City Planning Commission for study and recommendation, which motion upon being seconded by Councilman Green, was adopted by a unanimous vote of Council.

✓ A preliminary plat from Attorney Henry Clark on behalf of Mr. Bill Neff, was presented, with a request for resubdivision of ten lots on South Ave. in order that he may sell a portion of same. The City Manager pointed out the area on a map showing the subdivision lines as well as portion to be sold. He noted that this would only change property lines in the M-1 zoned area. Following discussion, the plat was referred to the Planning Commission for study and recommendation by a unanimous vote of Council, on motion of Vice-Mayor Denton, seconded by Councilman Green.

✓ City Manager Milam informed Council that Mr. Bill Neff was requesting water and sewer connections to serve a trailer park on old Country Club Rd. which is in the county, although no correspondence on same had been received, to date. He pointed out the area on a map and suggested that same be referred to the Planning Commission in that it involves new streets, water and sewer, as well as some complications, etc. which should be given consideration prior to acting on the request. Following a brief discussion, Councilman Green moved that the request be referred to the Planning Commission for study and recommendation, which motion upon being seconded by Councilman Cline, was adopted by a unanimous vote of Council.

✓ City Manager Milam presented a preliminary plan submitted by land consultants for the proposed Northfield Estates by Mr. J.F. Shehan, along with a request for rezoning of ten acres which lie in the rear of an industrial zone on N. Main St. and presently zoned R-2, to M-1, and the rezoning of the eastern twenty-five acres (presently R-2) to R-4, in order to build townhouses for sale, which is prohibited under the present zoning. The City Manager pointed out the area on a map and noted that the final plan should include the dedication and building of one-half of Washington Street. Following discussion, Councilman Cline moved that the rezoning requests be referred to the City Planning Commission for study and recommendation, which motion upon being seconded by Vice-Mayor Denton, was adopted by a unanimous vote of Council.

✓ Dr. Malcolm Tenney, Jr., District Health Director, presented a report on "Mental Aftercare Service for fiscal year 1973-74". Members were provided with copies of the report which revealed that Virginia Health Department services to recently discharged mental patients had increased notably in the past year. Two public health nurses made 127 home visits to former patients last year, with 10 new patients

having been added. Dr. Tenney also gave warning against rivers in the eastern part of Rockingham County for swimming or playing, in that several cases of hepatitis have been traced possibly to rivers where all those affected had swam. Dr. Tenney was commended on his monthly reports to Council which keep them abreast on matters pertaining to health and sanitation in the City.

✓ With regard to the City's two major street projects (Cantrell Ave. & S.Main St.), Assistant City Manager John Driver reported that final allocation of funds had been received, with \$ 400,000. additional funds appropriated by the State Highway Commission, for the S.Main St. project, bringing total near \$1 million, and \$ 130,000. additional funds for the Cantrell Ave. Project, of which \$ 50,000. will be used from Reservoir to Paul Sts. and \$ 80,000. from Mason to High Sts. He reported no funds for the portion of Cantrell Ave. from Mason to Paul Sts. Mr. Driver pointed out that Rt. 11 south and Rt. 33 west of City Limits are scheduled projects, and that notification had been received re certain necessary utility adjustments in those locations. He noted that these could prove very costly, particularly along Rt. 33, due to relocation of water lines. He explained that the State of Virginia is divided into eight districts, with Harrisonburg included in the Staunton District along with Winchester and Waynesboro. This district received \$ 23 million total funds with each receiving \$ 500,000. of the total. Water & Sewer Superintendent Edgar Loker stated that in relocating water lines on Rt. 33, the state will pay for moving utilities that are on private property. Council was informed that the Urban Office will hold a public hearing in September of this year on the Rt. 11 and Rt. 33 projects, advertise for bids in 1975, and proceed to purchase rights-of-way. The report was for information.

