

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on December 21, 1982 at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor Hunnicutt presiding.

Present: George Hunnicutt, W.F. McElroy, Vic Jones

Also Present: Charles R. Brown, City Manager & Kenneth Asbury, Attorney

On motion by W.F. McElroy, seconded by Vic Jones, Council moved that the minutes of December 7, 1982 meeting be approved as presented.

On motion by W.F. McElroy, seconded by Vic Jones, Council moved that the minutes of special called meeting held on December 10, 1982 be approved as presented. 10727

Since there was no one present at the end of the special called meeting held on December 14, 1982, Mayor Hunnicutt asked Vice Mayor W.F. McElroy to read aloud these minutes. On motion by Vic Jones, seconded by W.F. McElroy, Council approved the minutes of December 14, 1982 meeting as presented.

Council held the second public hearing on the Ordinance to Amend and Reordain the Business License Ordinance of the City of Norton, Said Amendment to include Fees for Persons Holding Mixed Beverage Licenses. City Attorney Kenneth Asbury read the entitlement on this ordinance. There were no comments from the public on this ordinance.

On motion by W.F. McElroy, seconded by Vic Jones, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to accept the Ordinance to Amend and Reordain the Business License Ordinance on the second reading. (Insert) 10728

Council also held a public hearing on an Ordinance to Amend and Reordain Certain Sections of Chapter 17, Signs, Awnings and Marquees, and of Chapter 22, Zoning, All Sections referring to Signs.

City Attorney Asbury read the entitlement of this ordinance and advised it is an Ordinance to amend and reordain certain sub-sections and sections of Chapter 17, Signs, Awnings and Marquees, and of Chapter 22, Zoning, of the City of Norton of 1973 as amended with certain changes in the regulations of City signs and sign structure.

Councilman McElroy advised this draft was presented to the Planning Commission, was approved, and they, in turn, were forwarding it to Council with their recommendation for approval. 10729

Planning Commission Chairman Robert Isaac advised Council that their urgency was the fact that the City did not have an adequate sign ordinance on the books for them to go by.

Mr. John Stafford, Stafford Communications, Jonesboro, was present and referred to Page 5, Item 1, 6 & 7, where it states that signs shall not be erected within 250 feet of any boundry line of a zoning district or 250' from property lines of public schools, library, churches, sanctuary, museum, or public park. He asked for Council's consideration to change the distance to 100' or 150'.

After much discussion, Council McElroy moved that the Ordinance be tabled until the next meeting for review.

City Attorney Kenneth Asbury announced that Mr. Daniel Collopy had agreed to serve as Prosecuting Attorney for the City of Norton. On motion by W.F. McElroy, seconded by Vic Jones, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Mr. Daniel Collopy was appointed as Prosecuting Attorney for the City of Norton and is to be reimbursed according to the budgeted figure. Any remainder is to be on a pro rata basis. 10730

Mr. Steve Collins was present to request the equivalency of one sewer connection for his new Case tractor building. The City Manager advised that the city administration recommended approval of Mr. Collins request. Mr. Collins presented easement papers which needed to be signed. 10731

On motion by W.F. McElroy, seconded by Vic Jones, Council moved to accept the easements and authorized Mayor Hunnicutt to sign same and also granted one equivalent connection to Mr. Collins for the new Case Tractor building.

After much discussion on the Resolution Requested by the Virginia Dept. of Highways and Transportation to approve a Utility Agreement for the New Traffic Signals on Park Avenue, W.F. McElroy made a motion to approve this resolution. Said motion failed due to the lack of a second, 10732

City Attorney Kenneth Asbury Advised Council that the re-ratification of a Newly Amended Charter from Lenowisco is just a re-statement of the 1969 Charter with the changes being in the number of board members and that they may be appointed from their governing bodies rather than citizen appointments. 10733

On motion by Vic Jones, seconded by W.F. McElroy and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved to re-ratify the Newly Amended Charter as submitted by Lenowisco.

The City Attorney presented Council with an ordinance to reappropriate the sum of \$130,257.47 in existing School Funds to the City of Norton School Board. Of this amount \$56,397.50 is to be placed in a Contingency Fund and the remainder will go toward Operational, Maintenance, Instructional, and Administration. Upon motion by W.F. McElroy, seconded by Vic Jones, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to reappropriate the sum of \$130,257.47 in existing school funds representing a surplus from past fiscal years be reappropriated to the Norton City Schools for the current year. (Insert) 10734

Mayor Hunnicutt made a motion that the City of Norton Council extend their congratulations and endorsement to the administration of the Norton City Schools and the School Board of the Norton City Schools for managing to squeeze out roughly 5% of their budget to create this surplus. They have worked hard, utilized their money to make a little interest and stretched as as they could. Mayor Hunnicutt further stated that council was truly grateful that in a short time the School Board came from being on the rocks to having a little money and that it is the express intent of the council that this effort and fine performance be rewarded so that the School Board will have that future incentive. Mayor Hunnicutt asked City Attorney Asbury to write up a resolution roughly to this affect to go on record. This motion was seconded by Councilman Jones, agreed upon by the entire Council, and in the presence of School Board Chairman, George Culbertson, a standing ovation was given by those present. 10735

Council considered the proposed Parking Plan as approved by the Planning Commission and forwarded to Council for their action which will come before them on Jan. 4, 1983.

Council was advised by Robbie Tate of a meeting of 10 to 12 City Merchants on the parking problem.

Mr. J.T. Caruso advised council of the problem with enforcement in the block of Park Avenue his business is located in. Mr. Caruso told council he did not care which way they went on the parking, but stressed the need of strict enforcement. 10736

Mr. Kenneth Hankla also told of having the same problem on Park Avenue in front of his business.

Mrs. Tate advised Council one other area that was a problem spot according to the merchants meetinging and that was 7th Street between Congo's Hallmark and the Wise County National Bank.

The City Manager, having been unaware of the above problem areas, advised the merchants that stricter enforcment would begin December 22 - the day following the Council meeting.

After much discussion, the Mayor advised this Parking Plan would be considered again at the January 4, 1983 meeting.

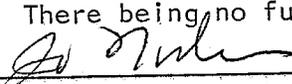
Councilman Jones brought up the proposed dog ordinance which will be brought before Council shortly. His concern was that Norton will become a dumpting ground for those who wish to get rid of their dogs. 10737

City Attorney Kenneth Asbury advised council that the ordinance as worked up is basically the same as drawn up by former City Councilman Robert Collier and his citizens' group several years ago.

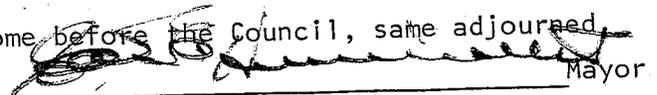
Mr. Robert Bolling came before Council requesting renewal of his Pool Room License for the Sportsman's Billiards. 10738

The City Manager requested permission from council to research the Code covering this license and bring the information back to Council for Mr. Bolling's license at the Jan. 4, 1983 Council meeting. Both Council and Mr. Bolling Agreed on this.

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



Clerk



Mayor