

Tuesday, November 12, 1974

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, Chief of Police Julius F. Ritchie. Absent:- City Auditor R. William Shifflet (excused to attend special class).

The evening's Invocation was led by The Rev. H. Hasbrouck Hughes, Jr., pastor of Asbury United Methodist Church, Harrisonburg.

Minutes of the regular meeting of October 22nd were read, and approved as corrected.

The following regular 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 October, 1974.

From the City Treasurer:-

A Trial Balance report as of close of business on October 31, 1974.

From the Police Department:-

A report of total number of arrests; parking meter fines collected; cash collected from parking meters; and total cash collected, all sources.

From the City Auditor:-

A report of cash discounts saved during month of October, 1974, totaling \$ 188.36.

A financial report for the City of Harrisonburg, Va. for month of October, 1974.

From the Data Processing Manager:-

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

✓ Mr. Edward Purcell, III, appeared before Council to voice opposition to double decking the Municipal Parking Lot which has been proposed, due to tremendous costs, the energy situation and the general economy. Rather than the decking, Mr. Purcell asked Council to consider a public bus system in the City (and possibly Rockingham County), operated by the local governing body(s), which would transport school children (especially those with great distances to walk), and elderly people, as well as shoppers, to the downtown and surrounding areas. This would relieve the parking situation and save energy, which are both running out in the whole area. Following discussion, Mayor Erickson thanked Mr. Purcell for his report and assured him that Council would study the statistics provided, and consider the matter.

✓ Final plat of Reherd Acres, Section 2, comprised of all single family units, was presented by the City Manager, and was, on motion of Councilman Dingleline, seconded by Councilman Green, and a unanimous vote of Council, referred to the City Planning Commission for study and recommendation.

✓ City Manager Milam presented and read an excerpt from a Council meeting held in Waynesboro, Virginia on October 28th, which contained therein a resolution duly adopted re House Bill 30 "State Budget Bill." The Bill, as approved by the General Assembly, would result in losses of subsidies from the state to local School Boards. He noted that the Bill would provide for affluent communities to pay more than the poor communities, with Harrisonburg paying approximately \$ 60,000. more to the local School Board. Manager Milam suggested that a conference be held with the School Board or School Superintendent, and then contacting Senator Aldhizer, Delegate Nathan Miller and Delegate Clinton Miller, for their efforts toward no reduction in state funds. The report was for information, with no action taken at this time.

✓ The City Manager presented a request from Rockingham Mutual Insurance Company through its attorney, Donald D. Litten, the rezoning of two lots on the southern side of E. Market St. from R=2 Residential to B-2 General Business. A check in the amount of \$ 50.00 representing filing fee, was enclosed. Following a brief discussion, Councilman Cline moved that the request be referred to the City Planning Commission for study and recommendation, which motion upon being seconded by Councilman Dingleline, was adopted by a unanimous vote of Council.

✓ Council received communication from Mr. Charles S. Smith, tendering his resignation as General Chairman of the Downtown Development Committee, due to business responsibilities, but requesting to remain as a member of said committee. Following discussion, members accepted the resignation and asked the City Manager to call the committee together to select a General Chairman. It was pointed out that if desired, another member could be appointed to serve on the committee.

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✓ Manager Milam presented a petition signed by 66 residents of W. Market St. for the re-routings of heavy truck traffic from said street. Mayor Erickson informed members that Mr. Ott Howver of 254 West Market St. had called him with re to the noise, as well as the future of the street insofar as repairs, widening, etc., and had asked that he and some of the other residents be heard. The Mayor said he told Mr. Howver about the various programs, traffic flows experienced in all directions, and plans re traffic in other areas. Manager Milam pointed out that Rt. 33 is a U.S. Highway and that consent from the State Department is necessary re any traffic change. Following discussion, Vice-Mayor Denton moved that the matter be referred to the Planning Commission for study, which motion upon being seconded by Councilman Green, was adopted by a unanimous vote of Council. The City Manager was asked to provide copies of the petition, which included remarks by various residents, for each member of Council.

