

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on February 16, 1965 at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor Holcomb presiding.

Present: J.C. Holcomb, Archie Woods, V.O. Flanary, C.W. Bryant, R.L. Collins

Also Present: C.F. Jester, Jr., City Manager

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mrs. Baker, representing All Saints Episcopal Church and Miss Yeary of the Roman Catholic Church appeared before council requesting street light in alley back of the churches and Bolling Apartment. Matter referred to city manager. 2367

Mrs. Frances Adams and Mrs. Fred Adams appeared before council requesting that the land at the Stewart Farm be put back in same condition as prior to sewer construction. They stated they would like the barrier removed, the ditch line cleaned out and the property filled in. Council advised the Mrs. Adams that they would see that this was taken care of. 2368

Mr. George Hunnicutt appeared before council representing the Keystone Construction Company regarding obtaining of business license for the City of Norton and also regarding licensing of their vehicles in the city. After a discussion city council advised them that this matter would be taken up with the city attorney. 2369

On motion by C.W. Bryant, seconded by V.O. Flanary and carried by unanimous vote the following Memorandum of Agreement by and between the County of Lee, County of Scott, County of Wise, and City of Norton, Virginia, to establish a Lee-Norton-Scott-Wise Planning and Economic Development Commission was passed. 2370

Mr. R.D. Kennedy appeared before council regarding carnival for fire department. Mr. Russell Stallard voiced the objection of Mr. & Mrs. S.P. Stallard and their neighbors. After a brief discussion council suggested to Fire Chief Kennedy that the fire department use some other method of raising funds, such as, advising merchants and businesses that in lieu of a carnival they would like a donation to the fire department. Council stated that in their opinion, the community as a whole would commend the department in such action and would be glad to participate in the fund raising rather than having a carnival. 2371

Mr. Jester gave report of delinquent taxes collected for the first 15 days of February. Taxes 127.70; penalty & interest 72.38, making a total of \$200.08 for first 15 days. 2372

On motion by Archie Woods, seconded by C.W. Bryant and carried by unanimous vote permission was granted for the issuance of a taxicab driver's permit to John M. Vaughn to operate from Checker Cab Company. 2373

Mr. Jester presented a list of renewals for taxi driver's permits:

On motion by C.W. Bryant, seconded by Archie Woods and carried by unanimous vote council gave their permission for the following renewals: 2374

- City Cab Co.: N.W. Stallard, John E. Lovell, J.C. Johnston, Odell Greear, W.C. Marshal, Eugene Carter
- Checker Cab Co.: Efford O. Laney, James Carrol N'ee, David Earl Sturgill, Guylas Chisenhall, Junior Harold Malone, Willie Junior McFall, Ralph Wilson, Dallas Gene Hinkle, Paul Stidham, Henry E. Vanover, John W. Vaughn, William P. Martin, James C. Ward, Elmer I. Heaberlin

On motion by Archie Woods, seconded by R.L. Collins and carried by unanimous vote the following resolution regarding community action program was passed:

THAT, WHEREAS, THE City Council for the City of Norton, Virginia, did at its meeting on November 17, 1964, determine that it would be expedient and to the best interests of the City of Norton, that said Council do sponsor a Committee under the Community Action Program section of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, and to that end did appoint and select C. Richard Thomas of Norton, Virginia, to act as Chairman of such committee, with full power and authority to appoint and select such other members of said committee as he deemed necessary or expedient; and,

WHEREAS, since the 14th day of January, 1965, the said C. Richard Thomas has removed his residence from Norton, Virginia to Lynchburg, Virginia, and has therefore been forced to resign as Chairman of said Committee; and

WHEREAS, no formal resolution was adopted by this Council at its November meeting, creating or sponsoring said Community Action Committee for City of Norton, Virginia; and,

WHEREAS, since the resignation of C. Richard Thomas as Chairman of said committee, Dean Graybear of Big Stone Gap, Virginia, has, by the remaining members of said committee, and the said C. Richard Thomas, been selected to serve as Chairman of said Committee in the place and stead of the said C. Richard Thomas, and the said Committee and Dean Graybear, have requested that this council do approve such action and adopt a formal resolution showing its sponsorship of said Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council for the City of Norton, Virginia, in conformity with its action heretofore taken on the 17th day of November, 1964, do sponsor a Community Action Program Committee under Title II of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, and do authorize said Committee to hold such meetings and to take such action, including the incorporation of itself as a charitable non-profit non-stock corporation, as may be requisite for submitting a plan for Action under said Title and for the purpose of obtaining grants from the Office of Economic Opportunity for implementing such plan or program; but said Committee or corporation shall not thereby be authorized to obligate this Council or City of Norton, Virginia, for the expenditure of any funds, without prior specific approval thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council, for the City of Norton, Virginia, wishes to express its cooperation with Wise County in the establishment and operation of a Community Action Committee.

Mr. Jester advised council that notice had been given to Norton Community Hospital. 2376

Mr. Jester advised council that the Virginia Legislative Advisory Committee was having a meeting in March regarding sales tax. 2377

Mr. Woods brought to council's attention that the United Mine Workers Association would like to be invited to hold their Labor Day celebration in Norton.

On motion by C.W. Bryant, seconded by R.L. Collins and carried by unanimous vote the city manager and mayor were instructed to write a letter of invitation to the proper authorities. 2378

Mr. Jester asked an expression from council regarding band parade and concert to be held Saturday on Park Avenue between 7th & 8th Streets. Council stated their approval of this fund raising project. 2379

Mr. Jester presented treasurer's report for month of January, 1964. 2380

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

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Mayor

Clerk