

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on April 6, 1971 at 7:30 P. M. with Mayor Flanary presiding.

Present: V. O. Flanary, Robert Leonard, Ike Fulks, Archie Woods, C. W. Bryant

Also Present: Evan Norton, City Manager

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Charles Reasor from Lenowisco appeared before council regarding the city's participation in communications project in crime justice department. Mr. Reasor presented Mr. Bill Clark of Motorola Company who outlined the program and its benefits to city police department. He stated that the Federal Government's cost participation for first year would be 60% and city 40% and the next year being 75% and 25%. Council advised Mr. Reasor they would have to give further consideration to this project. #5587

Mr. George Hunnicutt appeared before council regarding 236 Housing Project. Mr. Hunnicutt requested the city have prepared a resolution stating the project would be put in by September 1, 1971. Council advised they would have the city attorney prepare resolution. #5588

Mr. George Wharton appeared before council regarding appropriation for Airport. He asked that council appropriate funds for this in budget for fiscal year 1971-72. #5589

Mr. Wharton also requested that council give consideration to providing entrance to his property off Rt. #23 and Rt. #58. Council agreed to have city attorney draw up resolution for their approval. #5590

Mr. Norton advised council of Operation Townlift meeting, Monday night, April 12th. #5591

Mayor Flanary reported on work they were doing at the Flag Rock Recreation Area. #5592

Mr. Norton advised water project was progressing. #5593

Mr. Norton advised there was nothing new on Public Housing. #5594

Chief Kelley reported traffic light at 9th & Park Avenue had been approved. #5595

Mayor Flanary reported coal on sidewalk back of apartment on Kline Avenue and Virginia Avenue. #5596

Councilman Woods reported air rifles being shot on Craig Street. #5597

Councilman Bryant reported dirt on street on Chestnut Street above the city manager's house. #5598

Mr. Norton advised council that Mr. Franks had been in contact with Kilgores regarding access road to elementary school. #5599

He also advised grading for sidewalk to school had been started.

Mr. Kelley requested council to set dog quarantine for two weeks beginning April 26th thru May 9th. #5600

On motion by Robert Leonard, seconded by Archie Woods and carried by unanimous vote, council moved that a two week dog quarantine be established, said dates to be April 26th thru May 9th.

Mr. Norton advised council of sewer, water & garbage survey being made by engineering department. #5601

Mayor Flanary reported that Mr. Dana Hodge had requested some work done on his lot where construction company had left unfinished at time of their work. Council agreed to have this done. #5602

The city manager reported that the Green Thumb Garden Club is heading up the Clean-Up campaign this year. #5603

On motion by Ike Fulks, seconded by C. W. Bryant and carried by unanimous roll call vote, council moved that the city go ahead and make purchase of garbage containers for downtown section which the Garden Club is participating in. #5604

Mr. Norton advised that the twice a week garbage collection would begin May 17th thru October 15th. #5605

Council briefly discussed city jail. Mayor Flanary advised of meeting with Lenowisco at Wise on Thursday regarding jail and asked if some of council could attend. #5606

On motion by Archie Woods, seconded by Robert Leonard and carried by unanimous roll call vote, council moved that the following lease agreement with L & N Railroad Company be renewed. #5607

WHEREAS, by letter dated March 17, 1971 the L & N Railroad Company wishes to amend to delete from its lease agreement with the City of Norton dated September 17, 1969 an area of land 300' by 350' leaving approximately 2.76 acres of land for the City's use.

THEREFORE, the City of Norton is in agreement with this contract and will allow the signature of its proper official to be signed on the said contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the CITY COUNCIL does hereby declare that Vernon O. Flanary is the Mayor of the City of Norton and does hereby certify that he is authorized to sign the lease agreement between the L & N Railroad Company and the City of Norton dated March 10th, 1971.

s/ Vernon O. Flanary
MAYOR, CITY OF NORTON

s/ Jo Nosler
ATTEST

WHEREAS, by letter dated March 17, 1971 the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company are in agreement to extend the agreement for lease of land contract dated May 14, 1951 to May 13, 1976 for \$70.00 per year, effective May 14, 1971.

THEREFORE, the City of Norton is in agreement with this contract and will allow the signature of its proper official to be signed on the said contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the CITY COUNCIL does hereby declare that Vernon O. Flanary is the Mayor of the City of Norton and does hereby certify that he is authorized to sign the lease agreement between the L & N Railroad Company and the City of Norton dated March 17, 1971.

s/ Vernon O. Flanary
MAYOR, CITY OF NORTON

s/ Jo Nosler
ATTEST

Mr. Norton discussed with council TV Cable System and advised that Mr. Russell would like to meet with council tomorrow at 5:00 o'clock. Council agreed to this meeting. #5608

Councilman Bryant said he would like to see something done regarding dirt from sweeper being pushed on his sidewalk in front of his residence. #5609

On motion by Robert Leonard, seconded by Archie Woods and carried by unanimous vote, council moved that the following resolution be passed. #5610

WHEREAS, the City Council recommends the construction of a Recreational Access Road off Route 610 (Hoot Owl Hollow) across Jefferson National Forest and City of Norton property, and

WHEREAS, the necessary right of way will be available at no cost to the Commonwealth over the publicly owned property of the City of Norton and Jefferson National Forest, and

WHEREAS, the road will serve the City of Norton's Public Recreational Area Flag Rock and the Jefferson National Forest Public Recreation Area, High Knob.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council respectfully requests the Virginia Department of Highways as provided by Section 33.1-223 of 1970 Code of Virginia as amended to allocate from the Recreational Access Funds to construct this facility.

ATTESTE

s/ Jo Nosler
CLERK

Mayor Flanary stated it had been recommended to him that the city not employ a recreational director at this time. Council discussed this matter with each of councilmen expressing their opinion. They were in agreement with the recommendation. #5611

On motion by Robert Leonard, seconded by Archie Woods and carried by unanimous vote, council moved they go into executive session to consider personnel matters. #5612

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

Jo Nosler
CLERK

Vernon O. Flanary
MAYOR