

November 6, 1968

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on November 6, 1968 at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor Flanary presiding.

Present: V. O. Flanary, G.E. Hunnicutt, R.L. Collins, S.H. Neeley, W.G. Stallard

Also Present: Evan Norton, City Mgr. & Robert Stump & Leslie Mullins, Attorneys

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and corrected as follows:-

On motion by W.G. Stallard, seconded by S.H. Neeley and carried by unanimous vote, #4627 Council moved that the following be deleted from minutes of October 15th meeting: Mrs. Ruby Adams appeared before Council reaffirming the issuance of her beer license.

Council discussed with architects of Beason & Beason, Joe Cox and Joel Vicars #4628 regarding remodeling and construction of jail and Emergency Operating Center. Council advised that notification will be made at a later date.

Jess Strength, along with other citizens of Thackers Branch, appeared before #4629 Council requesting water service. After discussion, matter referred to City Manager to work out estimated cost and report to Council.

Mr. Norton advised Council of bids received on St. Charles Hotel. #4630 On motion by G.E. Hunnicutt, seconded by S.H. Neeley and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved that bid of M. R. Bush Construction co. of Knoxville, Tenn. in the amount of \$3,640.00 be accepted.

On motion by S.H. Neeley, seconded by W.G. Stallard and carried by unanimous roll #4631 call vote, Council moved that the School Board be authorized to make application to the Literary Fund for a loan up to \$818,000.00. e

Mr. Norton discussed City Manager's Report. #4632 Council discussed at length purchase of parking meters. #4633 Bob Isaac of Greater Norton, Inc. advised Council that Merchants do not have a definite answer as to the tokens. Council agreed to purchase split housing type of meter.

On motion by S.H. Neeley, seconded by G.E. Hunnicutt and carried by unanimous roll #4634 call vote, Council moved that the above motion regarding School Loan be amended to read as follows: That the School Board be authorized to make application to the Literary Fund for a loan up to \$686,000.00.

Mr. Norton discussed with Council the Paving Program that has been completed. #4635 He recommended that payment for the Main Ave., S.W. Project be held over until satisfactory work is done next Spring; amount of said work to be \$3,000.00.

Mr. Norton advised that Forest Ranger Leroy Gabbert has approved completion of #4636 timber cutting for the City. On motion by G.E. Hunnicutt, seconded by W.G. Stallard and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved that the \$2,000 bond with Hammer Lumber Co. be released.

Mr. Norton advised Council that ambulance service will continue until Oct., 1970. #4637

Mr. Norton read letter from Chairman of Board of Supervisors from Wise advising #4638 of meeting November 7th at 8:00 P.M., at Wise to discuss O.E.O.

Mr. Norton advised Council of meeting to discuss 75th Anniversary Celebration #4639 November 12th at 7:30 P.M.

Mr. Norton presented to Council bids received on vehicles and equipment #4640 On motion by G.E. Hunnicutt, seconded by S.H. Neeley and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved that the following bids be accepted as per recommendation of City Manager:

2-Ton Dump Truck • Norton Motor Mart • \$3,423.97

Dump Body • Richlands Metal Products • \$984.65

3/4 Ton 4 x 4 Pickup • Witt Motor Co. • \$2,563.53

Snow Plow • Municipal Sales • 9 Ft • \$757.50; 7 Ft • \$305.50

Tailgate Spreader • Richlands Metal Products • \$150.00

Mr. Norton discussed with Council purchasing of Police Car. #4641

Council agreed to loan to George Barnett G.M.C. Fire Truck on same basis as "Ole Granny" Fire Truck. Matter referred to City Attorney #4642

On motion, by R.L. Collins, seconded by W.G. Stallard and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that the following resolution regarding Route 74 with State Highway Department be passed: #4643

WHEREAS, as the result of a recent field inspection of the proposed plans and improvements of Route 74, the State Highway Department officials have requested the Council of the City of Norton to prepare a resolution with regard to the construction project of State Route 74.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Norton that (1) one way traffic be maintained from Station 10+24 to Station 12+40 at all times; (2) that the project be closed to through traffic from Station 12+40 to Kentucky Avenue; (3) that access is to be provided to all private property during the construction of the aforesaid project; (4) that traffic is to be detoured over Alternate Route 58 to Route 23, and the City shall maintain existing roadway and pavement, and the State will erect detour signs; (5) that railroad traffic must be maintained at all times.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the proper officials of the State Highway Commission in Richmond, Virginia, the District Engineer of the Bristol District of Bristol, Virginia, to the Resident Engineer at Wise, Virginia, and a copy filed with the minutes of this meeting.

Council discussed letter of Frank Russell with T.V. Cable Service #4644

Mr. Norton discussed with Council the sidewalk on 7th St., N.W. by the Bank. Council agreed to follow recommendation of City Manager. #4645

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

J. Miller  
Clerk

D. O. Florsberg  
Mayor