

January 2, 1968

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on January 2, 1968 at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor Flanary presiding.

Present: V.O. Flanary, G.E. Hunnicutt, C.W. Bryant, R.L. Collins, S.H. Neeley

Also Present: David B. Norman, City Manager & Robert Stump, Attorney

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Robert Huff, Manager of Norton Garment Company, appeared before Council #4263 to discuss methods of clearing road and his parking lot for his employees. After a lengthy discussion, Council advised Mr. Huff that the City is not properly equipped to do work of this type on private property and suggested to him certain parties doing this type of work.

On motion by G.E. Hunnicutt, seconded by R.L. Collins and carried by unanimous #4264 vote, Council granted permission for the issuance of pool room license to James W. Vaughn, T/A Palace Pool Room.

Council discussed at length sites for location of Rescue Squad Building. #4265

C Council discussed the City Manager's Report. #4266

Council discussed at length Workmen's Compensation Report. Council directed #4267 the City Manager to change the Personnel Policy so that sick leave not be paid due to on-the-job injuries.

The City Manager read a letter from Mayor Crowe of Richmond advising of fight #4268 to do away with retail merchant's license to be brought up at next session of General Assembly.

On motion by G.E. Hunnicutt, seconded by C.W. Bryant and carried by unanimous vote, Council directed the City Attorney to prepare the following resolution to be sent to the two members of House of Delegates and Senator Long.

WHEREAS, the City of Norton presently levies a City license tax on business, trades, professions, occupations and callings and upon ~~the~~ the persons, firms and corporations engaged therein within the City Of Norton, pursuant to Virginia Code Section 58-266.1, as amended, which said City license tax is more commonly known as the gross receipt tax on retail sales, and

WHEREAS, certain organizations and associations in Virginia endeavored to have the above license tax repealed by the 1966 Virginia General Assembly, and said organizations and associations in Virginia will endeavor to do so again at the 1968 Virginia General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the levy of said City license tax constitutes approximately four percent of the City of Norton's revenue per year; and if said license tax was repealed the City of Norton would be compelled to levy another form of tax on the citizens of the City of Norton to compensate for this loss, thus creating an injustice; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia, that the Honorable M.M. Long, Senator of the City of Norton, Virginia, and the Honorable Orby L. Cantrell, and the Honorable Edgar Bacon, Delegates from the City of Norton, be, and they are hereby requested to have the General Assembly of Virginia vote against the repeal of Virginia Code Section 58-266.1, as amended, which said license tax is more commonly known as the gross receipt tax on retail sales, and more affirmatively, they are requested to uphold and reaffirm said license tax.

Council discussed at length specifications for garbage truck bids. #4269

Council briefly discussed Financial Report. #4270

Mr. Norman discussed with Council County bill for City's share of expenses. #4271

The City Manager advised Council of meeting in Richmond, January 21st and #4272 22nd pertaining to Relationship of School Boards and Governing Bodies. He urged that as many Councilmen as possible attend this meeting. Mr. Flanary and Mr. Bryant expressed an interest in attending this meeting.

Council briefly discussed relocating State Police Headquarters #4273

(SEE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 19, 1967, #4246)

WHEREAS, the City of Norton desires to obtain certain land situated on Park Avenue in the City of Norton for future development and industrial expansion, and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of State Police, owns a certain piece of property with a building situate thereon on Park Avenue in the City of Norton; and

WHEREAS, enabling legislation is necessary to convey this certain piece of property owned by the Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of State Police, to the City of Norton, and the City of Norton desires to perfect title to such land by obtaining a conveyance thereof from the Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of State Police; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia, that the Honorable M.M. Long, Senator of the City of Norton, Virginia, and the Honorable Orby L. Cantrell, and the Honorable Edgar Bacon, Delegates from the City of Norton, be, and they are hereby requested to have the General Assembly of Virginia enact the following enabling legislation:

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. Section 1. The Governor by deed in form approved by the Attorney General, for and in consideration of the exchange by the City of Norton to the Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of State Police, certain other comparable property and building situated thereon, to be situated in the City of Norton, is hereby authorized to convey to the City of Norton that certain parcel of land with the building situate thereon, fronting on Park Avenue, City, of Norton, Virginia, more particularly described as follows:

"Beginning at a point corner to land of the City of Norton, Virginia, and land of the Norfolk and Western Railway Company, said point being at right angles to and 308.0 feet distant northwardly from a point in the centerline of Main track of the Pocahontas Division Clinch Valley District of the Norfolk and Western Railway Company at Station 5280 plus 46 and at Mile Post N-466 plus 1113.2 feet as measured from Norfolk, Virginia; thence along the dividing line between the land of the City of Norton and land of said Railway Company N 24° 00' W. 192.0 feet to a point in the south line of Park Avenue; thence along said line of Park Avenue N 66° E. 47.7 feet to a point; thence through the land of said Railway Company as follows: S. 24° 00' E. 192.0 feet to a point; thence S 66° 00' W 47.7 feet to the point of beginning and containing 0.210 of an acre, more or less, as shown on plan N-29214-A, dated June 15, 1961."

Council discussed T V Service in City of Norton. Council directed the City Manager to write Mr. Russell of T V Cable Service, advising him of numerous complaints being received regarding service in City #4274 of Norton.

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

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Clerk

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Mayor