✓ Manager Milam read a letter dated 7/2/74 from the W.C.English, Inc., accompanied by price confirmations as per verbal conversation, for cost of raising Dam 81, estimated to cost \$ 1,296,626.91. He reminded members of Council that they had agreed to not exceed \$1 million when modifications to the dam were approved. City Engineer Donn Devier explained a diagram on cross section of the dam site, showing four zones of earth fill, namely: clay, silt, gravelly sands, cobbles, etc. Manager Milam gave a verbal picture of the completed dam with a capacity of 2.3 billion gallons of water when full, and when down to crest, the city would have 4,500 acre ft. or a storage of 1.5 billion gallons of water. The body of water created by the dam will be 10 times larger than Silver Lake, which is 11.7 acres. Manager Milam noted that he has the revised plans and specifications, along with all unit prices. The dam will be 139' high and 1/4 mile long, or a 2,100,000 cubic yard structure. He offered an opinion that unit prices seem to be satisfactory and recommended that Council authorize a contract, based on unit prices and quantities, and including a right of termination at approximately 1.3 million dillars for the modifications. The cost will be covered with funds now on hand, necessitating no borrowing of funds. When asked about the possibility of reducing the dam several feet in height, Mr. William Blair, retired Soil Conservationist present in the meeting, reported that in order to do this, new plans would have to be drawn, which could be very costly. Following a lengthy discussion, Councilman Dingleline moved that the recommendation of the City Manager be approved, which motion upon being seconded by Councilman Green, was adopted by a unanimous vote of Council.

✓ City Manager Milam presented the following proposed resolution for Council's approval:-

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY ATTORNEY TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL LAND RIGHTS FOR WATER STORAGE BEHIND DAM 81 ON SKIDMORE FORK.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council for the City of Harrisonburg, Va., that in the opinion of the Council it is necessary that the City of Harrisonburg obtain title to that certain tract of land situate in Skidmore Fork Hollow, in Central District, Rockingham County, Va., for the purpose of additional water storage behind SCS Dam No. 81, said tract containing approximately 52 acres, and being owned by the heirs of Mike S. Liskey, L. H. Hollen and others.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Attorney is directed to proceed to obtain title to said tract of land in the name of the City, either by negotiation with the present owners or by condemnation if necessary.

Dated: July 9, 1974

Mayor

Clerk

Council was informed that Attorney Lapsley felt this a necessary document in that there may be difficulty in obtaining the said tract of land. Following a brief discussion, Vice-Mayor Denton moved that the resolution be approved, which motion upon being seconded by Councilman Cline, was adopted by a unanimous vote of Council. After further discussion and on motion of Vice-Mayor Denton, seconded by Councilman Cline and a unanimous vote of Council, the City Manager was authorized to request, on behalf of the City, a special use permit from the U.S. Forestry Service, to use forest land for the Dam 81 project, namely on the south slope of the mountain, in that the City land will be covered with water.

✓ The City Manager called Council's attention to their copies of a schedule of "Classes Assigned to Salary Grades" effective July 1 of this year in the City's 1974-75 budget. He noted that all city employees had been changed one grade on the scale (based on a total of 6 steps) and in keeping with the Yarger report approved earlier, and explained that the one grade would increase each salary from 5% to 10%. He noted that those not raised accordingly, were already at the 6th (F) rate, or maximum allowed annual salary. Following discussion, Councilman Green moved that the revised classification and payroll recommendations be approved, which motion upon being seconded by Vice-Mayor Denton, was adopted by a unanimous vote of Council.

An appointment of member to the Redevelopment & Housing Authority, was deferred until a future meeting.

Mayor Erickson informed Council that a suggestion had been made for the appointment of a member to serve on the recently organized Downtown Development Committee, from representation of the Garden Clubs, under level of "beautification", and asked members to be thinking of nominees.