✓ For Council information and recordation in City minutes, City Manager Milam presented tally sheets from the November 5th election as submitted by Mr. Frank S. Warren, Secretary of the City Electoral Board, showing the following results:

Amendment to Section II of Article VIII of the Constitution: 1,508 for; 1,879 against.

To retain Blue Law: Yes, 1,779; No, 1,317

For Representative: Gilliam, 1,396, Robinson, 2,041

68 absentee ballots were cast from the four wards in the City.

✓ Council was informed by the City Manager that a letter had been received from Attorney Andrew Miller with which he enclosed a check in the amount of \$ 426.00, representing the City's share of settlement in the Northern District of California Gypsum Anti-Trust. He noted that only one job had been submitted by the City, namely: Harrisonburg High School, in June 1966, by Nielsen Construction Co., in total contract price of \$ 1,454,889.02, which was the figure used for claim basis. City Attorney Lapsley advised Council that in as much as the Attorney General's Office had endorsed receipt of the check, all was in order. The report was for information.

At this point in the meeting, Vice-Mayor Denton reacted to criticism that the Council does not consider the average tax payer in making zoning decisions, and pointed out that he would have cast a yes vote for rezoning of 33 acres in Reherd Acres, had he been present when acted upon. Mr. Denton said that zoning requests are the most difficult decisions which have to be made, in that there are three sides to the question: those requesting rezoning, those opposed and appear or petition, and the other 14,500 citizens who do not show up at meetings which Council has to represent. He regarded a statement as unfair which was made that Council "disregards the average taxpayer", in that all considerations have to be given when reaching a decision. Mayor Erickson offered an opinion that Mr. Denton's comments were very much in order, and noted further that members of Council were elected at large and have to consider the entire City, which sometimes makes a decision "hard to come by."

✓ Mr. Mervin Stickley, C.P.A., and Chairman of the TV Study Committee, appeared before Council to answer questions which members may have re a report made by the committee on the proposed rate increase by Warner Cable Company. He gave background information re events leading up the first increase approved by Council and made effective as of July 1, 1974, of 75¢ per month for the first cable connection, and \$ 2.00 for each additional connection. He reminded Council that a second increase recommended by the committee to be effective in April of 1975, had been presented, verbally, at the same meeting when prior increase was approved, but added that to date, approval had not been granted for same. Mr. Stickley noted that action on the request was necessary in that the company wished to make up its 1975 budget. He noted that the microwave system recently installed, was one of the few in the United States, and the only one in the total Warren System, costing approximately \$ 210,000. Installation was made necessary in order to get the proper service in this area. Other reasons set forth for requesting Council action at this time were: The cable or franchise year runs from April to April; Warner plans to add another channel in the near future (channel 29 out of Charlottesville) at a cost of approximately \$ 6,000. which would help compensate costs; and since the franchise with Warren expires in approximately six years and there is no guarantee it will be renewed, with this uncertainty, Warner feels it must recover its investment within this period of time. Mr. Stickley asked consideration in approval of the 75¢ per month increase effective as of April 1, 1975, which increase would give the company a 5.2% return on its investment here, and pointed out that the charge of \$ 2.00 for each additional connection would remain the same. Attorney George Aldhizer, Jr., Counsel for Warner Cable, noted that this is a private enterprise, and that consent of Council is necessary before raising of rates. He asked that such approval be given at this time. Following discussion, the matter was set aside, to be placed on Council's agenda for the next regular meeting. Mayor Erickson thanked Mr. Stickley for his report and answers to various questions raised.

✓ City Manager Milam informed Council that Mr. Grant Preston had made a request that the Planning Commission's recommendation for approval of Section 5, Preston Heights Subdivision, be approved by Council. He called attention to the recommendation from the Planning Commission meeting on September 17th which incorporated the following adopted motion: "to recommend approval of Sec. 5, Preston Heights Subdivision, subject to adding the easements." The City Manager noted that the easements referred to were a 20' easement for water and sewer at the rear of the lots, in order to avoid cutting into the new streets recently constructed in the Cantrell Avenue extension project. The matter had been discussed at length on Oct. 8 with decision set aside to allow time for study and additional information. Following discussion, Councilman Cline moved that the recommendation of the Planning Commission be approved, which motion upon being seconded by Councilman Dingledine, was adopted by a unanimous vote of Council.

