

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on March 18, 1969 at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor Flanary presiding.

Present: V.O. Flanary, G.E. Hunnicutt, R.L. Collins, S.H. Neeley, W.G. Stallard

Also Present: Evan Norton, City Manager and J. Robert Stump, Attorney

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Lloyd Crowder, Jim Daniels and John Burhart appeared before council requesting help both financially and getting Little League Field ready for ball season. 4778 Council advised these men that the City would get the field in readiness for the ball season and would check over budget to see if they could find any means of financial aid.

Mr. Kidd, Manager of Cohens Dept. Store, appeared before council to inquire as to what ordinances the City has in regard to children stealing or shoplifting from stores. He inquired as to whether parents are liable or not. Attorney 4779 Stump advised that the city did not have an ordinance of this nature. Council referred this matter to the City Attorney to see what ordinance the City does have regarding matters of this nature.

Mr. Norton advised council that Mr. Williams of State Air Pollution Board had been to Norton to inspect the city's garbage dump. He advised council that 4780 Mr. Williams had found the city's dump in good shape and that he had advised Mr. Williams of the city's plan to keep garbage dump under control.

Hoke I Horne appeared before council and reported on status of clean-up 4781 program.

Mr. Norton advised council that the dog quarantine was indefinite as of this date. 4782

Mr. Norton advised council that on Thursday, March 20th, there would be a viewing of the Kentucky Avenue project with prospective contractors. He also 4783 advised council that he would be meeting in Wise Wednesday at 9:00 o'clock to go over the plans for Kentucky Avenue project with city engineers, Thompson & Litton.

Mr. Norton advised there was no new information on thoroughfare plan. 4784

On motion by S.H. Neeley, seconded by R.L. Collins and carried by unanimous vote Morris Burchette was appointed as member of the Norton Redevelopment & 4785 Housing Authority said term to be from Jan. 28, 1969 to Jan. 28, 1973.

On motion by W.G. Stallard, seconded by G.E. Hunnicutt and carried by 4786 unanimous vote council moved that Robert Leonard be appointed as member of City of Norton Welfare Board to fill the unexpired term of W.P. Kanto, resigned, said term to expire Nov. 21, 1972.

Council discussed franchise with Old Dominion Power Company. 4787

On motion by G.E. Hunnicutt, seconded by W.G. Stallard and carried by the following vote the following resolution was passed: V.O. Flanary, G.E. Hunnicutt, W.G. Stallard, R.L. Collins, AYE - S.H. Neeley, Nay

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA, THAT

WHEREAS, the City of Norton School Board has requested a rate quotation from Old Dominion Power Company for the purpose of installation of electric heat in its new elementary school building, and

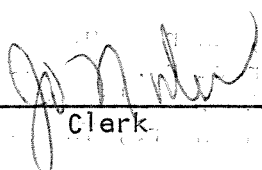
WHEREAS, the City of Norton has likewise requested rate adjustments from said Old Dominion Power Company to bring such rates in line with nearby investor-owned utilities, and

WHEREAS, Old Dominion Power Company has answered same request by offering rate of 1¢ (One Cent) per K.W.H. for an all-electric school building, and has further offered the City of Norton a 1¢ flat rate for municipal power, these two offers in exchange for a twenty-year franchise agreement with said City of Norton.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA, that the Power Company be replied to thusly:

1. The City rejects the offer for a twenty year franchise.
2. Being mindful of our neighbors in Lee, Scott, Russell, and Wise Counties, and of our sister communities served by Old Dominion Power Company, and being mindful of our unity of interest with these communities, we hereby stipulate that we will negotiate collectively with our neighbors, and then only after exploring all avenues of a more reasonable electric power supply for all of the people of the area, and further only after due deliberation and public hearings involving the respective individuals, firms or corporations involved in such a move, and that the School Board and Power Company be so notified.

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



Clerk



Mayor