

August 20, 1968

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on August 20, 1968 at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor Flanary presiding.

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

Also Present: Robert Stump & Leslie Mullins, Attorneys

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A group of merchants from Greater Norton, Inc., with Bob Isaac as spokesman, #4491 appeared before Council to discuss problems of parking in the City.

Mr. Kidd and Mr. Tate also spoke expressing the feelings of the merchants that something should be done immediately to provide more parking. They urged Council strongly to cooperate. Mr. Kidd advised Council that during his ten years as merchant in Norton, nothing has been done to improve this situation. Council discussed at length, stating that they realize the problems, and that this is included in the planning study now in preliminary procedures.

J.C. and Edward Holcomb were called in to discuss with Council possibility of purchase of St. Charles Hotel property for parking purposes.

Mr. Charlie Daniels, Chairman of Planning Commission was called in to report on preliminary plans for the planning of City of Norton.

On motion by G.E. Hunnicutt, seconded by S.H. Neeley and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that a committee be appointed to negotiate with the Holcombs and contiguous property owners and any other property owners of feasible property. Mayor Flanary appointed the following committee to serve: G.E. Hunnicutt, Robert Isaac, ~~Leslie Mullins~~ <sup>Ed Atmore</sup> and Charlie Daniels.

Mr. Amburn, Manager of the Parks-Belk Store, appeared before Council requesting a stop signal at corner of 9th and Park Avenue. Council advised him that this matter is being studied. #4492

Mr. Forrest Lunsford appeared before Council protesting the \$50.00 license #4493 for trading pistols at the stock market. Attorney Stump advised of present provision of Code imposing this license. Mr. Goad, Mr. Burgart, Mr. Burchette, Mr. Stewart spoke in favor of something being done in order to keep the stock market a part of the City.

After discussion and on motion by G.E. Hunnicutt, seconded by R.L. Collins and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that Section No. 108A of the License Tax Code of the City of Norton be amended so as the cost of said license to read \$5.00 per annum instead of \$50.00

On motion by S.H. Neeley, seconded by C.W. Bryant and carried by unanimous #4494 vote, Council moved that the paving bid of White Excavating Company be accepted in the amount of \$16,162.10.

Mayor Flanary reported to Council his correspondence with State Highway #4495 Department regarding salvaging of material on Kentucky Avenue project for upgrading other streets in Norton.

On motion by S.H. Neeley, seconded by C.W. Bryant and carried by unanimous #4496 vote, Council moved the adoption of the Lenowisco report.

On motion by G.E. Hunnicutt, seconded by S.H. Neeley and carried by unanimous #4497 vote, Council moved that the matter of damage to car be referred to City Manager.

The matter of hiring a meter man was referred to City Manager. #4498

Attorney Stump advised Council status of O E O. Father O'Brien spoke #4499 regarding the AWARE Program and suggested that Council pass resolution backing the AWARE Program.

On motion by G.E. Hunnicutt, seconded by S.H. Neeley and carried by unanimous vote, and upon recommendation of City Attorney, Council moved that resolution

be drawn up by City Attorney naming AWARE, Inc. as recipient of any funds due the City of Norton from office of O E O and that copy of said resolution be sent to office in Washington and the local AWARE Office.

The Mayor advised Council that use of equipment and his time for for Flag Rock Project would be \$2,980.00. #4500

The settlement of the Timber Account was tabled until report by Forest Ranger Gabbert. #4501

Council discussed list of 1967 delinquent taxes as presented by Treasurer. #4502

Council discussed at length efforts to collect all delinquent taxes. They instructed the Treasurer to immediately proceed with collection.

Council discussed payment for fire truck. #4503

Mayor Flanary advised Council of City Picnic for Sept. 7th. #4504

Council agreed to meet with Mr. Dawson and Mr. Ripley of the Dept. of Highways Traffic and Planning Commission to hear report of survey and recommendations on Sept. 11th at 1:30 P.M. #4505

Council agreed to have organizational meeting on Sept. 3rd at 9:00 A.M. #4506

The Treasurer advised Council of Workmen's Compensation Auditor to audit payroll records Aug. 22nd. Matter referred to Councilman Hunnicutt and Monroe Thrower, Auditor. #4507

Mayor Flanary advised Council work done in Ramsey on streets and that citizens are well satisfied. #4508

Mayor Flanary advised Council of work being done by City Employees.

Rev. Gregg discussed with Council plans for a Civic Day for City of Norton. After a discussion the following were appointed as committee members to spearhead arrangement for program for Civic Day: Father O'Brian, Rev. Gregg, Carroll Tate, Bill Stallard, Leslie Mullins, S.H. Neeley and Rev. Thompson. #4509

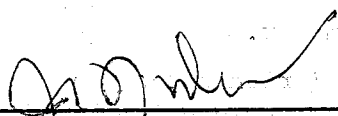
Council commended the Ministerial Association for their efforts and suggestions for having a Civic Day.

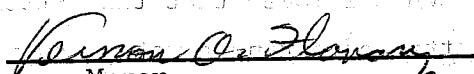
Attorney Mullins discussed with Council request of certain interested parties of providing water for tourists homes in Hoot Owl section and surrounding area in vicinity of High Knob. Council agreed to their willingness to sell water. #4510

Councilman Neeley briefly discussed T V Cable Service in Norton. #4511

On motion by G.E. Hunnicutt, seconded by S.H. Neeley and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved that an executive session be held dealing with finances. #4512

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

  
Clerk

  
Mayor