✓ The following recommendation submitted by the Planning Commission from a meeting held on October 23, 1974, was read by the City Manager:-

"...Mr. Lloyd Knicely's request to divide his lot at 431 Neyland Drive was discussed. A plat illustrating a house on the rear portion of the lot was reviewed. If allowed, the house will face South Dogwood Drive and it will meet all set-back requirements. A variance regarding lot size is needed by Mr. Knicely if his present property is divided. Mr. Knicely's home (facing Neyland Drive) will be on a 75' x 104' lot with 7,800 square feet and the new lot will be 75' x 112.7' and 7,820 square feet of lot area. The minimum lot size in R-1 zones is 10,000 square feet. The Director reported that all adjacent property owners

were notified by mail concerning Mr. Knicely's re-subdivision proposal, and none have objected. Three neighbors have called in to express 'no objections'.

Mr. McNiel offered a motion that the Planning Commission recommend approval of dividing Mr. Knicely's property at 431 Neyland Drive, based on the Subdivision Control Ordinance provision allowing variances to lot area requirements (Article VIII). Dr. Shank seconded the motion, and all members present voted in favor..."

Manager Milam pointed out the area on a map and reminded Council that the Planning Commission has authority to issue a variance under the Subdivision Control Ordinance. It was further noted that the setbacks were not certain when the request was presented to Council on October 8. Following a brief discussion, Councilman Dingledine moved that the recommendation of the Planning Commission be approved, which motion upon being seconded by Councilman Cline, was adopted by a unanimous vote of Council.

Manager Milam read the following recommendation submitted by the Planning Commission from its meeting held on October 23, 1974:-

"...The Commissioners were shown a revised site plan of Northfield Estates, a proposed 25 acre R-4 Planned Unit Development located on East Washington St. extended. Mr. James Sheehan of Frey, Sheehan, Stoker & Associates, Silver Spring, Md., explained that additional open green space has been added to the site plan, in response to suggestions made during the public hearing in September. Mr. Sheehan also described how the garden apartment area has been changed to meet the City's parking lot regulations which limits a private parking lot to serve no more than 20 apartment units. Mr. Kenneth Patrick of Annapolis, Md., told the Commissioners that he plans to develop 64 homes (in the form of 32 duplex-style structures), 100 townhouses, and 72 garden apartment units. These will be placed on the market to be sold as individual home-owned units, and the apartments may be set up as condominiums. A home-owners association will be established to own and maintain the open green spaces which are one of the features of R-4 zones.

The Director reported that the City's 6" sewer line in E. Washington St. will handle the Northfield Estates proposal for 236 dwelling units, according to the Water and Sewer Superintendent. Mr. Sullivan also reported that this rezoning request includes changing 10 acres of vacant land from R-2 Res. to M-1 Indus., which will in effect be an expansion of the M-1 zone surrounding Victor Metals and the Coca Cola plant on N. Main St. With regard to the proposed 25 acres for R-4 Planned Unit Development, the density allowed will be 10 dwellings per acre, which is the same if the property remains R-2 Residential. Also, an R-4 zone exists immediately north of the Northfield Estates site, therefore this request is not 'spot zoning' but an addition to the Eugene Hooper and Harris Gardens R-4 area.

Dr. Shank offered a motion that the Planning Commission recommend to City Council that the rezoning application by Northfield Estates be granted, for 25 acres of R-4 Planned Unit Development and 10 acres of M-1 Industrial. Mr. McNiel seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, all members voted in favor..."

