

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on June 21, 1966 at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor Holcomb presiding.

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

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

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Don Peters appeared before Council inquiring as to the possibility of City water extension to serve those properties of the West Norton area outside the City limits. He stated that at least 13 families would definitely connect to the City service if the cost is at all reasonable. Council advised Mr. Peters that they are willing and interested in trying to supply them with water. They expressed their interest in annexing this area to the City in the near future. Council instructed the City Manager to check into the possibilities of this water extension. #367

Charlie Daniels appeared before Council regarding status of the proposed Community Building. #367

On motion by Archie Woods, seconded by C.W. Bryant and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved that a lot 50' in width on the South side of Park Avenue, adjacent to 10th Street, be set aside for the construction of a building thereon to be occupied by the Rescue Squad and the Community Blood Bank, and upon the ceasing of one or both of those organizations to function, the occupancy of the building to be determined by the Council of the City of Norton.

Chester Voni, Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Collins and George Bolling appeared before Council protesting a dog ordinance prohibiting dogs from running at large. They stated that they felt the referendum regarding dog ordinance was very confusing and that many citizens had voted for the ordinance thinking they had voted for the dogs. #367

Frank Fischer and Bill Meade spoke for the ordinance prohibiting dogs from running at large. After a lengthy discussion, on motion by Archie Woods, seconded by V.O. Flanary and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council instructed the City Attorney to prepare a draft ordinance prohibiting dogs from running at large.

Mr. Charles Hicks of Kentucky Avenue appeared before Council regarding condition of Kentucky Avenue and inquiring as to what could be done to this street. Council advised Mr. Hicks that minor improvements would be made until a definite decision has been made by the state. #367

Ernie Benko appeared before Council requesting permission for the Ambassadors' Club to hold street dance on July 15th from 8:00 P.M. until no later than 11:30P.M. on 7th Street between Park Avenue and Federal Street. Council granted permission for dance, provided the Ambassadors' Club be responsible for cleaning up before the next morning. #367

On motion by C.W. Bryant, seconded by R.L. Collins and carried by unanimous vote, Council adopted budget for ensuing year on second reading. #367

On motion by Archie Woods, seconded by C.W. Bryant and carried by unanimous vote, Sales Tax Ordinance, as recorded on Page 199 of the Minutes Book, #3637, was readopted. #3677

On motion by Archie Woods, seconded by C.W. Bryant and carried by unanimous vote, Council appointed Monroe B. Thrower to audit City of Norton Books for period ending June 30, 1966, said audit to be presented to Council by September 1st. #3678

On motion by Archie Woods, seconded by V.O. Flanary and carried #3679 by unanimous vote, Council agreed to adhere to the five recommendations of Norton Industrial Development Authority as listed on Page 205 of Minute Book, #3652.

On motion by R.L. Collins, seconded by V.O. Flanary and #3680 carried by unanimous vote, the following resolution regarding reconstruction of East Park Avenue was passed:

BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Norton hereby requests the Virginia Department of Highways to participate in the reconstruction of East Park Avenue as follows:

1. Between Norton Hardware and the Old Dominion Power Company's power sub-station scarify existing pavement and recondition and reconstruct base course 8 inches and apply sufficient thickness of plant mix asphalt even with grade of existing curb.
2. From the end of the existing curb near the Ashland Service Station east to the corporate limits apply recommended asphaltic overlay and grade and rebuild shoulders.
3. From the end of the curb near the Ashland Station going west rebuild and resurface in the manner provided in Section (1) above for whatever distance that can be financed by the remaining amount of money available from the City's allocation for its share of the total cost.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City agrees to participate by 15% of the total cost, including engineering costs, provided however, that the total cost of the project be kept down so that the City's share does not exceed \$15,000.

Mr. Norman presented Council with list of uncollectible delinquent #3681 accounts.

On motion by C.W. Bryant, seconded by Archie Woods and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that the delinquent accounts as presented by Mr. Norman in the amount of \$2,280.81 be removed from the books.

Mr. Norman advised Council of the status of the paving program. #3682 He also advised them that the water line on Craig Street is being extended.

Mr. Buck Strength of Craig St., N.W. appeared before Council inquiring as to what steps he should take in order to get something done about the dust problem. #3683

Council discussed this matter at length with Mr. Strength, advising him of the legal technicality in this matter and upon advice of the City Attorney, suggested that Mr. Strength take legal action on this matter.

Charlie Daniels advised Council that he would make a bid on laying #3684 water line on Craig Street in order to relieve the City of some of their work pressure. Council advised Mr. Daniels they would consider his bid.

Mr. Norman advised Council that the weed cutting program was now #3685 in progress.

Mr. Norman presented to Council a request from Norton Garden #3686 Club for water tap in parking lot for gardening purposes. Council instructed the City Manager to have water tap installed.

Councilman Bryant read a letter from Mr. R.A. Sult expressing his interest in his recent appointment to City of Norton School Board and requesting that he be replaced on the Lee-Norton-Scott-Wise Regional Planning & Economic Development Commission, his resignation to be effective as of this date.

#3687

On motion by C.W. Bryant, seconded by R.L. Collins and carried by unanimous vote, the resignation of R.A. Sult as member of the Lee-Norton-Scott-Wise Regional Planning & Economic Development Commission was accepted.

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On motion by J.C. Holcomb, seconded by C.W. Bryant and carried by unanimous vote, W.H. Witt, Jr. was appointed as member of Board of Zoning Appeals to fill the unexpired term of W.H. Witt, Sr., said term to expire June 30, 1967.

#3688

Vice Mayor Woods expressed his acquiescence with Council's recent appointment, made during his absence, of R.A. Sult as member of the City of Norton School Board.

#3689

On motion by V.O. Flanary, seconded by Archie Woods and carried by unanimous vote, W.P. Kanto was appointed as member of Lee-Norton-Scott-Wise Regional Planning & Economic Development Commission to replace Mr. R.A. Sult, resigned.

#3690

Bill Hendricks brought to Council's attention traffic hazard of the crosswalk at the swimming pool. After a discussion of this matter, Council instructed the City Manager to request school recreation director to furnish uniformed safety patrol for crosswalk at swimming pool.

#3691


On motion by C.W. Bryant, seconded by Archie Woods and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved THAT inasmuch as the City had passed an ordinance repealing the tax on household goods, May 17, 1966, that the City Council doth not levy a tax on household good for the tax year 1966.

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



 Clerk



 Mayor