

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on October 3, 1967 at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor Flanary presiding.

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

Also Present: David Norman, City Mgr. & Leslie Mullins, Bob Stump, Attorneys

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Charlie Daniels appeared before council and presented request of citizens of Wyoming, Michigan, for the City of Norton to become Sister City for Cultural 4170 exchanges.

On motion by C.W. Bryant, seconded by R.L. Collins and carried by unanimous vote the following resolution making City of Norton an affiliate city with the City of Wyoming to promote mutual cultural exchange between two cities was passed:

WHEREAS, BY resolution adopted September 25, 1967, the City of Wyoming, Michigan, requested the City of Norton, Virginia to become and affiliate with the City of Wyoming to promote mutual cultural exchange between these two great cities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Norton, Virginia, desires to accept the generous request of the City of Wyoming, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the culture exchange and the mutual visitation of the citizens of both cities would enhance the friendship between these two great cities and promote the general welfare of each in many ways such as;

1. A blending of the cool breezes of Michigan with the pleasant sunshine of Virginia will provide an incomparable temperate climate conducive to the promotion of northern efficiency and southern hospitality.

2. A complete exchange of diverse formulae for liquid refreshments, recipes of culinary delight, and designs for architectural beautification of public and private structures will promote the fulfillment of public responsibilities and private recreation; and

3. WHEREAS, a modern survey may indicate that the Mason and Dixon line runs north and south rather than east and west and that both the City of Wyoming, Michigan and the City of Norton, Virginia, are actually situated in mutually compatible geographical parts of our nation in spite of contrary popular historical concepts.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia, cordially consent to become and affiliate city with the City of Wyoming, Michigan, and further hereby appoint the Honorable Vernon O. Flanary, Mayor, to represent the City of Norton, Virginia, in all efforts to establish the aforesaid mutual cultural exchange.

Mrs. Bailey Isaac, together with residents of Isaac Apartments, appeared before council requesting that promise made to them by Highway Department regarding entrance to their property be carried out. After a discussion of this matter 4171 Council instructed the City Attorney to investigate this matter and advise council of city's obligations at next council meeting. Council advised Mrs. Isaac that they will do their best to do whatever the city is obligated to do.

Mr. C.D. Hunt of Poplar and Beech Street appeared before council regarding walkway to his residence. Matter referred to City Manager. 4172

Mr. Robert Whitaker appeared before council regarding right of way for street from Virginia Avenue, N.E. to Route #23; repairs to road and requested that something be done regarding smoke from Firestone Recapping Plant. After discussion of these matters council advised Mr. Whitaker that repairs to the road is being scheduled. Council requested Bill Hendrick to check into past issues of Coalfield Progress 4173 for information regarding Firestone Recapping and report back to council.

Mr. D.H. Goodman appeared before council requesting street light to be reinstalled on Poplar Street. Matter referred to City Manager. 4174.

Mr. & Mrs. Homer Couch appeared before council regarding Ridge Avenue. After a discussion this matter was referred to City Manager. 4175

A Mr. Smith of Laurel Avenue appeared before council requesting repairs be made to Laurel Avenue. He also requested street lights be replaced. Council advised Mr. Smith that work on the road is being scheduled, and that Old Dominion Power Company should be contacted regarding street lights being replaced. 4176

Mr. Joe Rhodes, with State Highway Department, appeared before council, as per request of City Manager, to discuss some of the problems to be looked into regarding Kentucky Avenue Project. He advised that an engineer should be employed to survey and make study of water & sewer lines to be relocated. 4177

On motion by G.E. Hunnicutt, seconded by S.H. Neeley and carried by unanimous vote council moved that city hire competent engineer to make this survey of relocating water & sewer lines on Kentucky Avenue. 4178

The City Manager advised council of water leaks, totaling 130,000 gallons per day, found in city's system. He advised that this program will be continued. 4179

The City Manager discussed with council metering of system. 4180

The City Manager advised council of Recreation & Tourist Development meeting and of recreation plan for Flag Rock & Benges Rock. 4181

Mr. Norman advised council of notice of hearing from State Corporation Commission regarding Consolidated Motor Express of Virginia, Inc. Council directed the City Attorney to take this matter up with State Corporation Commission to find what services are allowed between Bluefield, West Virginia & Norton, and request that services not be diluted into Norton. 4182

Mr. Norman advised council that meeting would be scheduled later to discuss the audit. 4183

Mr. Norman advised council of Sales tax received in September for month of July - \$9,068., City - \$5,135 School. 4184

The City Manager advised council of social and business officers elected by the Fire Department. 4185

The City Manager presented the financial report for the month of August, 1967. 4186

Councilman Hunnicutt advised council of status of meeting with the Industrial Development Authority. 4187

On motion by S.H. Neeley, seconded by C.W. Bryant and carried by unanimous vote council moved that Mr. Sam Pickering be recommended to the Judge for appointment as member of City of Norton Electoral Board. 4188

The City Manager discussed with council the construction of sidewalk around the Post Office building. Matter referred to City Manager. 4189

Mayor Flanary brought to council's attention request of Bates Hensley of Virginia Avenue, N.E. for street repair. 4190

After discussion of request of Rescue Squad for reimbursement of funds spent on Park Avenue and 10th Street and on motion by G.E. Hunnicutt, seconded by S.H. Neeley and carried by unanimous vote council moved that Rescue Squad be notified

that the City is not going to pay any bill for concrete in view of the fact that the City appropriated \$5,000 this year and for next two years, making a total of \$15,000 applied against this building purchase the city is committed to buy.

On motion made and duly seconded council moved that the proposed surface treatment program as recommended by the City Manager be approved.

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

*Thomas O. Flanagan*  
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Mayor

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Clerk