

February 6, 1968

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on February 6, 1968 at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor Flanary presiding.

Present: V. O. Flanary, G. E. Hunnicutt, C. W. Bryant, S. H. Neeley

Absent: R. L. Collins

Also Present: David Norman, City Manager & Leslie Mullins, Attorney

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Bud Absher, representing First Church of God, appeared before Council #4290 advising them of the Church's purchase of the Don Flanary property on Craig Street as Church Parsonage and requesting that said property be exempt from property tax. The City Attorney and Council advised Mr. Absher that the taxes for 1968 could not be exonerated and would be in name of Don Flanary due to ownership on January 1st.

Mr. Powers and Councilman Bryant gave a report of school conference in Richmond. #4291

Sandy Robinson presented engineering report for Kentucky Avenue sewer and #4292 water project. Council discussed said project at length.

Mayor Flanary reported as to status of Glag Rock recreation area and #4293 presented preliminary plans and costs. A lengthy discussion followed.

On motion by G.E. Hunnicutt, seconded by S.H. Neeley and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved that one-half of the money from proceeds of sale of timber of the watershed be set aside in a recreation fund and earmarked for Flag Rock Recreation and that City forthwith and immediately make application to the Job Corps and Lenowisco for help on development of Flag Rock Recreation Project as they may be able to give.

On motion by C.W. Bryant, seconded by G.E. Hunnicutt and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved that the City make a loan from Recreation Fund #4294 in the amount of \$2,360.00 to grade 25' roadbed out to Flag Rock, pending development with Job Corps and Lenowisco.

The City Manager's Report was discussed briefly. #4295

Council discussed the service of T V Cable Company. The City Manager was #4296 instructed to contact Mr. Russell of the T V Cable Service advising him of the dissatisfied customers; and that the City now has petition of 31 persons regarding the service; and that Mr. Russell be requested to meet with Council immediately.

On motion by S.H. Neeley, seconded by C.W. Bryant and carried by unanimous #4297 vote, Harold Hagy was reappointed as member of the Norton Redevelopment and Housing Authority for four year term, said term to expire 1-28-72.

On motion by S.H. Neeley, seconded by G.E. Hunnicutt and carried by #4298 unanimous vote, Council appointed Virgil Grow to fill the unexpired term of Bill Hendrick as member of City of Norton Planning Commission, said term to expire 7-31-68.

Council discussed at length plans for acceptance of National Clean-up #4299 Award in Washington February 18, 19, 20.

On motion by C.W. Bryant, seconded by G.E. Hunnicutt and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved that expenses of one member of the Green Thumb Garden Club be paid by the City.

On motion by S.H. Neeley, seconded by C.W. Bryant and carried by the following #4300 votes, Council moved that the City pay the car expenses and Hotel bill of Mayor Flanary to go to Washington to accept the National Clean-up Award for City. Two YEAHS, one NAY • Flanary not voting • Motion failed to carry.

Council discussed purchase of tires for International Fire Truck. #4301  
 The City Manager presented request of Fire Department to purchase said tires from the Fire Department Funds, said funds to be reimbursed by City in the 1968-69 Budget.

On motion by G.E. Hunnicutt, seconded by C.W. Bryant, permission was granted Fire Department to purchase tires at cost of \$328.00 from Fire Department Funds with a moral obligation on part of Council that said funds be included in 1968-69 Budget.

On motion by C.W. Bryant, seconded by G.E. Hunnicutt and carried by unanimous vote, the following resolution regarding construction of Highway 23 was passed: #4302

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Highways contemplates the reconstruction and relocation of Highway 23 from Kentucky State line to the Tennessee State line under the Appalachian Interstate Road Project;

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Highways has not determined what route will be used for the relocation of the said Highway, namely, whether the said highway will go by way of Powell Valley in Wise County or by way of Appalachia in Wise County;

WHEREAS, an Overall Economic Development Plan has been drawn up and approved for the three county area;

WHEREAS, A Community College is planned for the three county area and other projects in economic development and in order to pursue the Overall Economic Development of the area it is necessary that a decision on the relocation of Route 23 be immediately and forthwith made by the Virginia Department of Highways;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the State Highway Commission of Virginia be, and they are, hereby requested to immediately decide whether or not U.S. Route 23 will be relocated through Appalachia or through the Powell Valley Section of Wise County, Virginia.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Honorable M. M. Long, Virginia State Senate; Honorable Orby L. Cantrell and Edgar Bacon, Members of the House of Delegates; and to the Honorable William M. Slater, Jr.

On motion by G.E. Hunnicutt, seconded by S.H. Neeley and carried by unanimous vote, the following resolution regarding participation in conjunction with Lenowisco was passed: #4303

WHEREAS, the LENOWISCO Regional Overall Economic Development Program (OEDP) has been properly presented to Council for consideration, and;

WHEREAS, Council has reviewed said OEDP and finds its general development strategy to be in the interest of the citizens of Norton, and;

WHEREAS, certain projects proposed thereunder will require the cooperation of the four political subdivisions participating in the LENOWISCO Commission and others who may be required to participate, and;

WHEREAS, Council finds such projects to be in the interest of the citizens of Norton in that they will benefit said citizens by providing higher incomes, more jobs, greater overall economic activity and the general atmosphere of new growth, and;

WHEREAS, Council is desirous of aiding in the early implementation of said projects;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council of Norton, Virginia does hereby approve and affirm the LENOWISCO OEDP in its general development strategy, development goals and general implementation proposals, and;

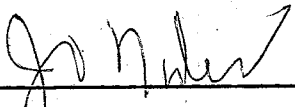
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Council does agree to participate to the fullest extent possible in financially and administratively implementing certain projects proposed thereunder and in particular the proposed Duffield Industrial Center, when, by proper negotiation, suitable arrangements are made between the appropriate governing bodies of the LENOWISCO region which are within the means of said governing bodies and which represent fair and equitable arrangements between them for financing said Duffield Industrial Center and such other projects as may be brought to this Council from time to time.

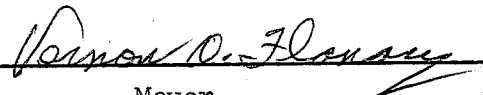
The Finance Report for Month of January, 1968 was discussed briefly. #4304

Mayor Flanary presented request of Sears regarding condition of alleyway. #4305  
The Clerk was instructed to check minutes for previous action taken by Council.

Mayor Flanary presented to Council request of needy family on Craig Street to have water turned back on. #4306

Council agreed to meet for work session on Wednesday, February 7th at 5:00 P.M. #4307  
There being no further business to come before Council, same adjourned.

  
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Clerk

  
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Mayor