

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court room on May 18, 1971 at 7:30 P. M.

Present: V. O. Flanary, Robert Leonard, Ike Fultz, C. W. Bryant

Absent: Archie Woods

Also present: Milas Franks, City Manager

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. E. D. Vicars appeared before council on behalf of Cumberland Airport Commission. He requested that the city appropriate an additional \$650.00 for improvements to the airport. Council advised they could not make a commitment until further study has been given budget.

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Mr. Ralph Blevins appeared before council regarding drag racing or speeding on West Norton Road. He stated he had appeared before council before but there had been nothing done on it. He also stated that there had been two or three accidents over the weekend.

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Father O'Brian appeared before council regarding recreation program. He was concerned that City of Norton had decided against the employment of a full time recreation director. He asked that the City make a study of the recreation program. Councilman Leonard stated that council was just as much interested in recreation program as they were a year ago. He also stated in going over directors salaries expected they were far beyond what City had anticipated paying.

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Mrs. Roy Fuller spoke regarding some kind of planned recreation for children the year round. She questioned the need for two school principals and Supt. of Schools. She said "too many bosses and not enough workers."

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Councilman Fultz stated he was in favor of recreation and would like to see what could be done.

City Manager Franks advised of the work being done at the different parks; also what TVA was doing toward recreation, etc.

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Rev. Gregg stated people were concerned that we only had a three man school board. He said they would like to have a five member board and making two of them women.

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Councilman Fultz stated council was already studying this matter.

Councilman Bryant stated the school was asking for another bus this year and that three busses were already in use.

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Mrs. Fuller expressed her appreciation for fine group of Councilmen and the work they were doing.

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Father O'Brian asked that the city give consideration to appointment of committee of professional people to study possible changes in school board suggested if possible to have a five member board with at least one woman and possibly one colored person.

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Mr. Art Smith appeared before the council requesting an additional \$6500 for Wise Regional Library. Council discussed this matter at length and felt it could not at this time commit the additional amount.

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Mr. Ray Salyers of 7th Street, N. E. appeared before council requesting that something be done to street going up to and above his house. He stated that he had lived there ten years and there had not been anything done in that length of time. Council referred this to city manager for patching and surface treating.

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Mr. Franks advised council that preapplication conference for Flag Rock Project would be in Huntington June 16th.

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The city manager advised that under operation townlift TVA is preparing suggested plans for approval for Kentucky Avenue and Ramsey playgrounds.

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Mr. Franks advised that the loan closing was made on the F. H. A. portion of the water project May 11, 1971. He also advised contracts have been signed and the two contractors, Daniels Construction Company and Beavers and Cecil Construction Company will be given their notice to proceed with construction on June 1, 1971, and will be required to start construction June 11, 1971.

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On motion by Ike Fultz, seconded by C. W. Bryant and carried by the following votes the following resolution was reaffirmed: (Jones) Bryant, Fultz, Leonard--Yes; Flanary--No. (Page 39)

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Mr. Franks advised there was nothing new on Public Housing.

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Mr. Franks reported on two estimates for cost of synchronizing traffic signs and traffic light at 9th and Park Avenue. Econolite \$3,352.00; Crouse-Hines \$2,767.

On motion by C. W. Bryant, seconded by Ike Fultz and carried by Unanimous roll call vote, council moved that the city manager go ahead with purchase of these lights.

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Councilman Fultz asked about sign at 12th Street and Kentucky Avenue-- Ramsey section. The City Manager advised they had to order some signs.

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The City Manager advised council that Charles Reasor advised that application had been submitted for funding for the fiscal 1970-71. Grant for construction of Wise Co. Regional Jail for this fiscal year 1970-71.

Council agreed to have work session on proposed budget May 20th at 6:30 p.m.

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Mr. Franks advised council that he had been advised by Mr. Olin Willis, State Health Department that it will be necessary for the City to make application for a permit to operate a solid waste disposal system. Council discussed this matter at length after which council authorized the mayor and city manager to check into this matter to see what the City needs in order to have the proper

kind of waste disposal system and bring recommendation back to council. Council also discussed the use of landfill dump of Wise County. Council said they saw no reason why the city could not use the Wise dump in order for them to get Norton's dump in order and to make a time and cost study of transporting to the Wise dump; estimated 30 days for this.

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Mayor Flanary appointed the following as members of a committee to make a study of the ordinance and tax assessment of mobil homes in the City of Norton. E. O. Breeding, Jr., S. E. Trinkle, Leonard Marcum. This committee was made upon recommendation of Norton Planning Commission.

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On motion by Robert Leonard, seconded by Ike Fultz and carried by unanimous vote the tax rate for City of Norton for 1971 was set at \$4.50 on real Estate, \$5.50 on personal property and machinery & tools.

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Mr. Franks presented to council sketch of parking at old elementary school lot:

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On motion by C. W. Bryant, seconded by Robert Leonard and carried by unanimous vote council moved that Milas Franks, City Manager, be appointed as Assistant Director of Civil Defense.

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Council briefly discussed designation of a community action agency for the City of Norton .

On motion by Robert Leonard, seconded by C. W. Bryant and carried by unanimous roll call vote council moved that the city set June 8, 1971 at 7:30 p.m. in Municipal Building to have a public hearing of the matter of changing the designation of the community action agency for City of Norton and that the following notice be published in the Coalfield Progress.
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Mr. Franks presented request of Ab Still that City go in and reroute the water across his property on Ridge Avenue and provide whatever drainage is necessary. Council advised the City Manager that the city could not do this.

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Earle Brown, City Inspector, reported on different buildings and houses requested at last council meeting to have checked out. He advised of Mr. Lay's plan for old warehouse building, Greyford Corp. property, Buck Newcomb, Linkous Property, Necessary property.

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The City Manager presented letter and agreement from Mr. L. O. Bolton, State Urban Engineer, regarding Route 74 Project 0074-146-101, RW-201 Norfolk & Western Railway Grade Crossing City of Norton, for execution by proper city officials.

On motion by Robert Leonard, seconded by C. W. Bryant and carried by unanimous roll call vote, council moved that Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute agreement with Norfolk & Western Railway Company.

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Mr. Franks advised council that the new official census figure for City of Norton is 4,172.

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Mr. Franks advised council of ground-breaking ceremonies at Nursing Home at 11:00 a.m., May 21st.

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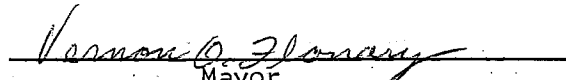
Councilman Fultz inquired as to status on railway crossing.

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Councilman Fultz inquired as to what disposition had been made of tree on Glenn Collins' property.

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



Mayor



Clerk