

April 16, 1968

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on April 16, 1968 at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor Flanary presiding.

Present: V.O. Flanary, G.E. Hunnicutt, C.W. Bryant, R.L. Collins

Also Present: David Norman, City Manager and Robert Stump, Attorney

Absent: S.H. Neeley, Jr.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

"Vic" Jones appeared before Council requesting permission to have an Art Show on sidewalk. Council granted permission. #4362

Members of the Rescue Squad appeared before Council with plans for their new building. They advised Council that they are now ready for construction and need appropriated money for purchasing materials. After discussion, Council advised that purchasing be done through City of Norton with bills being okayed by their President. Council suggested that they present their plans to Old Dominion Power Company engineers while offers are being sent for the materials. #4363

The City Manager advised Council of resolution passed by Lenowisco regarding location of Route 23. Council discussed this matter in detail with no action taken. #4364

Council discussed consideration of Use Tax Resolution. #4365

On motion by G.E. Hunnicutt, seconded by C.W. Bryant and carried by unanimous vote, the following resolution was passed:

RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Norton, Virginia, as follows:

1. Pursuant to § 58-441.49:1 of the Code of Virginia (Chapter 191, Acts of Assembly, 1968), there is hereby imposed in the City of Norton a local City use tax at the rate of one per cent to provide revenue for the general fund of the City. The said city use tax shall be added to the rate of the State use tax imposed by Chapter 8.1, Title 58, of the Code of Virginia, and shall be subject to all the provisions of that chapter, and all amendments thereof, and the rules and regulations published with respect thereto. Therefore, the purpose of this resolution is to impose the local use tax authorized by § 58-441.49:1 of the Code of Virginia.

2. The effective date of the use tax imposed by this resolution shall be the first day of July, 1968, and the same shall be in force on and after that date.

3. The Clerk of the Council of the City of Norton shall forthwith forward to the State Tax Commissioner of the Commonwealth of Virginia a certified copy of this resolution so that it will be received within five days after its adoption.

N & W Agreement was discussed briefly and tabled until next Council Meeting. #4366

Council briefly discussed condition of certain streets due to freezes this past winter. #4367

Council discussed T V Cable Service. The City Attorney was instructed to write and request copy of F C C rulings as previously requested. #4368

Mr. Norman advised Council of his negotiations with the Bank regarding loan for Fire Department Truck. #4369

On motion by G.E. Hunnicutt, seconded by C.W. Bryant and carried by unanimous roll call vote, the following resolution was passed:

Be It Resolved that the Mayor and Treasurer of the City of Norton, Virginia, be authorized to borrow the sum of \$42,000 from the Wise County National Bank of Norton, Virginia, said funds to be used to purchase the said 1968 American LaFrance Fire Truck, said money to be repaid on or before December 31, 1968.

Mr. Norman presented request of Mr. George Wharton for City's #4370 acceptance of road and bridge near the old garbage dump. After discussion of said matter, the City Manager was instructed to investigate matter further, including construction, estimate costs, owners of land, etc.

Mayor Flanary presented a letter of request for the Council to #4371 recommend Mr. Harrison for position of Highway Commissioner. No action taken.

Council discussed Financial Report for month of March, 1968. #4372  
Council discussed with Treasurer status of procedure of delinquent taxes.

On motion by R.L. Collins, seconded by C.W. Bryant and carried #4373 by unanimous roll call vote, the City's share in the budget for State Health Department in the amount of \$3,202.00 was approved.

On motion by C.W. Bryant, seconded by R.L. Collins and carried #4374 by unanimous roll call vote, the City's share in the budget for Wise County Library in the amount of \$3,445.00 was approved.

On motion by G.E. Hunnicutt, seconded by C.W. Bryant and carried #4375 by unanimous vote, Council instructed the City Manager to write a letter of commendation to the Wise and Big Stone Gap Fire Departments commending them for their cooperation in helping in the recent fire.

Council instructed the City Manager to write letter of Commendation to Garden Clubs, teachers and children commending them for their splendid effort and work in the clean-up campaign. #4376

Council instructed the City Manager to write letters of #4377 appreciation to the men who helped interview the Police applicants.

The City Manager discussed need for air conditioners in City #4378  
Manager Office and front Office.

On motion by C.W. Bryant, seconded by R.L. Collins and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved that purchase of air conditioners be taken from Contingency Fund.

Council discussed extension of time of purchase of City Stickers #4379

On motion by G.E. Hunnicutt, seconded by R.L. Collins and carried by unanimous vote, the following resolution was passed:

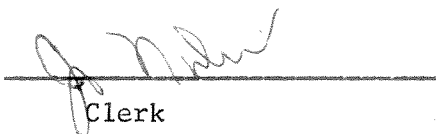
NO. 80 Motor Vehicles

1-A That the license year within the meaning of this section shall run from the 15th day of May each year through the 15th day of May next succeeding.

An emergency existing, this ordinance shall be in effect from time of passage.

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

  
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Mayor

  
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Clerk