

August 15, 1967

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on August 15, 1967 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, Attorney

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A group of citizens from Craig Street, N.W. with V.J. Strength as spokesman, #4126 appeared before Council inquiring as to status of curb and gutter and street back of their properties, and requesting this work to be done before winter. Council discussed this matter as to when scheduling of this work can be worked in. Council instructed the City Manager to check into the cost of renting and/or buying curb and gutter forms after which a special meeting will be called. Council assured these citizens something would be worked out.

Woody Conner & A.C. Conner appeared before Council, in behalf of their mother, #4127 Ada B. Conner, protesting vacant lot across the street on 12th Street, S.W. being used as storage for heavy equipment. The City Attorney advised Mr. Conner that this matter should be taken up with the Planning & Zoning Board.

Mr. James Cooper appeared before Council inquiring as to placing of sewer and water lines to his property on Chestnut and Highland before pavement of street. Matter #4128 referred to City Manager.

Rescue Squad appeared before Council inquiring as to status of building for their #4129 unit. After a lengthy discussion Council requested Rescue Squad to wait until more information can be secured regarding Nard Property.

Mr. Jack Dorton, owner of Copper Kettle, appeared before Council requesting water #4130 extension to his property on Norton-Wise Road. The City Manager reported on cost of laying this 6" line and fire hydrants. Approximate cost of laying line with fire hydrants to the Texaco Service Station would be \$10,500. The City Manager was instructed to proceed with plans for this project, and the City Attorney was instructed to prepare necessary contracts.

Discussion on upkeep of vacant property was held. On motion by S.H. Neeley, #4131 seconded by C.W. Bryant and carried by following votes, the City Manager was instructed to contact owner of vacant building on Oak Avenue, send copy of section of City Code covering this matter, advising him that the City expects something to be done. Flanary, Bryant, Collins, Neeley, - YEAH; Hunnicutt - Not Voting.

On motion by G.E. Hunnicutt, seconded by S.H. Neeley and carried by unanimous #4132 vote, Council moved that no enforcement of the above section of City Code be made by the City Manager until opinion is secured from Attorney General.

Council instructed the City Manager to contact other owners of vacant buildings #4133 advising them of provisions of City of Norton Code, regarding vacant buildings.

Mr. Norman advised Council of need for an appointment of an additional Justice of #4134 Peace. The City Manager was instructed to check into possibility of securing some one for a part-time appointment.

Mr. Norman advised Council of status of Thacker's Branch water line. #4135 Council instructed City Manager at the same time he is securing quotations for laying line at Thacker's Branch to secure quotations for Esserville.

Mayor Flanary inquired as to status of deed to garbage dump. He was #4136 advised that the deed had been prepared but not signed.

The City Manager gave report of arrests made by City Police Department. #4137 He also advised that another litter bug has been convicted, making a total of three.

The City Manager presented personnel and organizational charts and #4138 explained same to Council.

Council discussed meeting with officials of N. & W. Railway Company #4139 in Roanoke regarding property on Park Avenue.

On motion by G.E. Hunnicutt, seconded by S.H. Neeley and carried by #4140 the following votes, Council moved that the motion of June 21, 1966 granting permission for the Rescue Squad to build a building on Park Avenue & 10th Street be revoked; that \$5,000 be appropriated for next three fiscal years (1967-68; 1968-69; 1969-70) to provide them with quarters. Hunnicutt, Neeley, Collins = YES; Flanary, Bryant = NO

The City Manager presented request of School Board for office space #4141 for school superintendent and bookkeeper. Matter referred to City Manager.

On motion by G.E. Hunnicutt, seconded by S.H. Neeley and carried by #4142 unanimous vote, the amendment to Chapter 4 entitled "Fire Prevention" of the Code of the City of Norton, Virginia as recorded in minute book, Page 74, No. 4112, was passed on second reading.

Council agreed not to consider further requests for street paving #4143 until present work scheduled is completed.

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

Norman A. Flanary
Mayor

Clerk