The City Manager reminded Council that if the report of the Planning Commission is accepted, a public hearing date must be scheduled, with the earliest possible date being December 10 in order to allow ample time from advertising in the newspaper until the hearing. Planning Director Sullivan pointed out the area on a map and noted that the revision shows 6 acres devoted to common open space, including play area. Mayor Erickson said he would personally prefer a buffer area between the residential and industrial area. Mr. Sullivan said commercial is hoped for, but that the M-1 zoned area allows industry, as well. The project will begin with duplex type structures. According to the Director, the City is drafting a dedication of land sliver to the City and the document is ready to be signed by the Northfield Estates group. The entire project will be comprised of 236 housing units. When questioned, Director Sullivan reported no residents were present at the Commission hearing in September, to oppose the rezoning. Following a lengthy discussion, Vice-Mayor Denton moved to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation and report, and to schedule a public hearing for Tuesday, December 10, 7:30 PM, which motion upon being seconded by Councilman Cline, was adopted by a unanimous vote of Council. The City Manager was instructed to properly advertise the hearing in the Daily News Record newspaper, Council agreed with a suggestion made by the Mayor, that a discussion be held with the Planning Commission re their public hearing, prior to the December 10th hearing.

City Manager Milam read the following report and recommendation submitted by the Planning Commission from its meeting on October 23, 1974:-

"...The Director presented three maps illustrating: a) The Major Arterial Plan, adopted in 1966; b) Highway Department Suggestions for a 1995 Area Thoroughfare Plan; c) Local Suggestions for a 1995 Plan. Reaction to the Highway Department's 'inner loop' was negative, as a result of the Commission meeting on June 21st, when over 100 citizens presented petitions of opposition. The Director asked for comments regarding the 'Local Suggestions' map which showed completion of Cantrell Ave., widening of S. Main, S. High, W. Market, Waterman Drive, Mt. Clinton Pike in Park View, N. Main, U.S. 33 west, Va. Rt. 42 north, U.S. 11 north and south, Pleasant Hill Rd; other suggestions included extending Pleasant Hill Rd. west to Dayton Pike and eastward around Purcell Park to Port Republic Rd., creation of a northside loop from E. Market St. to Vine St., around Harris Gardens apartments to Park View; also suggested is a circumferential road around the southwest and northwest sides of the City, connecting with Interstate 81 at intersections north and south of the city. To improve downtown's east-west traffic, the Highway Department has suggested making Elizabeth St. one-way west, and Water St. one-way east, between Mason and High Streets.

Assistant City Manager Driver reported that the rebuilding of S. Main St. and the extension of Cantrell Ave. are programmed to be under construction by late 1975, and since Harrisonburg has asked for and received more State and Federal road funds than many other communities, our next assisted project will probably not occur until 1980 or later. Mr. Driver also reported that the Highway Dept. has plans for improving

U.S. 11 south, U.S. 33 west, and Virginia Route 42 north, and Mt. Clinton Pike (Rt. 763) will be rebuilt through Park View and a new link from Va. Route 42 to the center of Park View has been programmed and will be constructed soon. Mr. Driver said that the Highway Department's planning division in Richmond is waiting for our local reaction and suggestions before further steps are taken re completion of an Area Thoroughfare Plan for 1995. Mr. Kuykendall suggested the Director and Rockingham County's new planner, work up a plan for joint city-county review. Mr. Driver added that local officials plus Mr. Jack Osborne of the area Highway Office should review the situation again, and follow-up with contacting Richmond.

The Commissioners also reviewed a letter dated July 11, 1974 from Mr. Driver, suggesting that the Planning Commission recommend the next major street project (which will follow S. Main and Cantrell Ave.) for consideration by City Council. The letter suggested S. High St., from Grace St. to south city limits, be designated as the next project to be programmed and processed through the State Highway Department.

Review of the May 1974 traffic volume map showed the Commissioners that 24-hour traffic counts on S. High were 15,900 near Sunrise Ave, and 12,380 near New York Ave. Traffic counts at these locations in May 1973 were 12,180 and 12,210. It was pointed out that until S. High Street can be widened, the situation can be improved in some areas if curb parking is eliminated. The recent improvements at the South Ave, intersection have helped considerably.

Mr. McNiel concluded the discussion with a motion that the Planning Commission recommend to City Council that S. High St. be designated as the next major arterial project, from Grace St. to south city limits, and that programming of this project through the Virginia Dept. of Highways' Urban Office begin. Mr. Kuykendall seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor..."

