

March 19, 1968

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on March 19, 1968 at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor Flanary presiding.

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

Also Present: David Norman, City Manager & Robert Stump & Leslie Mullins, Attorneys

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Carroll Tate, Editor of the Coalfield Progress, appeared before Council reporting #4335 to Council citizens' interest in knowing further information concerning the recent Police Department incidents. He stated that the newspaper is put on a spot, and he feels the people have a right to know. Mr. Tate recommended that a more detailed report be released to the newspaper and public concerning this matter. Lengthy discussion of this matter was held.

John Litton, Chairman of the City of Norton School Board, presented to Council #4336 proposed Budget for ensuing year 1968-69. After a lengthy discussion and on motion by C.W. Bryant, seconded by R.L. Collins and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council approved schedule of salaries as presented by City of Norton School Board.

Mr. Norman gave report on his recent trip to Richmond, advising of the #4337 different Agencies he visited.

The City Manager reported on meeting at Wise regarding financial assistance #4338 for Flag Rock Development, advising that presently plans are being worked out with T V A. Mayor Flanary advised that some bulldozing work would be done around April 1st.

The City Attorney reported on Highway Option. #4339
On motion by G.E. Hunnicutt, seconded by C.W. Bryant and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that the Highway Option Agreement with the Commonwealth be accepted.

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The City Attorney reported on N & W Option. After brief discussion and on #4340 motion by S.H. Neeley, seconded by C.W. Bryant and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that this matter be tabled until further study made by City Attorney.

Discussion of revised Personnel Policy tabled until special meeting March 26th #4341 at 7:30 P.M.

Attorney Mullins reported on tax ratio as received from State Corporation Commission. #4342

The City Manager presented request of refund of license of Mr. Hommell. #4343
On motion by C.W. Bryant, seconded by R.L. Collins and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved that Mr. Hommell be refunded three-fourths of 1968 license.

Finance Report for month of February, 1968 was presented. #4344

Mr. Norman advised Council that fencing from old tennis courts was being #4345 installed at the new tennis courts at school.

Council inquired as to when Mr. George Cline will be continuing his pavement on #4346 East Park Avenue. The City Manager advised probably middle of April as soon as weather permits.

Council discussed T V Cable Service in City of Norton. #4347
On motion by S.H. Neeley, seconded by G.E. Hunnicutt and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that a letter be written to Mr. Russell requesting copy of rulings under which he is operating.

Mr. Homer Ellis gave report on the 1968 General Assembly. #4348

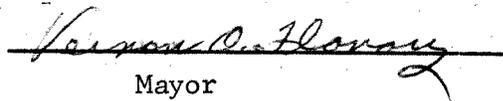
Mayor Flanary presented request of George Wharton for repairs to be made to #4349 holes in end of bridge. The City Manager advised a work order has already been made on this matter.

A lengthy discussion was held on methods of handling citizen requests. #4350

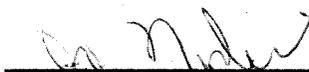
Councilman Bryant presented request of John Dotson inquiring as to #4351
status of previous request of railroad crossing.

Joe Kilgore advised Council that he took it upon himself to clear #4352
alley between 5th Street and Oak Avenue and build concrete steps with
bannisters and requested that Council go by and see at their convenience.
He also requested that this alley be kept clean in the future.

There being no further business to come before Council, same adjourned.



Mayor



Clerk