

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on January 5, 1965 at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor Holcomb presiding.

Present: J.C. Holcomb, J.B. Taggart, V.O. Flanary, C.W. Bryant

Absent: Archie Woods

Also Present: C.F. Jester, Jr., City Manager and R.T. Winston, Attorney

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mayor Holcomb advised council that the committee for establishing Regional Planning Office for Lee-Scott-Wise Counties and City of Norton would be meeting January 14th at 7:00 P.M. at Riley's Cafe in Big Stone Gap, Virginia. He urged that each member of council plan to attend. 2330

Mr. Jester advised council that there would be a meeting with the Highway Department and the Board of Supervisors and Town of Wise, on January 12th at 2:00 P.M. to discuss the new location of Route 23. He further stated that the council of the City of Norton was invited to attend. 2331

Mr. Collins and Mr. Sargeant of Spring Avenue, S.W. appeared before council requesting street light. They also stated that the condition of the road at the railroad track was bad and also stated that the train blocked the road for as much as two hours at a time. They also stated that they had only a one half inch water line to their properties. This matter was referred to the City Manager. 2332

Mr. Jester presented an agreement with N. & W. Railway Company to allow the City to install a storm drain under their tracks behind the City Parking Lot. 2333

On motion by J.B. Taggart, seconded by C.W. Bryant and carried by unanimous vote the Mayor was authorized to sign this agreement in behalf of the City of Norton.

Mr. Jester advised council that the Planning Advance for the sewer project now under contract will not have to be repaid. 2334

Mr. Jester gave fire report for the month of December, 1964. There were four fires during the month. 2335

Mr. Jester gave report of delinquent taxes for month of December, 1964 - taxes \$2,382.71; penalty & interest \$366.32; or a total for the month of \$2,749.03; making a total to date of \$11,203.32. 2336

Mr. Jester advised council that the Police Department had reported that during the month of December traffic was easier to handle. He stated that only three hours of extra hours were required in comparison with twenty-three hours. 2337

Mr. Jester brought to council's attention that the fire department would be back to council meeting at the next meeting to discuss the purchase of their piece of new equipment. 2338

Mr. B.E. Ball commended council on the recent change in parking in down-town Norton. 2339

Bill Hendrick pointed out to council that pedestrians were still using the crosswalk between 7th and 8th Street which was proving to be very hazardous. Council instructed the city manger to have these lines moved immediately. 2340

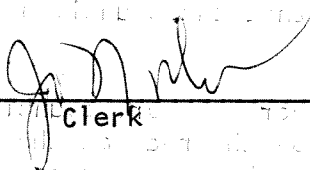
On motion by J.B. Taggart, seconded by V.O. Flanary and carried by unanimous vote council instructed the City Manager to have the cannon removed from the present lot immediately, storing at the city shops until early spring, at which time said cannon is to be placed on the lot at the Municipal Building. They also instructed 2341 the city manager to prepare an article for the paper when the cannon is removed, stating that it will be stored until early spring.

Council instructed the city manager to continue with the work on the present 2342 cannon lot for parking.

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



Mayor



Clerk