

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on June 15, 1971 at 7:30 P. M. with Mayor Flanary presiding.

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

Also Present: Milas Franks, City Manager

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. John Litton on behalf of the Driver's Education Project, appeared before council regarding fill needed for completion of the driver's education range. He advised council that Hunsaker Construction Company had stated they would haul the dirt from Bill Humphrey's project on West end of Norton for 50¢ per yard. It was estimated it would take 14 to 16 thousand yards. Mr. Litton was seeking aid from the City for the cost of this hauling. Council discussed this matter at length with Mr. Litton. They also discussed having Little League Field at one end of this location or at the new elementary school. Little League officials were present and stated they were interested in a permanent location. Mr. Litton assured council the little league could be relocated at the driving range or on the grounds of the new elementary school.

On motion by C. W. Bryant, seconded by Ike Fultz and carried by Unanimous roll call vote council moved that the City appropriate a sum of not more than \$8,000 for this project, said funds to be taken from recreation fund.

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A group of young people from Ramsey section, with Christine Vickers as spokesman appeared before council regarding recreation for the young people in the Ramsey area. Council discussed the matter with these young people and the City Manager advised as to what was now being done for this park. He also stated TVA was making a study of this. One of the requests was for opening of swimming hole. The City Manager said he saw no difficulty in getting this done.

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Councilman Fultz inquired as to the prospect of getting bridge repaired. He was advised City would do their best to get something done.

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A resident of Liberty Avenue requested that something be done to Liberty Avenue so that busses would be able to get thru this fall. She stated she thought a thicker surface was needed on this road. Council advised the lady this street was in the program for surface treatment.

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C. B. Porter of 424 Virginia Avenue appeared before council regarding water running over sidewalk down into his yard. Matter referred to City Manager.

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Mr. Emitt Wampler, Housing Sanitarian City of Norton gave a report on what he is doing in the housing inspection program. He stated that of the first 340 houses checked there were only 38 in violation. He stated the need for this inspection was in keeping with the City of Norton's Workable Program. Council expressed their appreciation to Mr. Wampler for presenting this report.

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Mr. Franks advised that the meeting with EDA officials in Huntington which was scheduled for June 16 had been delayed due to emergency meeting of EDA officials.

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Mr. Franks advised council that Mr. John Johnson, Field Representative for TVA is still in area working in conjunction with Townlift committee. He also discussed with council the lease between the City and L & N Railroad Co. on Kentucky Avenue property where proposed playground is to be made. He discussed this with council in line of 20-year lease.

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Mr. Franks advised council that under EDA Water Project work was now in progress at the filtration plant. Also that grading was being done above Henry Street for tank site.

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Mr. Franks advised council of pre-construction conference scheduled for Thursday at 2:00 P. M. on public housing. He also advised he had received the Annual Contribution Contract as of today for CCC Camp housing site.

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The City Manager advised that budget had been advertised in June 10th edition of Coalfield Progress and the public hearing was scheduled for Thursday, June 17th at 7:30 P. M.

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Council briefly discussed preparation for landfill requirements. He stated the city was in need of equipment in order to keep dump as it should be kept. He also advised that he and mayor were going to Richmond to see about purchasing a piece of equipment.

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Council briefly discussed employment of full time Executive Director of Housing Authority. Mr. Franks advised HUD had made approval of the change and that Mrs. Greene's salary was to be paid 100% by Housing after July 1st and Mr. Frank's salary would be paid by City effective July 15th.

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Mr. Franks advised council he had received official notice from HUD of \$225,000 grant has been approved for the construction of Phase I Neighborhood Facilities Program. Councilman Leonard asked when we were going to be able to apply for Phase II grant. Mr. Franks advised application was ready and would be sent in as soon as receive word that it is okay to submit.

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Two motions were made to fill vacancy on City of Norton School Board. Robert Leonard made motion to appoint Bill Humphrey and Archie Woods made motion to appoint Sue Kuczko.

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Councilman Leonard moved nomination be closed.

A vote on Bill Humphrey was taken with following votes:

Flanary - yes

Leonard - yes

Fultz - yes

Bryant - yes

Woods - no

A vote on Sue Kuczko was taken with following vote:

Woods - yes

Council briefly discussed possibility of buying back American Legion property. The City Manager was instructed to follow this up in line with purchasing this.

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Councilman Leonard advised council that Mrs. Malesky of the Library committee had contacted him regarding city's appropriation. Council stated their status was the same as previously discussed.

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Councilman Bryant inquired as to reason why City of Norton could not get use of mobile dental clinic as purchased by AWARE. Referred to City Manager for investigation.

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Mr. Franks presented recommendation of Norton Planning Commission to council to have Bear Creek Section in name of Pepsi Cola Bottling Company and George Hunnicutt property rezoned from A Residential to B Residential. Council instructed city manager to bring back legal description of property in question before action is taken.

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Mr. Franks advised he had received an agreement from W. A. Woodard and L. O. Bolton of State Highway Department regarding Rt. 74. He also advised the highway department was preparing to let the bids on this project.

On motion by Archie Woods, seconded by V. O. Flanary and carried by unanimous vote Milas Franks, City Manager was authorized to execute agreement with highway department.

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Mr. Franks advised council that the Highway Department had advised that next year it would be necessary for City to have more detailed inspection of bridges. He also advised that the City would have to have a certified engineer to inspect the bridge. Mr. Franks discussed attending a meeting on bridge inspections in July.

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

MAYOR


CLERK