

May 21, 1968

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on May 21, 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 Norman, City Manager & Robert Stump, Leslie Mullins, Attorneys

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Bill Rhines of West Norton appeared before Council regarding water line to his property. Mr. Norman advised Council that he had checked into this matter and that the best feasible method is to lay new line and move meter to edge of property. Said cost to be borne by the City. Mr. Rhines felt that this was unfair. After discussion, Council referred this matter to City Manager. #4396

Mr. Olin Willis and Mr. Tolley of the State Health Department presented to Council report of sanitation survey in the City of Norton. After brief discussion, Council requested Mr. