

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on January 5, 1971 at 7:30 P.M. with Vice Mayor Leonard presiding.

Present: Robert Leonard, Archie Woods, Woodrow Bryant

Absent: V.O. Flanary, Ike Fultz

Also Present: Milas Franks, City Engineer

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Chester Voni and Mr. Tommy Jackson appeared before council to request permission to operate the Sportsman Pool Room and Tom's Pool Room for the year 1971. On motion by Archie Woods, seconded by C.W. Bryant and carried by roll call vote, permission to operate these two pool rooms in the City of Norton for 1971 was granted. 5473

Mr. Ralph Blevins, representing some citizens from West Norton, appeared before council to request more police checking in West Norton. He stated that the cars were speeding on this road and that the cars had loud mufflers. Vice Mayor Leonard asked Chief Kelley for his comments on this. Chief Kelley stated that this area was patrolled as well as possible and that a federal grant had been applied for radar. Mr. Leonard advised Mr. Blevins that they all recognized the problem and asked Chief Kelley to pay special attention to this area with regard to speeding and illegal equipment. 5474

Mr. Truman Mullins appeared before Council to protest his firing from the City. He was advised that the City Manager handled all matters pertaining to the employees. 5475

Mr. Franks advised council that a public hearing on the Comprehensive Plan, Regulatory Measures and Neighborhood Analysis had been held. Mr. Charlie Daniels stated that the Planning Commission recommended to council the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan, Regulatory Measures and Neighborhood Analysis. 5476

Mr. Wharton said that he would make a statement pertaining to this plan. First of all, he stated that he had been at the public hearing on this and that he had no objections to the adoption of this plan but that he owned property on East Park Avenue which had been zoned as Residential. He had previously requested it to be rezoned to Heavy Industrial but had been advised not to do so at that time. However, he wanted to go on record for future purposes that he was still interested in having this rezoned for business.

On motion by Archie Woods, seconded by C.W. Bryant and carried by unanimous vote, Council adopted the Comprehensive Plan, Regulatory Measures and Neighborhood Analysis.

Mr. Franks gave a progress report on the Public Housing. He advised that final plans are being made for the CC Camp housing, the high rise apartments and 40 units above the new elementary school and that everything was proceeding according to plan. 5477

Mr. Franks advised council that he had talked with Mr. Hood of the Highway Department regarding a traffic light at corner of 9th St. & Park Ave. A traffic count had been made and submitted to the Highway Department and they advised that there was not enough traffic to install a light at this corner. Council asked that this matter be studied further. 5478

Mr. Franks advised council that the traffic count on the viaduct had not been completed at this time. 5479

Mr. Franks advised council that he had talked with Mr. Mullins of the N. & W. Railroad and was advised by him that N & W would install Railroad Crossarm sign at Hawthorne. Mr. Ranks had also talked with someone from the L. & N. Railroad and that they would install a Crossarm Sign at 21st Street. 5480

Mr. Franks advised council that the new traffic signs - Watch for Turning Vehicles had been installed at Ramsey, W., Norton and two at East Park Ave. Also the new sign had been installed on Park Ave. near the J & M Super Market. (No Left Turn) 5481

Council discussed the need for a traffic sign on the new Kentucky Avenue Road near the kindergarten. Mr. Franks recommended the installation of a warning sign regarding the curve and/or a 25 mile per hr. blinking school zone sign. 5482

Council requested that the ambulance service report be carried over to the next meeting. 5483

Mr. Franks advised council that the EDA Water Project would be advertised January 10, 1971. Construction should start by April 1, 1971. 5484

Council briefly discussed the City Status. 5485

Council was advised that the tentative advertising date for Rt. 74 is March 17, 1971. The construction start could be 30 to 60 days after the advertisement. 5486

Council briefly discussed the Reapportionment of the Virginia House of Delegates. 5487

On motion by Archie Woods, seconded by C.W. Bryant and carried by unanimous roll call vote council moved that the City Manager be authorized to negotiate and execute a note with Wise County National Bank at best possible terms, said note to be due December 20, 1971.. 5488

On motion by Archie Woods, seconded by Bob Leonard and carried by unanimous vote; C.W. Bryant was appointed to the Planning Commission Board. 5489

Mr. Woods discussed snow removal with the Council. He stated that the City had done the best possible job of snow removal with the equipment available but he thought a study should be made to see what kind of equipment the City needed to purchase for a better job. Council asked that a study of the City's equipment be made and report back to Council what could be done for a better snow removal job. 5490

On motion by Archie Woods, seconded by C.W. Bryant, George E. Hunnicutt was appointed to serve on the Cumberland Airport Authority for a term of four years. The vote was unanimous. 5491

Mr. Franks advised council that a letter had been written to Rep. Wampler regarding Ab Still. 5492

Mr. Franks advised council that a special school on Title VIII on budgeting would be held in Charlottesville Jan. 27-29th and requested that arrangements for at least two people to attend this school be made. The cost of this would be reimbursed at \$25.00 per day. Council appointed Mr. Norton and Mr. Franks to attend this meeting. 5493

There being no further business before the council same adjourned.

Mayor

Shirley W. Campbell
Assistant Clerk