

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on November 17, 1964 at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor Holcomb presiding.

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

Also Present: C.F. Jester, Jr. City Manager

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Joe Tom Howard, John Everhart; Mr. Kidd, Paul Bullion, Virginia Horsman, Gene Glass, Burlie Lioutzi, Art Smith, merchants of the City of Norton appeared before council regarding the recent breaking and entering incidents. A lengthy discussion followed at which time the following suggestions were offered: A survey of the other communities in the county to determine what recommended police force is needed for sufficient protection for a city of our size; suggested foot patrol; improved lighting at backs of buildings; a possible stationed watchman; possibilities of burglar alarms in each building, but that this would be an expensive item. Each merchant expressed their willingness to give of their services in helping in every way possible. Council expressed their regrets concerning these happenings. Council advised that they would take every step possible in order to eliminate these occurrences. They also advised that they would discuss this matter further with the city manager and chief of police.

Mr. Jester presented request for street light on 21st Street, S.W. 2292

On motion by Archie Woods, seconded by C.W. Bryant and carried by unanimous roll call vote council instructed the city manager to have the Old Dominion Power Company install a street light on 21st Street, S.W. opposite D-Nor Cafe.

Mr. Jester advised council that Mrs. Joyce Smith's term on the City Welfare Board expires November 21st.

On motion by J.B. Taggart, seconded by V.O. Flanary and carried by unanimous vote Mrs. Joyce Smith was reappointed as member of City of Norton Welfare Board for a term of three years, said term to expire November 21, 1967. 2293

Mayor Holcomb advised council that Mr. George ^{Scott} had resigned as a member of the Selective Service Board.

On motion by J.B. Taggart, seconded by Archie Woods, and carried by unanimous vote council moved that Mr. L.D. Gibson be recommended for appointment as member of the Local Selective Service Board. 2294

A lengthy discussion was held concerning parallel parking on Park Avenue and of converting the cannon lot into a parking lot.

On motion by J.B. Taggart, seconded by C.W. Bryant and carried by the following votes: J.C. Holcomb, J.B. Taggart, C.W. Bryant, V.O. Flanary, Yeah - Archie Woods, Nay. council moved to eliminate angle parking and substitute parallel parking, to eliminate cross walks, open cannon lot, at the present time to have free two hour parking until after Christmas, at which time reconsideration of the removal of the cannon lot will be made. 2295

A brief discussion of center line on West Park Avenue was held.

On motion by J.B. Taggart, seconded by Archie Woods and carried by unanimous vote council instructed the city manager to check with the State Highway Department regarding the center line. 2296

Mr. W.P. Kanto appeared before council stating that he was appearing before council concerning the same matter he had discussed with council three months ago, using that the City of Norton take advantage of Title 2, Economic Opportunity Act. He stated that to his knowledge the city had not taken any action on this matter at this time. He also stated that Wise County and also Lee, Scott and Washington Counties had already taken steps. He urged strongly that the city take steps 2297

immediately, so that the city may benefit from Federal Aids which are now available or which will become available in the very near future. He advised council that a meeting is being held on Saturday, November 21st, in Abingdon, with Pat Jennings as speaker, regarding these programs. He further advised council that the city could form their own committee or join with the county committee of which Mr. Dick Thomas is to be Chairman, for the Wise County Board of Supervisors, to formulate plans for Community Action Programs for submitting applications in participating in Federal Appropriations under Title 2 of Economic Opportunity Act. Mr. Kanto informed council that Mr. Bob Kurby would be in town, Wednesday, November 18th to discuss programs for Virginia under Title 2 of the Economic Opportunity Act.

On motion by J.B. Taggart, seconded by V.O. Flanary and carried by unanimous vote the following resolution was passed:

Be It Resolved by the Council of the City of Norton, Virginia, that the best interests of the city in participation of programs under Economic Opportunity Act would be served thru a cooperative effort with the county at large and that the City Manager is instructed to contact the Board of Supervisors of Wise County and Mr. Dick Thomas to advise them that the City of Norton would like to work with and become a part of the county group which will work with Federal and State Authorities in matters pertaining to the Title 2 of the Economic Opportunity Act and that the council further expresses its willingness and intention to bear its fair and proportionate part of the expenses therewith of this work group. 2298

Mr. Kanto further urged council to have someone further pursue the Appalachian Bill. 2299

Mr. Kanto advised council of the resignation of Mr. Carson Hibbitts as a member of the Norton Redevelopment Authority. He suggested the appointment of Hoke I. Horne, Jr. to fill the unexpired term. 2300

On motion by J.B. Taggart, seconded by Archie Woods and carried by unanimous vote council appointed Mr. Hoke I. Horne, Jr. as member of the Norton Redevelopment Authority to fill unexpired term of carson Hibbitts, said term to expire Dec. 31, 1966. 2301

Mr. Kanto spoke briefly concerning future plans for new school building. He asked that the city attorney and city manager secure figures as to the maximum amount of bonds the school can issue. Council instructed the city manager and city attorney to look into this matter. 2301

Carroll Tate suggested that consideration be given to the cutting of the trees on back side of the municipal Lot and to the narrowing of the sidewalk in order to make more parking spaces on that end of the parking lot. The Mayor advised that he would look into this. 2302

Mr. Jester gave report of delinquent tax collections thru Nov. 16th - taxes \$403.52; penalty & interest \$56.24, making a total to date of \$7,996.23. 2303

Mr. Jester presented Recap of Department of Finance. 2304

Mr. Jester presented Sewer Improvement Fund Report for month of October, 1964. Council expressed concern regarding status of inspection & supervision costs of the engineering. Council instructed the city manager to contract Mr. Lindsey of Hayes, S ay, Mattern & Mattern and request some explanation as to the reason for this over expenditure on the projects. 2305

Mr. Taggart brought to council's attention the matter of a Planning Commission for the city and of our actions to keep this city abreast of its opportunities under Federal Grants, etc. and to emphasize importance of management in keeping abreast under Federal Programs, studying them, and taking initiative. He stated that there are going to be unlimited opportunities for areas in the Appalachian Region in the very near future. 2306

He asked what it would entail to have the workable program brought up-to-date. Council expressed their willingness to go along with building, electrical & Plumbing

code so that we might come under workable program.

The City Manager was instructed to get in touch with the proper offices in Washington to see what the city would have to do in order to have the workable Program reactivated. 2307

Mr. James Cooper expressed his appreciation to council of the fine improvement of the curb & gutter on Park Avenue in front of his new business.

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



Mayor



Clerk