

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on May 4, 1971 at 7:30 P. M. with Mayor Flanary presiding.

Present: V. O. Flanary, Ike Fultz, Archie Woods, C. W. Bryant

Absent: Robert Leonard

Also Present: Milas Franks, City Manager

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

J. T. Caruso asked that Council be present Saturday, May 8th at 2:30 p.m. at Little League for the opening of ball season.

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Virginia Bolling, Jessie Porter, Margaret Boggs, and Margaret Vaughn appeared before Council regarding clean-up on 4th, 5th, Virginia Avenue and Oak Avenue. Virginia Bolling spoke for the group pointing out different old buildings that needed tearing down; old Lay Hardware Warehouse or storage room, Emmett Jones, est. Building on 5th Street, old partially burned down house on Oak Avenue belonging to Pauline Linkous. The City Manager advised he was setting up a meeting with Lay Hardware representatives in regard to their building and that placards could be placed on Jones property. Council assured these ladies that they were going to do everything possible to have these places cleared. Mrs. Bolling also stated she thought a traffic light at intersection of 5th and Park Avenue would be a relief for traffic. Council discussed this matter briefly.

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Mr. George Hunnicutt appeared before council regarding 236 Housing Program. Mr. Hunnicutt was advised that the area in question had been re-zoned to A-Residential and that in order for building permit to be issued he would have to appear before the Planning Commission to see about a deviation from A-Residential or a re-zoning. Mr. Hunnicutt was advised that the Planning Commission would meet Monday, May 10th at 7:30 P. M. Council also advised they would act on agreement on May 11th.

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Mr. Hoge Horn commended the City Manager for having "Moonshine Alley" cleaned out.

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Mr. Charlie Bond, at request of Mr. Franks appeared before Council and briefed them on proposed telephone rate changes.

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Mr. Franks advised Council that a tentative meeting the week of May 24 was scheduled in Huntington with EDA officials regarding approval of Flag Rock Project. Mayor Flanary gave a report on work the City has been doing at the Flag Rock Recreation Area.

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Mr. Franks presented plans from TVA for St. Charles Parking Lot in line with Operation Townlift.

On motion by Ike Fultz, seconded by C. W. Bryant and carried by unanimous vote Council moved that TVA plan be accepted as presented.

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Mr. Franks advised Council of meeting May 11th at 9:00 a.m. on water bonds and at 11:00 a.m. for preconstruction conference on water project.

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Mr. Franks advised Council of status of the two low-income housing projects. 5637

Mr. Franks advised he had not received any further estimates on synchronizing traffic signals. 5638

Councilman Fultz inquired as to what is being done regarding crossing at Sawmill Hollow Road. Matter was referred to City Manager. 5639

Mr. Franks advised Council of the clean-up campaign now in progress. He stated they were following the regular garbage truck pick-up with a dump truck. 5640

Council briefly discussed street sweeping cart. Council instructed the City Manager to go ahead and have this prepared for use of street sweeping. 5641

Councilman Fultz inquired as to tree back of Glenn Collins on 11th Street. He stated it was dangerous and needed cutting. Referred to City Manager to see if on private property or City property. 5642

City Manager Franks reported on welcome signs and showed sketch of same to Council. He advised that the Garden Club would like to participate in the landscaping at the sign locations. Council instructed the City Manager to go ahead with this project. 5643

On motion by Archie Woods, seconded by C. W. Bryant and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved that the following resolution be passed. Resolved that the City of Norton enter into a contract with Wise County for the construction of new jail; the agreement to be based on the estimated cost of construction as set forth in the following schedule:

Participation in Jail Construction with Wise County

\$800,000	Total Estimated Construction Cost
<u>-100,000</u>	L EEA Federal Grant
\$700,000	Total Local Cost
x 10%	Population Percent for Norton
<u>\$ 70,000</u>	
<u>-25,000</u>	State Grant for Norton
\$ 45,000	
<u>+10,000</u>	
\$ 55,000	Agreed City Participation

The total cost to the City would be \$55,000 as shown on the estimated construction cost and the City will participate in the extent of 10% of all overrun or underrun as will be indicated by the actual construction costs. 5644

Mr. Franks advised Council he would like to hold a work meeting on budget during the month of May. He stated Mr. Leonard would be unable to attend before the 20th of May. 5645

Council agreed to meet with Norton Industrial Development Authority, Friday, May 7th at 6:30 p.m. to discuss City owned property at pool. 5646

Council agreed to meet with school board Friday, May 7th at 7:30 p.m. regarding new budget for 1971-72.

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On motion by Ike Fultz, seconded by Archie Woods and carried by unanimous vote council moved that Mrs. Jean Holcomb be reappointed to City of Norton Welfare Board, for four year term, said term to be retroactive to November 21, 1970.

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On motion by Ike Fultz, seconded by C. W. Bryant and carried by unanimous vote council moved that Milas Franks be appointed as member of Lonesome Pine Development Corporation.

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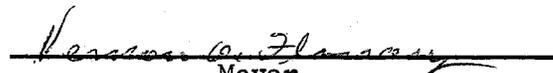
Mr. Franks presented a letter to council from Norton Redevelopment & Housing Authority regarding payment in lieu of taxes to be made in new developments.

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Mr. Franks advised council of Virginia Section of City Manager's meeting to be held in Roanoke, May 13 & 14. Council suggested that he plan to attend this meeting.

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

  
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Mayor

  
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Clerk