

The regular City Council meeting was held in the Municipal Court Room on January 19, 1971 at 7:30 P. M. with Mayor Flanary presiding.

Present: Robert Leonard, V. O. Flanary, C. W. Bryant

Absent: Ike Fultz, Archie Woods

Also Present: Evan Norton, City Manager

Mr. Joe Kilgore, representing Mr. Jim Vaughn, appeared before council to request permission to operate the Palace Pool Room for the year 1971. On motion by Bob Leonard, seconded by Woodrow Bryant and carried by unanimous vote, permission to operate the Palace Pool Room for 1971 was granted. 5494

Mrs. Joe Tom Howard appeared before council on behalf of the Green Thumb Garden Club. She stated that the Green Thumb Garden Club would like to be in charge of the City Clean Up Campaign which is scheduled to begin in May. On motion by Woodrow Bryant, seconded by Bob Leonard and carried by unanimous vote, council agreed to let the Green Thumb Garden Club spearhead the Clean Up Campaign and also that the City would cooperate in every way possible. 5495

Mr. Jim Hatfield, Village Market, appeared before council to request permission to sell beer on and off premises from 1:00 P. M. thru 11:00 P. M. on Sundays. Also present to discuss this were the following: Glenn Lovell & Dewey Jones - Glenn's & Dewey's; Burlie Lioutza - Norton Grill; Arlene Craigher - White Front Cafe; Preston Hash - BP Service Station; Joe Kilgore - Steak House. Mr. Hatfield stated that the merchants were losing business to other areas due to this restriction. Council advised these merchants that this matter would be given serious thought and also that both sides of this question will be studied thoroughly. 5496

Mr. Norton reported on the status of Ambulance Service for Norton. He stated that he had met with both the local and the county rescue squad in regard to this. He was advised that an application for federal funds for new equipment had been placed through the Highway Safety Committee. This would be for 50% matching funds from the federal government. Mr. Norton has also discussed the rescue squad budget with them. The city is presently helping to furnish drivers for emergency calls during the day and will continue to help until the Ambulance Service plan can be worked out. 5497

Mr. Norton reported on the Urban 12 meeting in Richmond which he and Mayor Flanary attended. The following items were among those discussed: 5498

1. Welfare revenue & cost
2. Beer & Wine Tax - Distribute quarterly instead of yearly
3. Adding another 1% Sales tax
4. School Bills
 - A. Abolition of town and other special school districts
 - B. Division of State in school divisions by State Board of Education

Mr. Norton gave the Highway Safety Committee report. At their meeting January 19th they discussed the following: 5499

1. Traffic light - 9th and Park Ave.. They recommend that this be followed up.
2. Traffic light - 8th and Park Ave.. Chief Kelley reported that they were studying different types of light needed here. They will request the Highway Department to make a survey of traffic lights.
3. Viaduct Traffic - These lanes will be marked properly to allow smoother flow of traffic.

Chief Kelley advised council that an application for federal funds for radar, radio equipment and camera equipment had been made. This should be processed in the near future. 5500

Mr. Norton advised council that he and Mayor Flanary along with Milas Franks, City Engineer, Robert Stump, City Attorney and Forest Ranger Clyde Todd plan to attend the pre-application conference in the E.D.A. office in Huntington on Wednesday. This is in regards to the Flag Rock Project. 5501

Mr. Norton advised council that the next meeting for Operation Townlift with the merchants would be January 26th at 7:30 P. M. 5502

Council briefly discussed the City Audit for the 1969-70 year and asked the City Manager to arrange a meeting with Mr. Monroe Thrower to discuss this further. 5503

Mr. Norton advised council that a representative from a cannery had been in the office to discuss putting a mobile cannery in Norton. This cannery is sponsored by the Lonesome Pine Development Corporation. They would like to locate this cannery on the city property near the parking lot on Park Ave. adjacent to Parks-Belk. On motion by Bob Leonard, seconded by Woodrow Bryant and carried by unanimous vote, the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to negotiate and enter into contract with the Lonesome Pine Development Corporation for the locating of the Mobile Cannery on the City Parking Lot adjacent to Parks-Belk. 5504

Mr. Norton reported on snow removal in the City. He recommended that we utilize additional salt and also use No. 12 stone as abrasive material. He stated that he had received bids on salt spreaders and recommended that the City purchase a new spreader. He recommended the Baughman (Salt Spreader) for the price of \$1,886.78, with delivery in 30 days. Council asked the City Manager to call the company to check to see if delivery could be made within the next month and also to talk with the Highway Department with regard to snow removal. If delivery in 30 days could not be guaranteed, council agreed to include this in the budget for purchase in the fall. 5505

Mr. Norton advised council that the National Symposium on Park, Recreation, Environment Design would meet in Chicago in February. He recommended that the City send a representative. Council decided not to take action on this at the present time. 5506

Mr. Leonard inquired as to the status of a Recreational Director. Mr. Norton advised that applicants were being screened for this and there were four possible applicants. Also, he hoped a decision could be made on this within the next 30 to 60 days. Mr. Leonard discussed the city playgrounds with the City Manager. 5507

Mr. Leonard inquired about the progress on the various delapidated buildings in Norton. Mr. Norton advised him that progress was slow on this but he is still working on this. 5508

There being no further business before the council same adjourned.

Vernon C. Flanary
Mayor

Shirley W. Campbell
Assistant Clerk