

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on February 6, 1973 at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor Woods presiding.

Present: Archie Woods, Ike Fultz, Robert Leonard, W.F. McElroy, Jim Humphreys

Also Present: Milas D. Franks, City Manager

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Robert Stump, Attorney, appeared before council representing merchants in City of Norton, requesting the City Council to pass an Ordinance permitting the sale of beer & wine off premises on Sunday.

Rev. Auvil, President of Norton Ministerial Association & Rev. Smith voiced their objection to the sale of beer & wine on Sunday. Council discussed this matter at length.

Councilman Fultz expressed his personal opinion on the matter, stating he would only vote on it if we had referendum.

Each of the Councilmen expressed their opinion on passing such an ordinance as an emergency. 6218

On motion by Jim Humphrey, seconded by Ike Fultz and carried by unanimous roll call vote council moved that matter be tabled.

Attorney Stump then requested council to designate the next regular council meeting for public hearing.

Councilman Leonard moved that public hearing be held on February 20th at 7:30 P.M. prior to council meeting to air the pros & cons of the matter. Motion died for lack of second. 6219

Mr. Franks advised council that he and George Hunnicutt, together with John McKilgore were going to Richmond Monday to rate hearing by State Corporation Commission. 6220

Mr. Franks presented bids on new fire truck with Mack Truck being the low bidder.

On motion by Jim Humphreys, seconded by Ike Fultz and carried by unanimous roll call vote council moved that accept the low bid from Mack Company in amount of \$47,654.23 including purchase of hose. 6221

Mayor Woods proclaimed the week of February 11-17, 1973 as Vocational Education Week. 6222

On motion by Ike Fultz, seconded by W.F. McElroy and carried by unanimous roll call vote council moved the adoption of the following resolution: 6223

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia, that Montie Meeks be and he hereby is employed by said Council for an indeterminate time to serve as City Attorney for the City of Norton, and he shall perform such duties as are prescribed by the Code of City of Norton. He shall be remunerated as follows: One hundred sixty dollars (\$160) monthly for prosecution in City & County Court, and two hundred forty dollars (\$240) monthly for other services as prescribed by Code and for attendance council meetings. Other services performed shall be arranged by negotiations prior to rendering of such other services.

Mayor Woods presented letter from Office of Governor of Virginia advising of power shortage. He asked that the press publicize this letter and asked that City of Norton conserve on power usage. 6224

Mr. Franks advised council that school board had asked them to accompany them on tour of high school building on Saturday at 9:30 A.M. as they were preparing to make a long range program for the school. 6225

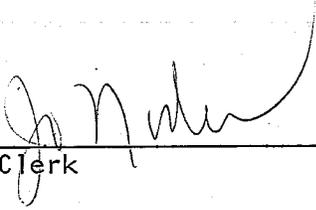
Mr. Franks requested council to go into executive session to discuss ambulance problem that we are experiencing in Norton. 6226

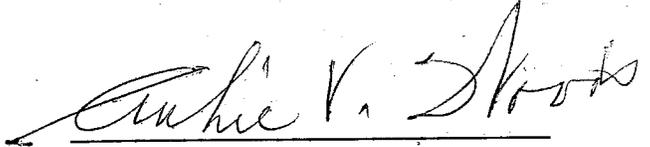
On motion by Ike Fultz, seconded by W.F. McElroy and carried by unanimous vote 6227 Council moved that they go into executive session to discuss ambulance problem in Norton.

Rev. Auvil spoke on observance of Highway Safety Sunday. Mayor Woods proclaimed that February 18th be observed as Highway Safety Sunday. 6228

Reverend Auvil expressed his thanks to council for hearing him on sale of beer & wine on Sunday. 6229

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


Clerk


Mayor