

September 17, 1968

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on September 17, 1968 at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor Flanary presiding.

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

Also Present: Evan Norton, City Manager and Leslie Mullins & Robert Stump, Attorneys

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Kidd, President of Greater Norton, Inc., appeared before Council expressing their enthusiasm for Civic Day and their willingness to help in any possible. He also discussed again the parking problems and system of merchants helping customers pay for their meter parking. #4530

The Mayor advised Mr. Kidd that Council will cooperate in any way possible. He also requested that Greater Norton, Inc. further study a method or system concerning the merchants paying for customers' meter parking.

Fire Chief Earle Brown appeared before Council presenting request of George Barnette to maintain and use City's "Ole Granny" fire truck for display at his new recreation area. After discussion matter referred to City Attorney to draw up contract for Council's consideration at next Council Meeting. #4531

Mr. Norton reported to Council of progress of paving program. Mr. Norton advised Council that bids on Kentucky Avenue project will not be let until November or December instead of September. #4532

Mr. Norton presented progress report from Highway Department which included bill for City's share in amount of \$19,960.29 #4533

Mr. Norton advised Council of status of Rescue Squad Building. #4534

Mr. Norton advised Council that the matter of rear Roberts Avenue is being taken care of. #4535

Mr. Norton discussed with Council requirement by the State Highway Department for updating of traffic signs and signals which can be spread over period of 4 or 5 years, total cost of approximately \$12,000.00. He also advised that a small part of this is to be done by December 31st. #4536

Mr. Norton discussed with Council feasibilities of City operating their own complete facilities for prisoners. After discussion, Council instructed the City Manager to continue further study on this matter and report back to Council. #4537

Mr. Norton presented to Council estimates of parking building between \$150,000 and \$200,000. Council briefly discussed this matter. #4538

Council discussed purchase of St. Charles Hotel and Hugh Cline Property on 6th Street. #4539

On motion by G.E. Hunnicutt, seconded by S.H. Neeley and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved that the City enter into contract with the Holcomb Estate as per City's offer to them and that the City amend the offer to Hugh Cline to the effect that the City pay \$7,000 cash on delivery of good and sufficient deed; that the taxes be exonerated from the date of delivery of the deed for remaining portion of year unused and to be conveyed to the City with General Warranty of Title.

On motion by S.H. Neeley, seconded by R.L. Collins and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved that the City Manager be authorized to do what is necessary to fix parking lot properly beside Virginia State Police Office. #4540

Council discussed request for traffic signal at 9th Street and Park Avenue. After discussion Council instructed the City Manager to narrow sidewalk on 9th Street and make 3 lane traffic on 9th Street as previously agreed as soon as possible. #4541

Mr. Norton advised Council of estimate of cost of replacing the sidewalk #4542 in front of St. Mary's Hospital.

Council discussed thoroughfare Plan of Department of Highways. #4543
On motion by G.E. Hunnicutt, seconded by S.H. Neeley and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved the following resolution be passed:

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Council instructed the City Manager to forward letters with above resolution.

On motion by S.H. Neeley, seconded by G.E. Hunnicutt and carried by #4544 unanimous roll call vote, Council moved that the Planning Program Contract with the Division of State Planning be accepted, and that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute same. Also that amount of \$3,612.00 be transferred from contingency fund to planning fund.

Attorney Mullins advised Council of tentative plans for Civic Day on #4545 October 12th.

Council discussed T V Cable Service. #4546

On motion by G.E. Hunnicutt, seconded by S.H. Neeley and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that the City Manager notify Mr. Frank Russell, owner of T V Cable Service Company, unless considerable improvement in the general services that the T V Cable Service serving Norton, and particularly the business of blacking out Knoxville when not bound to black out under F C C Regulations, that unless these corrections are made within thirty (30) days, the City will consider the T V Cable Service in violation of contract in the effect that failure to provide services as stated in contract.

Mr. Norton advised Council that a few minor repairs on Liberty Avenue #4547 can be worked out if School Board decides to have School Bus run up this street.

Council discussed request for payment for map as prepared by Sterling #4548 Jones.

On motion by G.E. Hunnicutt, seconded by S.H. Neeley and carried by unanimous vote, Council authorized the City Attorney to procure defense counsel for the City in the above case.

Mr. Norton brought to Council's attention Virginia Municipal League #4549 Meeting to be held Sept. 22, 23, 24th in Roanoke, Va. Mayor Flanary and Mr. Norton advised they would be attending meeting.

On motion by G.E. Hunnicutt, seconded by R.L. Collins and carried by #4550 unanimous roll call vote, Council moved that \$1,830 be transferred from Contingency Fund to the salary account of City Manager.

On motion by S.H. Neeley, seconded by G.E. Hunnicutt and carried by #4551 unanimous roll call vote, Council moved that appropriate \$2,326.47 to School Board so that the City will be in 100% compliance with the legislation on School Tax.

Mr. Norton advised Council briefly of the improvement being made on #4552 Hammer Avenue.

Mr. Norton advised Council of Planning Commission's recommendation to #4553 rezone Lots 8 & 9 Norton-Wise Road, Sec. 2 (1-8-9) located on Va. Ave., N.E. from residential to local business.

On motion by S.H. Neeley, seconded by R.L. Collins and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that the above recommendation of the Norton Planning Commission be accepted.

Mr. Norton brought to Council's attention request of Local Highway Safety Commission. Council advised Mr. Norton that this committee has been appointed. #4554

Request of increase in League dues was left to discretion of City Manager. #4555

Mayor Flanary presented request of Round Town citizens for permission to build a bus stop shelter for school children. Matter referred to City Manager. #4556

Council discussed with City Treasurer delinquent taxes for 1948, 1949, 1950. #4557

On motion by S.H. Neeley, seconded by W.G. Stallard and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that City Treasurer work with tax payers, obtaining satisfactory information that said taxes have been paid in order that these taxes may be released from the City's tax books at Wise.

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

Harmon C. Flanary
Mayor

J. N. Neeley
Clerk