

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on April 1, 1969 at 7:30 P.M. with Vice Mayor Hunnicutt presiding.

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

Also Present: Evan Norton, City Manager and J. Robert Stump, Attorney

Absent: V.O. Flanary

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Bruce Robinette of Lenowisco appeared before council and presented Present and Proposed Lenowisco Board Arrangements for council's consideration. He advised council that this matter would not have to be acted upon until next council meeting. 4788

Mr. Hoyt Williams of the engineering firm of Thompson & Litton appeared before council and presented brief description on engineering report on water system improvements. 4789

On motion by S.H. Neeley, seconded by R.L. Collins and carried by unanimous vote council moved that the water system improvement report be adopted with proper notation of amendments. 4790

Mr. E.O. Breeding, Jr. appeared before council inquiring as to whether the city council had the authority to obtain consulting engineers to see what could be worked out regarding power rates. Council discussed this matter at length. Councilman Stallard suggested a public hearing be held on the power question. 4791

On motion by W.G. Stallard, seconded by R.L. Collins and carried by unanimous vote council moved that the other governing bodies within the Old Dominion Power Company service area be contacted to see whether they are interested in meeting with City of Norton with respect to investigating our power supply.

Mr. Norton advised council of dog quarantine to be held for two weeks beginning April 21st. 4792

Hoke I. Horne gave a brief progress report on Clean-up Campaign. 4793

Mr. Norton presented a resolution for adoption regarding public housing units.

On motion by S.H. Neeley, seconded by W.G. Stallard and carried by unanimous vote council moved that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, it is the policy of this locality to eliminate substandard and other inadequate housing, to prevent the spread of slums and blight, and to realize as soon as feasible the goal of a decent home in a suitable living environment for all of its citizens; and 4794

WHEREAS, under the provisions of the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended, the Public Housing Administration is authorized to provide financial assistance to local public housing agencies for undertaking and carrying out preliminary planning of low-rent housing projects that will assist in meeting this goal; and

WHEREAS, the Act provides that there shall be local determination of need for low-rent housing to meet needs not being adequately met by private enterprise and that the Public Housing Administration shall not make any contract with a public housing agency for preliminary loans for surveys and planning in respect to any low-rent housing projects unless the governing body of the locality involved has by resolution approved the application of the public housing agency for such preliminary loan; and

WHEREAS, the Norton Redevelopment and Housing Authority (herein called the "Local Authority") is a public housing agency and is applying to the Public Housing Administration for a preliminary loan to cover the costs of surveys and planning in connection with the development of low-rent housing;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia,

as follows:

1. There exists in the City of Norton a need for such low-rent housing at rents within the means of low-income families;

2. The application of the Local Authority to the Public Housing Administration for a preliminary loan in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00 for surveys and planning in connection with low-rent housing projects of not to exceed approximately 150 dwelling units is hereby approved.

Mr. Hugh Cline, Chairman of City of Norton School Board appeared before council and presented school budget for ensuing year 1969-70. Council discussed the budget at length with the school board members. 4795

On motion by W.G. Stallard, seconded by R.L. Collins and carried by unanimous vote council authorized the school board to proceed with teacher contracts in line with proposed budget.

The City Attorney gave a brief report on Laws affecting shoplifting by children. 4796

Mr. Jim Daniels appeared before council regarding financial aid for Little League Ball Field.

On motion by S.H. Neeley, seconded by W.G. Stallard and carried by unanimous roll call vote council moved that the balance of \$262.00 in Contingency Fund in this year's budget be given to Norton Little League Ball Field. 4797

Mr. Norton reviewed briefly with council action taken by council at March 4th meeting regarding Proposed Action Organization of City of Norton and Participating Agencies. 4798

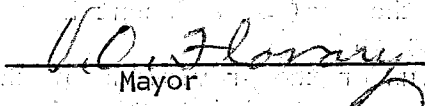
On motion by W.G. Stallard, seconded by R.L. Collins and carried by unanimous vote council directed the City Manager to negotiate with Mrs. Norton to see if she would accept position with this organization at starting salary of secretaries in his office.

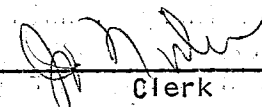
The City Manager was instructed to contact Aware, Inc. about the possibility of obtaining funds to help support this organization and to proceed with the application for Sect. 207 Appalachian Housing Assistance funds for the organization.

Mr. Norton read to council resolution of "Brothers of the Brush". 4799

Councilman Hunnicutt asked when the City was required by Statute to have real estate assessment. He was advised every four years. 4800

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

  
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Mayor

  
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Clerk