

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia, was held in the Municipal Court Room of said City on May 3, 1972, at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor Flanary presiding.

Present: V.O. Flanary, Robert Leonard, Ike Fultz
W.F. McElroy

Absent: Archie Woods, Milas D. Franks, City Manager

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, but with the following addendum to the Minutes of the Special Meeting of April 20, 1972: Citizen Mary Jones expressed her objection at said Special Meeting to having two contractors on the Planning Commission.

Thereupon the Mayor recognized visitors present at the meeting and Citizen Bill Farmer appeared before Council and inquired about dirt being hauled by the City for C. G. & V. Development Company and Farmer was advised that this was paid for by that Company. 1008

On motion by Robert A. Leonard and seconded by W.F. McElroy, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted: 6009

RESOLVED, that the second reading of the following Ordinances, adopted upon first reading on April 20, 1972, be held by this Council on this night as previously resolved on April 20, 1972:

1. An Ordinance adopting the Official Map of the City of Norton, Virginia, and repealing all previous ones.
2. An Ordinance adopting a Comprehensive Plan for the City of Norton, by reference.
3. An Ordinance repealing all previous Zoning Ordinances and amendments and enacting the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Norton, Virginia.
4. An Ordinance repealing all previous Sub-Division Ordinances and amendments and enacting the Sub-Division Ordinance of the City of Norton, Virginia.
5. An Ordinance repealing all previous Zoning Maps and enacting Official Zoning Map for the City of Norton, Virginia.

On motion by Robert A. Leonard and seconded by W.F. McElroy the following Resolution was unanimously adopted: 6010

RESOLVED that the second reading of the foregoing Ordinances be confined to the reading of the Titles only pursuant to the provisions of the Charter of the City.

Thereupon, the Clerk was directed to commence the reading of the Titles of said Ordinances and the Clerk read all of said Titles. 6011

Thereupon, the Mayor asked if there was any person who wished to present any further views to Council prior to Council voting upon the second reading.

Citizens Wade Winstead, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Tom Howard, Mrs. Mary Jones, Dr. J.T. Phillips, Jr., Mr. Tate McClung, Mrs. J.T. Phillips, Jr., and Mrs. Jim Humphreys all spoke against the adopting of the proposed Zoning Map. Mr. Wade Winstead spoke several times and Mrs. Mary Jones spoke several times. Mr. Wade Winstead also asserted his view again that the Notice was defective, and the City Attorney pointed out to him that Council had made no changes in the Zoning Map after it was submitted to Council by the Planning Commission and that all changes in said Map were made by the Planning Commission prior to submission to Council.

Citizen William Clements expressed his view that property zoned from A to B would go down for lack of financial interest but it was not clear whether he opposed or supported the adoption of the proposed Map.

Mr. Charlie Daniels who is chairman of the Planning Commission for the City tried to answer various questions put to him by the protesting citizens as well as did the Mayor.

Citizen Mary Jones again stated her objections to having two contractors on the Planning Commission and then questioned the honesty and the intentions of Daniels and Breeding, and then Breeding reminded her that he was not on the Planning Commission at the time the first map including the controversial property in R-B Zone was prepared. A long argument between Jones and Breeding ensued and extreme remarks were made by Jones toward both Breeding and Daniels. Daniels made no reply to her charges. Finally, Jones told Breeding that she had a statement by a businessman that Breeding had said that he was going to buy the property and if he could get it rezoned from A to B he was going to build an apartment on it. Breeding called on her to produce the statement and she did not. Again, Council was reminded that Breeding was not on the Planning Commission when the original Map including the controversial property in R-B was drawn up and it was noted that Breeding had, subsequent to the preparation of said Map, taken another party's place on the Commission. Arguments and charges by Jones were heated and it was difficult for the Council to keep order. Finally, Councilman Robert A. Leonard called upon Citizen Mary Jones to state her exact objection to the area being R-B rather than R-A and she said "because I don't want an apartment beside of me." Then Leonard asked if there were any other reasons and she stated "no."

Mr. Tate McClung asked Councilman McElroy if he had read the Kingsport paper and McElroy said no and McClung said it quoted him as saying that only three people spoke out against the passing of the Zoning Map, but McElroy said he knew nothing of the Kingsport paper.

Dr. J.T. Phillips, Jr., made a polite statement to City Council and said that he opposed the Zoning Map as drawn, but that he would like to know the Council's view and would like to hear them discuss it. Council reminded everyone that they had already discussed the matter at great length.

It was suggested that Council recess for fifteen minutes and return before the final vote on the second reading. After said recess, the meeting was called to order again and, on motion by Robert A. Leonard, and seconded by W.F. McElroy, the five ordinances consisting of:

- A. An Ordinance adopting the Official Map of the City of Norton, Virginia, and repealing all previous ones.
- B. An Ordinance adopting a Comprehensive Plan for the City of Norton, by reference.
- C. An Ordinance repealing all previous Zoning Ordinances and amendments and enacting the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Norton, Virginia.
- D. An Ordinance repealing all previous Sub-Division Ordinances and amendments and enacting the Sub-Division Ordinance of the City of Norton, Virginia.
- E. An Ordinance repealing all previous Zoning Maps and enacting Official Zoning Map for the City of Norton, Virginia,

as adopted upon first reading on April 20, 1972, were unanimously enacted by the Council of the City of Norton, Virginia, into the law of said City, said Ordinances to be effective 30 days from passage.

The vote on the second reading of the foregoing Ordinances was as follows:

Mayor V.O. Flanary	Yes
Robert A. Leonard	Yes
Ike Fultz	Yes
W.F. McElroy	Yes
Archie Woods	Absent

After said Ordinances were passed upon second reading and enacted into the law of the City, many citizens left the meeting.

Upon motion by W.F. McElroy and seconded by Ike Fultz the following Resolution was unanimously adopted: 6012

RESOLVED that the City Council, by the City Attorney, Petition the Circuit Court of Wise County, Virginia, for the Appointment and Re-Appointment of the following persons to serve as members of the Board of Zoning Appeals under the new Zoning Law of the City of Norton for the terms set opposite their names: (Effective June 2, 1972)

W.H. Witt, Jr.	1 yr.
S.E. Trinkle	2 yrs.
Roy Roberts	3 yrs.
Linville Reed	4 yrs.
Don Farmer	5 yrs.

Citizen Bill Farmer spoke again about misuse of government equipment and finally the Mayor appointed Councilman Fulks to look into his allegations. Farmer also complained about the sidewalk to the school and the holes in the road in West Norton as well as East Norton and the Council agreed with him. 6013

Citizen Hoge Horne also spoke with regard to the dirt hauling previously mentioned. 6014

There was no further business to come before the Council and, upon motion, the meeting was lawfully and properly adjourned.

Vernon O. Henry
Mayor

ATTEST:

J. Mule
CLERK