

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on March 16, 1971 at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor Flanary presiding.

Present: V.O. Flanary, Robert Leonard, Ike Fultz, Archie Woods, C.W. Bryant

Also Present: Evan Norton, City Manager & Milas Franks, City Engineer

Mr. John Daniels, representing Jaycees, appeared before council and presented the following resolution for council's consideration:

Be It Resolved by Operation Townlift and the City Council of Norton that the litter ordinance Chapter 20 recorded in the minute Book, City of Norton, Page 247, July 21, 1970, be strictly enforced. In trying to make Norton a cleaner more attractive place to live and shop it is imperative that this ordinance be enforced. This is phase one in operation Townlift a long range plan to reverse a trend of population and sales loss. 5560

By no means do we, by this resolution, mean to imply that it is not being enforced and that a good job is not being done. However we do wish to have stronger enforcement, on merchants, pedestrians, and households. Hopefully stronger enforcement will instill a degree of pride in all persons living and entering Norton and reduce costs in the future from enforcement and actual clean-up costs not to mention the social benefit involved from having a clean town.

We do hereby resolve this on March 16, 1971.

Paul E. Bayes, Chairman, Operation Townlift

On motion by Robert Leonard, seconded by Ike Fultz and carried by unanimous vote the above resolution as presented by the Jaycees was passed. 5561

Mr. E.O. Breeding, Sr. appeared before council regarding junk car road going into elementary school. He asked that this be taken under consideration. Chief Kelley advised he had contacted owners of this property who were out of town and that these cars were supposed to be removed. 5562

The following persons spoke against the increase in parking meter violations: Bill Clemons, Morris Burchette, Robert Powers, Buck Strength, Mrs. Carroll Tate, Vic Jones, Hoge Horne.

On motion by Ike Fultz, seconded by Archie Woods and carried by unanimous vote the following ordinance was passed: Page 21 5563

Mr. Raymond Davidson inquired as to whether or not the city had an ordinance prohibiting double parking and if so that he would like to see it enforced around the elementary school. 5564

Mr. Bill Humphreys asked that illegal parking in residential districts be defined. Council discussed this briefly with Mr. Humphrye. 5565

Mr. Hoge Horne asked if it was strictly against the law for parking meters to be installed on Highway 23. 5566

Mr. Ronald Collins spoke to council regarding his concern for persons (his customers) getting tickets for parking on left side of Federal Street. He also discussed parking on Kline Avenue. 5567

Mr. Norton advised council of the status of the Flag Rock project and also that they were scheduled to go to Richmond March 18th to confer with officials and then to Huntington on March 24th, to meet with EDA officials. 5568

Mr. Norton reported on status of Operation Townlift. Vic Jones spoke on tree project. Council agreed to cut sidewalk and dig holes for tree planting project. 5569

Mr. Franks advised that EDA Water Project was coming along and that bids on bond sale would be March 22nd. 5570

Mr. Norton reported on status of Public Housing. 5571

Mr. Franks advised council that he had been in contact with Mr. & Mrs. Joe Kilgore in an effort to provide a temporary walkway across their property. Mr. Franks further advised that it is anticipated that all that will be necessary to provide the said walkway to do a minimum amount of grader work and put down maintenance stone. He stated the Kilgores indicated that they will cooperate with the City of this project in providing access to the new Elementary School site. 5572

Mr. Franks advised council that he had been in contact with the Va. Dept. of Highways in an effort to change their requirements of traffic light at 9th and Park from a semi-actuated signal to a fixed time signal. He also advised that this has been requested so that all traffic signals on Park Avenue can be synchronized. 5573

Mr. Franks advised the new signs have been installed at Viaduct and that lines have been painted. 5574

Chief Kelley advised he was still awaiting the Board of Supervisors decision as to when the County was going to hold their dog quarantine. He stated the City of Norton's quarantine would probably begin April 12th. 5575

Mr. Norton read letter from Division of Motor Vehicles regarding vehicle registration not including City of Norton. 5576

Charlie Daniels spoke to council regarding proposed resolution of Norton Planning Commission regarding City Organization. Council advised Mr. Daniels that the resolution was not prepared at this time but that the matter was being considered. 5577

On motion by C.W. Bryant, seconded by Ike Fultz and carried by unanimous vote, council moved that E.O. Breeding, Sr. & W.F. McElroy be reappointed as members of Norton Housing Authority for four year term, said term to expire 1/28/75. 5578

Mr. Franks reported that an extensive survey on sewer, water & garbage is under way by the City Engineering Department. 5579

Mr. Leonard advised council of meeting he had attended with regional library group and also group from Big Stone Gap. Mr. Art Smith was present and stated he was asked to advise council that the regional library board was still counting on \$6500.00 from City of Norton as previously requested. 5580

On motion made and duly seconded the following lease agreement between the First Baptist Church and City of Norton was passed: (Page 23) 5581

Mayor Flanary requested that alley between 6th & 7th Street be made two-way traffic. Council was in agreement. 5582

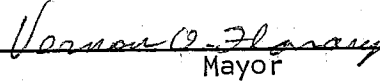
Mayor Flanary advised council that he had been requested to request an additional \$6500.00 toward library construction. 5583

Mr. Franks brought to council's attention letter from Randy Kilgore regarding street on Henry Street. Council agreed this matter was not for city's decision. 5584

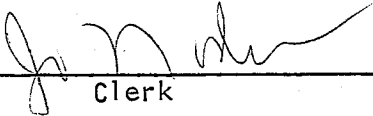
Council briefly discussed driving range. 5585

Vic Jones suggested that parking meter fees in parking lot be set at 5¢ per hour. Council advised that the parking meter fees in parking lots with exception of Coalfield Progress lot was already 5¢ per hour.

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



Mayor



Clerk