

October 20, 1964

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on October 20, 1964 at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor Holcomb presiding.

Present: J.C. Holcomb, Archie Woods, V.O. Flanary, C.W. Bryant

Absent: J.B. Taggart

Also Present: C.F. Jester, Jr., City Manager & R. T. Winston, Attorney.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

John Leho, Sr. & John Leho, Jr. appeared before council regarding road to John Leho, Sr.'s property on 8th Street; water lines being stopped up and request for sewer to serve their property. Council instructed the City Manager to look into this situation, bring back a report to Council to see what could be done. #2862

Mr. Danny Grabile of McCoy Street appeared before Council requesting that consideration be given to the following matters: #2863

1. Old buildings should be condemned since they are fire hazard; one in particular the old West Hammonds place on Lot 17 Clear Creek Addition.
2. Group of old junked cars • dangerous to children.
3. On bridge crossing Clear Creek • floor worn out and falling through.
4. North end of same bridge where Daniels took sewer line thru • broken two or three feet into the road.
5. 12th Street where they have taken sewage lines • failed to put the ditches back where they should be. Will wash the pavement out. He stated drain pipe had been taken out and not replaced.
6. Several people dumped trash along the road instead of using garbage cans.

Mrs. Louise Addison of 737 Kentucky Avenue appeared before Council regarding water running into her basement and ruining motors of her stoker. Council advised Mrs. Addison that equipment was due in this week to try to eliminate this situation. #2864

Mr. Jester advised Council that the Va. Department of Highways had appropriated \$20,000 for the Planning & Construction of bridge and street improvements serving the Norton Garment Plant. #2865

On motion by V.O. Flanary, seconded by C.W. Bryant and carried by unanimous vote, the following resolution regarding ARA was passed: #2866

WHEREAS, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTON DESIRES to improve the economic and income level for the citizens of Norton and Wise County.

WHEREAS, the Virginia Division of Industrial Development and Planning has reviewed the possibilities of elevating the area's economy, and in their opinion, recommend that the economy be improved by the means of developing tourist attractions; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Valley Authority has reviewed the possibilities of elevating the area's economy, and in their opinion, report that the economy can be improved by developing tourist attractions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the City Council for the City of Norton requests that the Area Redevelopment Administration select a qualified consultant to make firm and detailed recommendations toward the development of tourist attractions in Norton and Wise County and said report to include recommendations for improving the facilities at Bark Camp Lake, Big Cherry Lake, June Tolliver House, and the advisability of making High Knob Recreation Area into a State Park. It is further requested that said report include recommendations for the development of camp sites, ski slopes, exhibition mines, along with vantage points to view the scenic beauty the area has to offer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City Council requests the Area Redevelopment Administration to appropriate a grant to make complete payment to the consultant of their choice for such professional services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT copies of this resolution be sent to the Area Redevelopment Administration, Virginia Division of Industrial Development and Planning, The Tennessee Valley Authority, and the Lee-Scott-Wise-Norton Area Redevelopment Administration Committee.

Mr. Jester brought to Council's attention the following halloween policy #2867 that the City will follow this year:

1. No person over twelve years of age is permitted to "Trick or Treat"
2. No person over twelve years of age is allowed to wear a costume or mask.
3. Children out after 10 P.M. must be accompanied by his or her parents.
4. Automobiles or trucks without City tags are not to take part in transporting "Trick or Treat" children around the City.
5. All "Trick or Treaters" are requested to stay in their immediate area.

Mr. Jester advised Council that estimates for cleaning section of Guest River have not been received as of this date because of the "high water". #2868

Mr. Jester advised Council that he had been put on a street and highway committee of the Virginia Municipal League. He also advised that this committee would meet in Richmond Oct. 22nd concerning the Virginia Advisory Legislative Counsel meeting to be held November 5th. #2869

Mr. Jester advised Council that the ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Christmas Parade would be Saturday, November 28th at 5:00 o'clock. #2870

On motion by C.W. Bryant, seconded by Archie Woods and carried by unanimous vote, the following ordinance was passed on first reading: #2871

Be It Ordained by the Council of the City of Norton that Section 451 of the existing Building Code of the City of Norton be amended so that the following areas are added to the area designated "Congested Fire Limit"; that half of Block 11 that fronts on Park Avenue and the entire area lying south of Park Avenue and extending from 4th Street to 11th Street to a depth of 150'.

Mr. Jester reported on delinquent tax collections thru October 19th. Taxes \$878.70; penalty & interest \$101.35 or a total of \$980.05. #2872

On motion by Archie Woods, seconded by V.O. Flanary and carried by unanimous vote, the following resolution was passed: #2873

WHEREAS, A. O. Umstead passed away on October 13, 1964, and WHEREAS, Mr. Umstead served this City as Councilman and Vice Mayor for many years, devoted much of his time and talent to civic leadership and always gave his best to the advancement of this community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Norton note with sorrow Mr. Umstead's passing, that we acknowledge with gratitude his exemplary leadership in the affairs of the City and his substantial contribution to our growth and progress, and that we extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Umstead and to his family.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be made a part of the Minutes of this Council and that a copy of this resolution be sent by the Clerk to Mr. Umstead's family.

Mr. Jester advised Council that he would like to purchase Jeep from Paul Bullion to be used with snow plow. Council agreed to purchase ~~the~~ Jeep for the sum of \$700.00.

#2874

Mr. Jester presented Treasurer's Report for month of September, 1964

#2875

Mrs. Louise Addison requested that council have something done regarding speeding in front of her house on Kentucky Avenue. Matter referred to City Manager.

#2876

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

W. J. Miller

Clerk

J. H. Hales

Mayor