

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on May 16, 1972 at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor Flanary presiding.

Present: V.O. Flanary, Robert Leonard, Ike ?Fultz, W.F. McElroy

Absent: Archie Woods

Also Present: Milas D. Franks, City Manager

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A group of citizens from various sections of the City with Mrs. Emily Shupe as speaker, appeared before council and presented petition requesting that something be done to relieve Mr. "Blacky" Gilliam and Mr. Vickery of their duties in the school system. Other citizens speaking in behalf of this petition: Dr. L.K. Ingram, Mrs. C.L. Dean, Connie Amburgy, Jean Baker, Mrs. Charlie Thompson, Mr. Charlie Thacker, Mrs. Carl Lawson, Mrs. Bealie Ramey. They advised council they had been to the school board today and were to appear before them at 11:00 o'clock Wednesday. Council advised the citizens that they were not in a position to tell school board what to do. Mrs. Sexton, mother of the girl, appeared before council and gave her side of the incident. She said that B.J. Dotson, Supt. of Schools had met with her and stated he felt Mr. Gilliam should continue on in school. He also asked her if she would withdraw the warrant. She stated he offered to reimburse her for warrant if she would withdraw it but she said she told him not unless they got rid of Mr. Gilliam so he could not molest any other childre. She advised that Dr. Howze had given the statement regarding the girl's bruises. 6015

Pat Dennis reported on Open Space Program Application, stating that if approved would be funded by HUD & Locality. She presented proposed park plan for Ramsey Park, Old Norton Elementary School Park & Benges Rock Park. Plans and application are in preliminary stage. No action taken by council. 6016

Bill Farmer asked why there couldn't be a youth center at the two old elementary school buildings. Council advised that under proposed Neighborhood Facilities Program there would be place for youth meetings. 6017

Mr. John Hincer of the C. & P. Telephone Company, at request of city manager, presented plans to city council indicating changes that would be necessary in the installation of Telephone conduit if changed from the South side of Park Avenue to the sidewalk on the north side of Park Avenue. Mr. Hincer stated this would have to be worked out with the contractor since bid has been awarded. He said C. & P. had no objection to city negotiating with contractor for the change. Council instructed the city manager to discuss this with the contractor. 6018

Mayor Flanary read report by Councilman Fultz on findings regarding dirt hauling by city as requested at last council meeting. 6019

Mr. Ron Smallwood of Dilenowisco was present at council meeting requesting passing of resolution requesting City of Norton support their efforts in establishing a Chapter 10, Mental Health & Retardation Board. 6020

On motion by Ike Fultz, seconded by W.F. McElroy and carried by unanimous roll call vote council moved that the following resolution be passed: (Page 115)

On motion by Robert Leonard, seconded by Ike ?Fultz and carried by unanimous vote council moved that Jim Humphreys be appointed as the city's representative on Mental Health & Mental Retardation Board. 6021

On motion by Robert Leonard, seconded by Ike Fultz and carried by unanimous roll call vote the following resolution was passed authorizing the Mayor & Treasurer to negotiate a loan with Wise County National Bank in amount of \$14,539.00 to pay for 6022 new parking meters. (Page 115)

On motion by W.F. McElroy, seconded by Robert Leonard and carried by unanimous roll call vote council moved that expenditure of remodeling court room be taken from Capital Reserve account, said amount to be \$8,000 with \$4,000 to be reimbursed by Highway Safety Commission Grant. 6023

On motion by W.F. McElroy, seconded by Ike Fultz and carried by unanimous vote 6024 council moved that the amount of \$12,000.00 which was in final payment of fire truck be transferred from No. 17 account to 9020.47 Account (Fire Equipment Loan Payment).

Mr. Franks advised council that T.V.A. Wrecker service would begin May 17th 6025 pick-up of abandoned vehicles all over the city. Council was in agreement for this to be done.

On motion by Ike Fultz, seconded by W.F. McElroy and carried by unanimous vote council moved that the following be recommended for appointment by the Judge of 6026 the Circuit Court of Wise County to serve as Compensation Commission for fixing Compensation of City Council: Clarence Holcomb, Sam Neeley, Bill Clements.

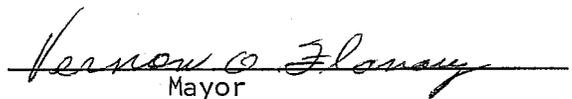
On motion by Ike Fultz, seconded by W.F. McElroy and carried by unanimous vote council moved that Milas D. Franks be reappointed as member of Lonesome Pine Development Corporation Board for term of one year, said term to begin July 1, 1972. 6027

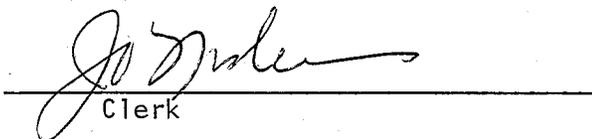
Mr. Franks presented council with study brochure of Anticipated cost for Virginia Supplemental Retirement System. 6028

On motion by Ike Fultz, seconded by Robert Leonard and carried by unanimous vote council moved that budget hearing for 1972-1973 budget be advertised to be held on 6029 June 20, 1972 at 7:30 P.M. with following tax rates - Real Estate \$4.50/100; Personal Property \$5.50/\$100; Machinery & Tools \$5.50/ \$100.

On motion by Robert Leonard, seconded by W.F. McElroy and carried by unanimous roll call vote the following resolution authorizing application for Phase II 6030 Neighborhood Facilities Building was passed: (Page 115)

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

  
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 Mayor

  
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 Clerk