

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room, April 15, 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.

Mr. Everhart appeared before council in behalf of Diamond Jubilee revenue division, requesting permission to set up concessions around town. 4801

On motion by R. L. Collins, seconded by W. G. Stallard and carried by unanimous vote council moved that permission be given to Diamond Jubilee committee to use Little League Ball Park for concession stands. 4802

Vic Jones also spoke to council as head of parade committee. He advised council that the councilmen from Wyoming would be here for the parade and requested that Keys to City be purchased to present them and also a Plaque. 4803  
Council asked that Mr. Jones find out about purchasing keys and plaque.

Carroll Tate appeared before council with members of Norton Industrial Development Authority, Mr. Kent Riggs of County Industrial Authority and Mr. Bruce Robinette of Lenowisco. Mr. Tate outlined to council three chosen sites made by these Industrial Authorities. Mr. Robinette outlined the status of each site. Mr. Tate then stated that they would like to negotiate to buy two of these sites. He requested that council appropriate \$7,000.00 in the next fiscal year budget to the Norton Industrial Development Authority for the purchase of this property. Council advised Mr. Tate and members of the committee that they would give this matter consideration and let them know in two weeks. 4804

Mr. H. H. Couch, together with a group of citizens, appeared before council regarding establishing of a teenage center. Council discussed this at length with Mr. & Mrs. Couch, Harry Hensley & Jim Campbell speaking in behalf of the center. Mayor Flanary appointed the following to make up a committee to come up with some concrete proposition for teen center: H. H. Couch, Jim Campbell, Harry Hensley, Hoke Horne and Jim Daniels. They were to chose representatives from teen groups if so desire. 4805

Mr. Norton gave a brief report on new office organization. 4806

Mr. Norton presented request of Miss Marshia Bays to operate concession stand on Flag Rock area this year. Council instructed the city manager to find out more details on operations of concession stands at recreation places. 4807

Mr. Norton discussed with council water improvement projects.

On motion by S. H. Neeley, seconded by W. G. Stallard and carried by unanimous roll call vote council moved that the following ordinance authorizing the issuance of water bonds of the City of Norton, Virginia, in an amount not to exceed \$190,000 subject to approval by the qualified voters.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF WATER  
BONDS OF THE CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA, IN AN  
AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$190,000 SUBJECT TO APPROVAL  
BY THE QUALIFIED VOTERS

## BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA:

1. It is hereby determined to be necessary and expedient for the City of Norton to borrow money to improve and extend its water system and to issue its general obligation bonds therefor.
2. Pursuant to Section 127(b) of the Constitution of Virginia and the Public Finance Act of 1958, there are hereby authorized to be issued water bonds of the City of Norton in an amount not to exceed \$190,000.
3. The bonds shall bear such date or dates, mature at such time or times not exceeding forty years from their date, bear interest at such rate or rates not exceeding 6% per year, be in such denomination and form, be executed in such manner and be sold at such time or times and in such manner as the Council may hereafter provide.
4. The water system is an undertaking from which the City may derive a revenue, and such bonds are not to be included within the otherwise authorized indebtedness of the City; provided, however, that from and after five years from the date of the election approving the bonds whenever and for so long as the water system fails to produce sufficient revenue to pay for the cost of operation and administration (including interest on bonds issued therefor), and the cost of insurance against loss by injury to persons or property, and an annual amount to be covered into a sinking fund sufficient to pay at or before maturity all bonds issued on account of such water system, all such bonds outstanding shall be included in determining the limitation of the power of the City to incur indebtedness.
5. The Bonds shall be general obligations of the City of Norton for the payment of principal of and interest on which its full faith and credit and the net revenues from the water system shall be irrevocably pledged.
6. The bonds shall not be issued until approved by a majority of the qualified voters of the City voting on the question of their issuance at an election to be held in the City.
7. The Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause a certified copy of this ordinance to be presented to the Circuit Court of Wise County or to a judge thereof in vacation. The Circuit Court of Wise County is hereby requested to order an election to submit to the qualified voters of the City the question of the issuance of bonds provided for herein.
8. An emergency existing, this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from its passage.

Mr. Norton presented to council resolution from City of Norton School Board requested that the City Council make necessary arrangements for bond election.

