

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on June 1, 1971 at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor Flanary presiding.

Present: V.O. Flanary, Robert Leonard, Ike Fultz, Archie Woods

Absent: C.W. Bryant

Also Present: Milas Franks, City Manager

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Larry Hobbs, Director Economic Development, Lonesome Pine Development Corporation, appeared before council and presented report from OEO. Council discussed this report briefly with Mr. Hobbs. 5685

Mr. Monroe Thrower was present at council and discussed the request of the Wise County Regional Library for an additional \$6500.00. Council advised Mr. Thrower that no action could be taken on this at the present time. 5686

Mr. Franks advised council that pre-application conference with EDA officials would be held in Huntington on June 16th. Mr. Flanary advised of work the city employees were doing at the Flag Rock recreation area. 5687

Mr. Franks advised of workings of Operation Townlift. He stated that TVA still has a field representative in the area working in conjunction with the Townlift Committee in preparing a suggested plan for improvements to the Kentucky Avenue and Ramsey playground. He also presented a painting scheme suggested for the buildings adjoining the St. Charles Parking Lot. This plan was prepared by TVA. 5688

Mr. Franks advised that the EDA water project contractors had already started the preliminary work on water project. 5689

Mr. Franks advised council of the ground breaking ceremonies of Public Housing for 40 units on Saturday, June 5th at 10:00 A.M. He also advised that the housing in CCC Camp project would be around 45 days behind the other project and that the high-rise apartments will be some time off. 5690

The city manager advised that the budget for the ensuing year would be advertised on June 10th for public hearing on June 17th. 5691

Council briefly discussed preparation for Landfill requirements. 5692

Mr. Franks advised that committee to study assessment for mobile homes and mobile home ordinance, as appointed at last council meeting, had all been contacted and that all had agreed to serve. 5693

Mr. Bill Clements, of N.I.D.A. was present at council and asked what the plans were for old elementary school property and if it was the intent of city council to turn this property over to N.I.D.A. for development. Council advised Mr. Clements that they would be unable to make a decision on this matter until the new elementary school is ready for occupancy. 5694

Mr. Franks advised that public hearing on designation of a community action agency for City of Norton would be held June 8th at 7:30 P.M. 5695

He advised that Wise County had already had their meeting and that Lonesome Pine Development Corporation had been redesignated.

Councilman Fultz inquired as to possibility of getting main stream employees to do recreation work in the City of Norton. Mr. Hobbs advised that at the present time the Council School Board had control of program but after first of August that

we would have control of program and that there was a very good possibility the City could get some main stream labor.

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Council briefly discussed parking lot off park avenue and 9th street.

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On motion by Archie Woods, seconded by Robert Leonard and carried by unanimous vote council moved that the parking meter heads be removed from meters in parking lot between old swimming pool and State Police Office.

Mr. Franks advised that bids had been received by Highway Department for Construction of Rte. 74 but had not been awarded as yet. He stated that in his opinion work would be begun by end of July.

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Mrs. Barbara Collins appeared before council and inquired as to whether playground at old elementary school was going to be left open for children of the 9th, 10th and 11th Street sections to play. Council advised Mrs. Collins that of this time there would be no change.

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

Vernon B. Flanagan  
Mayor

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Clerk