

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on June 7, 1966 at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor Holcomb presiding.

Present: J.C. Holcomb, V.O. Flanary, C.W. Bryant, R.L. Collins

Absent: Archie Woods

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

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Walter Freeman appeared before Council requesting that something be done to Laurel Avenue. He stated the road was in bad condition due to sewer construction. Matter referred to City Manager. #36

Mr. Parkis Dotson appeared before Council regarding City's agreement of two years ago to pave in front of his sidewalk. Council advised Mr. Dotson of plans for reconstruction of highway in front of his business. The City Manager was instructed to check into this matter to see what could be done. #364

Mrs. Kate Turner appeared before Council requesting On-Off Premise beer license for Norton Restaurant. #365

On motion by C.W. Bryant, seconded by R.L. Collins and carried by unanimous vote, Council granted permission for the issuance of on-off premise beer license to Mrs. Kate Turner, T/A Norton Restaurant.

Mr. John Farah appeared before Council concerning maintenance of wall at his property on Oak Avenue. City Manager was instructed to check into this matter. #365:

Mr. George Hunnicutt, representing the Norton Industrial Development Authority, appeared before Council and presented the following recommendations: #3652

1 • Mr. Hunnicutt advised Council that the present authority will expire July 1, 1966 unless the Governor of Virginia labels this a distress area. He recommended that the City Council allow present authority to expire at this date and die a natural death.

2 • He suggested that Council write the Governor of Virginia advising of the expiration of the present authority and requesting a new authority under Senate Bill #397.

3 • That the present Industrial Development Authority return to the City unexpended funds of the Authority.

4 • New Authority be set up with a budget.

5 • Ask that this Council request Board of Supervisors of Wise County to also set up such Authority with a budget. Council to specify that we are ready and willing to cooperate with any industrial endeavor they may wish to take.

Mr. Hunnicutt stated that the reason for these recommendations is that the City of Norton has only two or three possible industrial sites within the City limits.

Mayor Holcomb requested Mr. Hunnicutt to bring these recommendations in writing and that Council will give this matter immediate consideration.

Charlie Daniels appeared before Council regarding community building for Rescue Squad and Blood Bank. #3653

Mr. Leonard Marcum presented to Council the present situation of the Norton Rescue Squad. He stated that the Norton Rescue Squad was the parent of the other organizations in the county.

Mr. Bob Isaac, as member of Board of Directors of Rescue Squad, further called to Council's attention the need for housing for the Rescue Squad. He stated that the spirits of the organization were very low at this time and he felt that such a project would certainly build up their spirits.

Dr. Joe Phillips presented to Council the present situation of the Community Blood Bank. He stated that this is one of the most life-saving functions in Wise County and is authorized and licensed by the National Institute of Health.

He stated approximately seven inspections had been made and approved by the National Institute of Health. He expressed the need for a community building for such an organization.

Charlie Daniels spoke briefly concerning a community building for the Rescue Squad and Blood Bank. He stated they would like to construct this building through community effort and donations. He suggested that this building be constructed between Sears and Little League Ball Park. He suggested that the building be constructed, dedicated to the City, and then the City maintain it.

Mayor Holcomb advised these gentlemen that Council would take this under advisement and let them know.

Mayor Holcomb announced that we would now have public hearing on budget as advertised. Mr. Norman read the budget. #3654

On motion by R.L. Collins, seconded by C.W. Bryant and carried by unanimous vote, the proposed budget for ensuing year was passed on first reading.

On motion by V.O. Flanary, seconded by R.L. Collins and carried by unanimous vote, the following resolution authorizing filing of application for grant for expansion of filter plant was passed: #3655

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved By City Council of the City of Norton, That David B. Norman, City Manager, be and he is hereby authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of City of Norton, Va. with the Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, for a grant and/or loan to aid in financing the construction of extension and improvements to existing water filtering system, and

That David B. Norman, City Manager, be and he is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, may reasonably request in connection with the application which is herein authorized to be filed.

On motion by C.W. Bryant, seconded by V.O. Flanary and carried by unanimous vote, the sales tax ordinance was passed on second reading. #3656

Mayor Holcomb asked Council if they were ready for appointment to Board of Zoning Appeals. This matter was deferred until June 21st. meeting. #3657

Mr. Norman presented request of Sears to pave street next to their building. After some discussion on this matter, Council instructed the City Manager to see what could be worked out with Sears. #3658

Mr. Norman presented to Council his recommendation of the paving program of East Park Avenue. #3659

On motion by C.W. Bryant, seconded by R.L. Collins and carried by unanimous vote, Council instructed Mr. Norman to go ahead with the project at a cost to the City of not over \$15,000.

Mr. Norman presented bids on street sweeper. Wayne Sweeper = \$9,976.77; Elgin Sweeper = \$9,129.90. He recommended to Council the purchase of the Elgin Sweeper. #3660

On motion by R.L. Collins, seconded by V.O. Flanary and carried by unanimous vote, Council authorized the purchase of Elgin Street Sweeper from Tidy Corporation.

Mr. Norman discussed with Council the need for engineering plans for major street construction, particularly Poplar Street, 11th and part of Chestnut Street. Council instructed the City Manager to obtain an estimated cost for engineering plans for Poplar Street and also to check and see if Federal Aid was available for this type project. #3661

Mr. Norman gave report of paving program now in progress by the City. He advised Council that George Cline was low bidder on these projects and is scheduled to begin work Monday, June 13th.

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Councilman Flanary brought to Council's attention that several citizens had inquired as to when the City was going to start cutting weeds on the streets

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Mr. Norman advised Council that Mr. Powers, Supt. of Schools, is tentatively making plans to set up a meeting with Chief of Police, Truant Officer, City Manager and School Supt. to plan next year's truancy program.

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Mr. Norman reported to Council that the sale of City stickers is being pushed. He also advised Council that door to door dog check has been started.

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On motion by C.W. Bryant, seconded by V.O. Flanary and carried by unanimous vote, Council accepted the resignation of W.P. Kanto as a member of City of Norton School Board.

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On motion by C.W. Bryant, seconded by V.O. Flanary and carried by unanimous vote, R.A. Sult was appointed as member of City of Norton School Board for a three year term, said term to expire June 30, 1969.

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Councilman Flanary brought to Council's attention the lack of green arrows at traffic lights on 6th and 7th Streets. He stated this matter had previously been brought before this Council.

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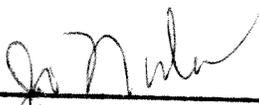
Mr. Jim Daniels appeared before Council regarding fence for Little League. Council advised Mr. Daniels that the fence would be purchased and that the City would see that the light bill is paid.

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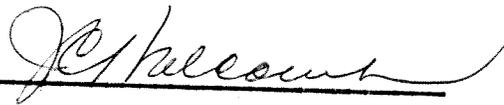
Mr. Don Farmer inquired of Council as to status of Hamner Avenue Street improvement.

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



Clerk



Mayor