Assistant City Manager Driver said that some opposition had been voiced about the S. High St. Project and that it is felt by the Highway Dept. that W. Market St. should be the next Project, in that the state will build Rt. 33 west from the corporate limits, and that perhaps the City should program this from S. High St. to the corporate limits in order to tie in with the state. Vice-Mayor Denton pointed out the fact that Dayton & Bridgewater are already 4-laned, with more people moving into the City from this area. Council agreed, generally, that considering the 6-7 years between the programming of a project and the work actually beginning, and because of the traffic which will be on the increase, no time should be lost in scheduling another project. Following discussion, Vice-Mayor Denton moved that Council accept the Planning Commission's recommendation and report for review, which motion upon being seconded by Councilman Cline, was adopted by a unanimous vote of Council.

Miss Sharon Waddell, Broker Advocate for the SID Project appeared before Council, along with Mrs. Sandy McDaniel and Miss Marquetta Witherall, also BAs, to answer any questions with regard to a detailed report which had been submitted concerning the Service Integration for Deinstitutionalization program. The report contained up-dated information and statistics of same, setting forth therein: SID Overview' Population Charts for Lynchburg Training School and Hospital & Western State Hospital; SID Replacement Charts; Institution Reimbursement Charge Rates; Comparative Costs - Housing Needs Charts. Miss Waddell pointed out that the project expires this year, and that they will then have to go for Federal funding in order to continue. A representative of the Chapter 10 Board, present in the meeting, informed Council that the Board had been meeting with the Western State Hospital officials as well as Local Health, Welfare and Education, in order to become more familiar with the Deinstitutionalization program, and noted that the Board would assist them in getting funds on both the state and local levels. Mayor Erickson thanked the representatives of SID for the fine report and assured them that members would study their copies and absorb information therein.

City Manager Milam reminded Council that although a resolution had been approved earlier and application made for flood insurance for the City through the Federal Insurance Administration, this was only one phase of the program and that the following resolution is now needed from the Governing Body:-

WHEREAS, certain areas of Harrisonburg are subject to periodic flooding from major streams and tributaries causing serious damages to residential properties within these areas; and

WHEREAS, relief is available in the form of flood insurance as authorized by the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 as amended; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of this Council to comply with land use and management criteria regulations as required in said act; and

WHEREAS, it is also the intent of this Council to recognize and duly evaluate flood and/or mudslide hazards in all official actions relating to land use in the flood plain and/or mudslide areas having special flood and/or mudslide hazards; and

WHEREAS, Section 15 and Section 23, City Charter, City of Harrisonburg, as amended, authorizes this Council to adopt land use and control measures:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Council hereby assures the Federal Insurance Administration that it takes the following legislative action:

- (1) Appoints the Building Official with the responsibility, authority and means to:
  - (a) Delineate or assist the Administrator, at his request, in delineating the limits of the areas having special flood and/or mudslide hazards on available local maps of sufficient scale to identify the location of building sites.
  - (b) Provide such information as the Administrator may request concerning present uses and occupancy of the flood plain and/or mudslide area.
  - (c) Maintain for public inspection and furnishing upon request, with respect to each area having special flood hazards, information on elevations (in relation to mean sea level) of the lowest floors of all new or substantially improved structures; and
  - (d) Cooperate with Federal, State, and Local Agencies and private firms which undertake to study, survey, map and identify flood plain or mudslide areas, and

cooperate with neighboring communities with respect to management of adjoining flood plain and/or mudslide areas in order to prevent aggravation of existing hazards.

(e) Submit on the anniversary date of the community's initial eligibility, an annual report to the Administrator on the progress made during the previous year within the community in the development and implementation of flood plain and/or mudslide area management measures.

(2) Take such other official action as may be reasonably necessary to carry out the objectives of the program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Council hereby appoints the City Engineer with the overall responsibility, authority, and means to implement all commitments made herein.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1974.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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Clerk

Mayor Erickson said that if approved, the application would make flood insurance available to residents in the flood areas designated, should they so desire. City Attorney Lapsley pointed out that not having the insurance coverage, would affect certain Federal Funding and mortgage monies. Manager Milam estimated that 474 people would be affected by the availability of flood insurance. He said that 158 single family dwellings, 70 businesses and 11 other structures are in flood-prone areas. Upon being questioned as to restrictions on properties which may result, the City Manager said that it would in no way prohibit full usage by the owner(s). Following discussion, Vice-Mayor Denton moved that the resolution be approved, with Mayor Roy H. Erickson and Clerk N. Arlene Loker, authorized to sign same, which motion upon being seconded by Councilman Dingleline, was adopted by a unanimous vote of Councilmen present. Councilman Green temporarily absent from meeting at time of vote.