✓ City Manager Milam called Council's attention to their copies of a report titled "Harrisonburg, a Municipal Corporation", prepared by Dan Seaverns, a senior at Madison College, who has been working under him and interviewing department heads, Boards and Commissions of the City. He explained that the report contains physical assets of each department, and non-departmental, along with some history. The City

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Manager's Office checked and re-checked the report and typed same in final form. The report reflected also City Owned Land as to its location, amount of land, land value, and replacement value. City owned machinery & equipment is set forth in the report, as well. The members were asked to study their copies, for information.

✓ Manager Milam presented copies of a report "Earned Interest on Investments" for each fiscal year 1966 through May of 1973. It reflected an increase of \$ 242,887.86 (which includes the earning from investing Revenue Sharing Funds in amount of \$ 27,830.09), over the span of years. He explained the procedure of investing City funds beginning with the asking of bids from local banks in early morning and then processing of same through the Auditor's Office by preparation of a check in the amount to be invested, which is then turned over to the City Treasurer who in turn makes the deposit at designated bank. The total amount of \$ 257,295.86 interest was earned on these transactions. The report was for information.

✓ For Council information, the City Manager called attention to copies of a report which he had compiled showing Bonds Payable in amount of \$ 6,262,300.; Temporary Loans \$ 250,547.50; and Contingent Liabilities of \$ 2,810,000., making a grand total of \$ 9,322,847.50. The Contingent Liabilities include commitments to Sewer Authority (\$ 2,400,000.); Upper Valley Regional Park Authority (\$135,000.); Shenandoah Valley Airport Commission (\$25,000.); Harrisonburg Electric Commission \$ 250,000.) Manager Milam noted that it was difficult to hold out the necessary funds for payment of city payrolls and other obligations, and that at some future meeting, he would bring in a proposed resolution authorizing him to borrow funds (\$ 50,000 - \$ 100,000) in order that investments of surplus funds would not have to be held so close in striving to pay obligations. He was commended by Council on the informative reports.

The City Manager presented reports of delinquent taxes as required under the state and city codes, as submitted by Marshall A. Firebaugh, City Treasurer, as follows:- 1973 Tangible, \$ 2,902.11; 1972 Tangible, \$ 3,068.22; 1973 Real Estate, \$ 21,752.98. A second report submitted by the City Treasurer reflected the following delinquent taxes remaining unpaid at the close of fiscal year ending 6/30/74:- 1968 Personal Property, \$ 470.96; 1969, \$ 526.36; 1970, \$ 517.46; 1971, \$ 438.10; 1972 Real Estate, \$ 961.28 and 1973 Service Charge, \$ 350.40. Following a brief discussion, Councilman Dingleline moved that the reports be accepted, which motion upon being seconded by Vice-Mayor Denton, was adopted by a unanimous vote of Council.

Members of Council were presented with copies of a print-out sheet on a new computer program which was begun on July 1st of this year, showing all revenue items of the City of Harrisonburg:- Estimated Revenue; Realized to Date; Unrealized and Percentage. Manager Milam noted that the information will be available daily under a new column "realized today". According to the City Manager, the School and City Payrolls have also been added to computer programming. The report was for information.

✓ Manager Milam presented preliminary proposals for consideration as follows: (1) to not issue a permit on existing streets without improvements. (2) improvements on corner lots pre-requisite to extension of water and sewer lines (3) subdivisions beyond corporate limits be required to make same improvements as those inside City. He pointed out a conflict on responsibility for overseeing streets and sidewalks between the 1952 City Code which designated the City Manager and Street Superintendent, and the recent recodification by Michie Company which designates the Planning Commission with final approval of the governing body. Manager Milam explained that in the recodification, a section from the '52 Code had been pulled out and moved under subdivision section, which automatically designated the Planning Comm. which reviews plats for new subdivisions. Following discussion, Councilman Cline moved that the matter be referred to the Planning Commission for study and report, which motion upon being seconded by Councilman Green, was adopted by a unanimous vote of Council.

There being no further business and on motion duly adopted, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 P.M.

N. Arlene Loken
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Ray Eubank
MAYOR

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