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On motion by G. E. Hunnicutt, seconded by S. H. Neeley and carried by unanimous roll call vote the following ordinance authorizing the issuance of school bonds of the City of Norton, Virginia, in an amount not to exceed \$686,000 subject to approval by the qualified voters.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SCHOOL BONDS OF THE CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$686,000 SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE QUALIFIED VOTERS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA:

1. It is hereby determined to be necessary and expedient for the City of Norton to borrow money to construct an elementary school and to issue its general obligation bonds therefor.
2. Pursuant to the Charter of the City and the Public Finance Act of 1958, there are hereby authorized to be issued school bonds of the City of Norton in an amount not to exceed \$686,000.
3. The bonds shall bear such date or dates, mature at such time or times not exceeding forty years from their date, bear interest at such rate or rates not exceeding 6% per year, be in such denomination and form, be executed in such manner and be sold at such time or times and in such manner as the Council may hereafter provide.
4. The Bonds shall be general obligations of the City of Norton for the payment of principal of and interest on which its full faith and credit shall be irrevocably pledged.
5. The bonds shall not be issued until approved by a majority of the qualified voters of the City voting on the question of their issuance at an election to be held in the City.
6. The Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause a certified copy of this ordinance to be presented to the Circuit Court of Wise County or to a judge thereof in vacation. The Circuit Court of Wise County is hereby requested to order an election to submit to the qualified voters of the City the question of the issuance of bonds provided for herein.
7. An emergency existing, this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from its passage.

On motion by G. E. Hunnicutt, seconded by W. G. Stallard and carried by the following roll call vote the following resolution was passed with changes as outlined. V. O. Flanary, G. E. Hunnicutt, R. L. Collins, W. G. Stallard - Yeas - S. H. Neeley - Nay. 4809

WHEREAS, The City of Norton has negotiated with Old Dominion Power Company rates for school and municipal power, and

WHEREAS, offer was made contingent upon a twenty (20) year franchise at a saving of \$7,500 - \$12,000 per year, and

WHEREAS, the City turned down such offer as detrimental to residents of the City as well as the entire area, including two counties and all towns in the area, and

WHEREAS, many citizens now ask that an effort be made to improve upon our lot from a power supply basis, and

WHEREAS, Council authorized the City Manager to contact other political entities with reference to same, and

WHEREAS, other entities express keen interest in pursuing this matter further,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that City Council of the City of Norton request assistance from LENOWISCO, our local area planning agency in conducting a thorough study of local power rates, service structure, etc., and further

request that they do a feasibility study to explore the possibility of creation of an area wide municipal electric distribution system in order that our Citizens might avail themselves of their very own natural resources, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Manager forward a copy of this resolution to each political entity within the prescribed area together with an invitation to join in such request to our planning agency.

Mr. Norton advised council of the Clean-Up dates of May 5th-17th. 4810

Mr. Norton advised council of dog quarantine ~~tax~~ to be held for two weeks beginning April 21st. 4811

Mr. Norton read letter from Virginia Municipal League regarding railroad assessment case. 4812

Mr. Norton reported to council on status of tennis courts.

On motion by S. H. Neeley, seconded by R. L. Collins and carried by unanimous roll call vote council moved that the city manager have lights installed at tennis courts and that cost for same be taken from street department budget.

*Flonay, Hunnicutt, Neeley, Skaller, Collins* 4813

Mr. Norton presented request for two sewer services; One - Warren Hunnicutt on Spring Avenue and 12th Street; David Chapel Church on Knetucky Avenue.

On motion by S. H. Neeley, seconded by R. L. Collins and carried by following votes council moved that if Warren Hunnicutt would first complete the sewer system in his proposed trailer park the city would go ahead with the extension to connect with his property. Council decided with the cost involved and the limited service to be provided that the Davis Chapel request was not feasible. *Hunnicutt Abstained* 4814

Mr. Norton presented request from Diamond Jubilee for participation in ad in magazine. 4815

On motion by S. H. Neeley, seconded by R. L. Collins and carried by unanimous roll call vote council moved that the City take a full-page ad in the Diamond Jubilee magazine. 4816

Mr. Norton advised council that he would be attending city manager's convention May 1st thru 3rd. 4817

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

*W. O. Flonay*  
MAYOR

*[Signature]*  
CLERK