City Manager Milam presented and read the following resolution for Council's consideration:-

WHEREAS, it is necessary for a formal request to be made to the Department of Highways and Transportation of the Commonwealth of Virginia by the Council of the City of Harrisonburg by resolution for each project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HARRISONBURG, VIRGINIA, at its regular meeting on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1974, that:

1. The Department of Highways and Transportation of the Commonwealth of Virginia be, and it is hereby, requested to establish and set up a project within the City of Harrisonburg, Va. to reconstruct Chicago Ave. City Project No. U000-115-105, C501 from the northern City Limits on Chicago Ave. south to Waterman Drive being a distance of approximately 300 feet.

2. The City of Harrisonburg further requests the Department of Highways and Transportation purchase the right-of-way necessary for the construction of Chicago Ave. within the City Limits of Harrisonburg.

3. The City agrees to pay to the Department of Highways and Transportation 100 percent of the cost for surveys and plans, right-of-way and construction of the portion of Chicago Ave. within the City Limits.

ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 1974.

CITY OF HARRISONBURG, VIRGINIA

By \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor

ATTEST:

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Clerk

Following a brief discussion, Councilman Cline moved that the resolution be approved, and the proper officials authorized to sign the same, which motion upon being seconded by Vice-Mayor Denton, was adopted by a unanimous vote of Councilmen present. Councilman Green temporarily absent from meeting at time of vote.

With regard to the matter of a recommendation submitted by the Commissioner of Revenue at Council's meeting on October 22nd for amendments to the ordinance for Sections 16-88 "Processors of Poultry & Poultry Products" and Sec. 16-89 "Professional Occupations", which matter had been set aside for further study about the possibility of appointing a committee to study the City's present tax structure, Mayor Erickson questioned whether or not some professional advice should be obtained from someone not connected with this community. Council agreed that an unbiased opinion would be well, and that based on remarks made at the last meeting, there should be a more equitable means of taxation. Following discussion, the City Manager was instructed to look into the matter of someone outside this community who does this type of survey, and cost for these services; to compile statistics from other towns and cities concerning their tax structures, and to determine in what direction an appointed committee should move, for report back in order to expedite the matter of a tax study, although any change would not be applied to the calendar year 1975.

Council was reminded that a vacancy was upcoming as of November 29th on the Redevelopment & Housing Authority by the expiration of Mr. Earl Wetsel's term (4 years), and one vacancy on the Harrisonburg Parking Authority as of November 28th with expiration of Mr. Westbrook Hawkins term (5 years). Mayor Erickson asked members to keep these in mind for appointments at a later date.

Vice-Mayor Denton moved that an appropriation in the amount of \$ 2,181.50 requested by the Recreation Director in order to transfer monies from Westover Concession Stand Checking Account to repay the General Fund for 3 concession worker's salaries, be approved for second and final reading, a first reading having been approved on October 22nd, and that:-

\$ 2,181.50 chgd. to: General Fund (1005) Recoveries & Rebates- Non-Revenue Receipts.

2,181.50 approp. to: General Fund (1-11030-12) Westover Swimming Pool - Wages.

which motion upon being seconded by Councilman Cline, was adopted by a unanimous recorded vote of Council.

Council received a request from Mr. Cecil Gilkerson, Recreation Director, for approval of a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$ 4,262.46 in order to transfer monies for participants' wages incurred during the months of August and September as per agreement with the Virginia Employment Commission. Councilman Dingleline moved that the appropriation be approved for a first reading, and that:-

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\$ 4,262.46 chgd.to: General Fund (1005) Recoveries & Rebates,  
 1,819.76 approp.to: General Fund (1-11020-11-6) Parks & Playgrounds-  
 Emergency Employment Act.  
 2,442.70 approp.to: General Fund (1-11020-12) Parks & Playgrounds - Wages,

which motion upon being seconded by Councilman Green, was adopted by a unanimous recorded vote of Council.

