

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on December 16, 1969 at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor Flanary presiding.

Present: V.O. Flanary, G.E. Hunnicutt, S.H. Neeley, W.G. Stallard, Robert Leonard

Also Present: Evan Norton, City Manager

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Vic Jones appeared before council and presented fruit sent from Mr. Robinson of City of Wyoming. Mr. Jones suggested to council that the City Council send boxes of apples from Wise County to each of the councilmen of their Sister City of Wyoming.

On motion by G.E. Hunnicutt, seconded by W.G. Stallard and carried by unanimous roll call vote council moved that the City Manager, first thing in the morning, send to each of Councilmen and City Manager of the City of Wyoming a gift box of apples from City of Norton, said money to be taken out of contingency fund. 5027

On motion by G.E. Hunnicutt, seconded unanimously by the entire council, council moved that the following resolution be passed and that a copy be sent to Vic Jones: 5028

RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Norton, Virginia, that

WHEREAS, The City of Norton became 75 years old in 1969, and

WHEREAS, City of Norton saw fit to celebrate its Golden Jubilee in this year, and

WHEREAS, the highlights of that celebration was a spectacular parade along Park Avenue of said City of Norton on July 19th, and

WHEREAS, City of Norton on December 6th held its gala Christmas Parage to set off its Holiday Season, and

WHEREAS, many man hours were put into these two parades, with a high degree of care, expertise and attention, resulting in what has been acclaimed as the best two parades in the entire 75 year history of City of Norton.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Norton that its sincere appreciation be extended unto its exuberant and talented parade marshall and native sone, Mr. Victor L. Jones, who was primarily responsible for these two proud occasions.

Mayor Flanary advised council that John Fischer of Chamber of Commerce had advised they were considering using picture of flag rock on their brochure. 5029

Chief Kelley presented Highway Safety Program Report.

On motion by Robert Leonard, seconded by G.E. Hunnicutt and carried by unanimous vote the following commissioners to Highway Safety Council were appointed: 5030  
W.G. Stallard, Member of Council; Louie Lee, Health Dept.; Bill Humphrey, Chairman, Education; Milas Franks, Engineering; Clarence Holcomb, Insurance; Mark Watt, Publicity; W.F. Kelley, Enforcement; T.D. Lassiter, Education; Dr. L.C. Strong, Jr., Medical; Mrs. Hazel Thrower, Ladies Club.

On motion by G.E. Hunnicutt, seconded by Robert Leonard 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 29, 1970; to negotiate with as little principal as possible on note due December 29, 1969. 5031

Mr. Norton advised council there would be a meeting with Thompson & Litton Saturday morning at 9:00 o'clock at Municipal Building. 5032

Mr. Norton advised council that various officials of cites and county were meeting Thursday at 10:00 A.M. regarding Route 23.

Mr. Hunnicutt inquired as to what action had been taken regarding resolution

passed at last council meeting empowering city attorney to negotiate with Noffolk & Western Railway Company regarding removing of restrictions from property. Mr. Norton advised that the City Attorney was proceeding with the matter. 5033

Mr. Norton advised council that the Urban Renewal meeting had been cancelled. 5034

Mr. Norton advised council of meeting to be held with City of Norton School Board on December 23rd. 5035

Mr. Norton presented report on the engineering of water and sewer to connect with Town of Wise. 5036

On motion by S.H. Neeley, seconded by G.E. Hunnicutt and carried by unanimous vote council moved that the City offices be closed December 26th. 5037

On motion by G.E. Hunnicutt, seconded by W.G. Stallard and carried by unanimous vote council moved that a letter be forwarded to the local Director of Bureau of Mines, Joseph S. Malesky, setting forth position of this council that we are doing everything within our power to create some housing to help solve housing problem with your people coming in here. 5038

On motion by G.E. Hunnicutt, seconded by W.G. Stallard and carried by unanimous vote council moved to advertise to developers, builders and real estate dealers regarding real estate and development to overcome critical housing shortage. 5039

On motion by G.E. Hunnicutt, seconded by S.H. Neeley and carried by unanimous vote council moved that the City Manager write a letter to Dr. Hammel and reaffirm the city's commitment to participate in the original construction cost of Community College to be located at Big Stone Gap for the acquisition of land, sewer, water and roads, said city to pay 10% of Wise County's portion of the cost, said Wise County portion being 80% of the cost thereby making the City of Norton's portion of the cost 8% of the total cost as set forth above. 5040

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

Vernon A. Flanagan  
Mayor

J. M. Miller  
Clerk