

December 20, 1966

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on December 20, 1966 at 7:00 P.M. with Mayor Flanary presiding.

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

Absent: G.E. Hunnicutt

Also Present: David Norman, City Manager & Leslie Mullins, Attorney

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Denner Sturgill and a group of citizens of Thackers Branch appeared before Council inquiring as to status of water extension to Thackers Branch. Council advised that Cliff Stallard and a committee are now working on this matter. #871

Bill Hendricks, in behalf of Norton Merchant's Association, spoke to Council regarding study of parking problem in down town Norton. A lengthy discussion was held on this matter. Council agreed for the City Manager to discuss this matter with the Norton Merchant's Parking Committee. #3872

Mr. Norman advised Council that date for opening of police car bids was deferred until January 3rd. #3873

Matter of widening of Park Avenue between 11th & 12th Streets on the South side was discussed. The City Manager was authorized to obtain estimated cost for said project for the coming budget. #3874

Councilman Bryant brought to Council's attention condition of street in front of Willie Winkles property near Spout Spring. #3875

Mr. Norman advised Council of the Pitometer Leak Survey results. A brief discussion of leaks discovered was held. #3876

Council discussed collection of delinquent taxes. #3877

On motion by C.W. Bryant, seconded by R.L. Collins and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that the firm of Greear, Bowen, Mullins, Winston & Sturgill be appointed as delinquent tax collectors.

Mr. Norman presented Treasurer's Report for Month of November, 1966 #3878

Mr. Norman advised Council that the Fire Department Committee had prepared specifications for fire truck. Council agreed for specifications to be sent out for bid proposals. #3879

On motion by C.W. Bryant, seconded by S.H. Neeley and carried by unanimous vote, the following resolution to Highway Department was passed: #3880

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia, that an urgent need exists for the reconstruction of Kentucky Avenue in the City of Norton, Virginia, and that the Virginia Department of Highways be and it is hereby respectfully requested to proceed with the utmost dispatch to reconstruct said Kentucky Avenue for the following reasons:

1. The need for the improvement is well recognized and has been recognized by the Department of Highways and the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia, for many years. It carries a large traffic volume and is designed to alleviate traffic congestion on Park Avenue in the City of Norton.

2. Discussion for the relocation of this project began approximately fifteen years ago.

3. Original plans and drawings were completed in 1954.

4. Plans for the project have been updated recently.
5. The project has been held up pending the relocation of U.S. Highway #23 around Norton, as a part of the Appalachian Highway Plan.
6. Due to recent developments and the shortage of Federal funds under the Appalachian Program, the location of U.S. Highway #23 has been postponed from a point north of Norton, to a point south of Big Stone Gap, for a period of at least several years, according to information furnished by the Virginia Department of Highways.
7. Actual construction of U.S. #23 through and around Norton might be some distant time in the future. The conditions on Kentucky Avenue at this time is such that traffic cannot be adequately and safely handled, and there should be immediate reconstruction of Kentucky Avenue.
8. The City of Norton has sufficient local funds and adequate State allocation of funds to finance the project.

THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia, requests that the Virginia Department of Highways place the Kentucky Avenue Project as the City's first priority and urges the Department of Highways to proceed with dispatch with final plans for the reconstruction of said Kentucky Avenue.

Be It Further Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to H.J. Rhodes, Resident Engineer, H.M. Morecock, Jr., District Engineer, Mr. L.O. Bolton, Urban Engineer of The Department of Highways, and The Honorable Douglas Fugate, Highway Commissioner for the Commonwealth of Virginia, A.K. Hunsberger, Director of Engineers, and P.B. Coldiron, Location and Design Engineer.

The foregoing resolution was submitted to a vote of the Council and unanimously adopted.

CERTIFICATE

I, Jo Nosler, Clerk of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the resolution duly passed by the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia, at its regular meeting held at the City Hall at 7:00 P.M., on December 20, 1966.

s/ Jo Nosler

Mr. Norman extended invitations to Council to the Employees' Christmas Party to be held Thursday at 6:00 P.M. in the Community Room. #3881

On motion by C.W. Bryant, seconded by R.L. Collins and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that the City Employees be given a Christmas Bonus of 3% of 1st quarter earnings, minimum of \$10.00 and a maximum of \$25.00. #3882

Mr. Norman presented Council with salary schedule. #3883

Mayor Flanary advised Council that Mr. Davidson of School requested that a member of Council or the City Manager be present at meeting on December 27th at 7:30 P.M. to discuss Federal Aids for Kindergarten. #3884

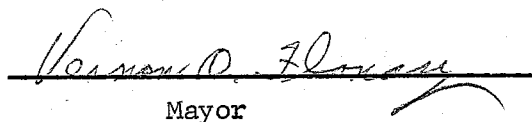
Mayor Flanary brought to Council's attention that brush at Norton Garment Plant had been cut and thrown into the creek. Mr. Norman advised Council that this matter was being taken care of. #3885

Mayor Flanary presented request of Mrs. John Adams of Spring Avenue for water hole in front of her house to be filled. #3886

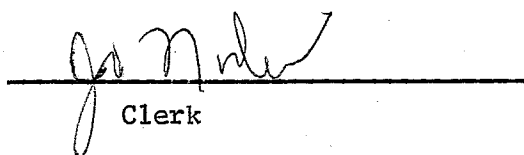
Mayor Flanary presented request of W.R. Hamner to have his recent sewer bill rechecked. Matter referred to City Manager. #3887

The City Attorney advised Council of suits of Mr. Dillon and Miss Blankenship. Council discussed parking on Federal Street. #3888 #3889

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



Mayor



Clerk