✓ The City Manager presented a request from the Superintendent of Water & Sewer, for approval of an appropriation in the amount of \$ 700,863.60 from the 1969 Water Bond Fund, Unappropriated Surplus Acct., (representing balance in said fund), in order to transfer this amount (which includes interest to be received up to maturity in December of this year), into the regular Water Fund for various expenditures on the Skidmore Dam 81 Project. Following a brief discussion, Councilman Green moved that the appropriation be approved for first reading, and that:-

\$ 700,863.60 chgd.to: Water Bond Fund 1969-70- Unappropriated Surplus Account.  
 700,863.60 approp.to: Water Fund (6-7-7701 - Proj. #1-72-73) - Water -  
 Capital Outlay - Work in Progress - Skidmore Dam,

which motion upon being seconded by Vice-Mayor Denton, was adopted by a unanimous recorded vote of Council.

✓ City Manager Milam presented a request from the Director of Social Services for approval of a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$ 750.00, in that the Court ordered ADC refunds for child support and reimbursement for ADC funds received. Councilman Cline moved that the appropriation be approved, and that:-

\$ 750.00 chgd.to: VPA Fund (Rev. a/c 1005-2) Recoveries & Rebates-  
 Unanticipated Revenue - Aid to Dependent Children,  
 750.00 approp.to: VPA Fund (8-8022-394-A) Bureau of Public Assistance-  
 Aid to Dependent Children.

which motion upon being seconded by Councilman Dingleline, was adopted by a unanimous vote of Council.

✓ City Manager Milam presented a communication from the Chairman of the Upper Valley Regional Park Authority which had been received today, requesting payment of \$ 86,850.00 for the Endless Caverns Project (which amount is being requested from each participating political subdivision). He noted that should this appropriation be deferred until the next meeting, and approved for a first reading at that time, a special called meeting would be necessary in order to approve same for a final reading and turn funds over to the Authority prior to the December 1st deadline stated by the chairman. Upon referring back to Council minutes of August 14, 1973, by the Clerk, members were reminded that each of the four political subdivisions were asked for a loan of \$ 112,500., to be interest free for seven years, after which time the Authority would pay the subdivisions interest at the rate of 5.5% and the principle. Minutes of Council's August 28, 1973 meeting revealed that a motion was adopted that "the City of Harrisonburg agree to participate in the acquisition and development of Endless Caverns Regional Park Project, with the City's share of \$ 112,500. (20%) to be made available at the proper time." Assistant City Manager Driver a representative of the City on the Park Authority, stated that contrary to the December 1st deadline set forth in the communication, funds would be needed by the Authority by December 9th at which time the option will expire. Following discussion, Vice-Mayor Denton moved that the payment of \$ 86,850.00 to the Upper Valley Regional Park Authority be approved for a first reading, with investigation as to best method of payment before Council's next meeting on November 26th, which motion upon being seconded by Councilman Dingleline, was adopted by a unanimous recorded vote of Council.

✓ For Council information, the City Manager reported that under the Housing & Community Act of 1974, twenty-one communities are receiving funds to phase out Urban Renewal 701 project. He noted that contrary to the feeling of some people that the City is spending these funds, Harrisonburg is not included in the 21 communities, nor is Harrisonburg eligible for any funds at the present time.

✓ Chief Julius Ritchie reported that a check had been made following the last meeting, on the parking situation on Walnut Lane, and that Madison College had been informed of those vehicles bearing Madison stickers. He said that the situation is somewhat relieved, but not altogether. Assistant City Manager Driver said that notes had been placed on all cars with Madison stickers, asking them to report to the office for assistance with re to parking spaces. He said that further report would be made to Council, after contacting Mr. Frank Suter again to determine results.

There being no further business and on motion duly seconded and adopted, the meeting adjourned at 11:05 P.M.

*N. Adlene Loken*  
 CLERK

*Ray Erickson*  
 MAYOR

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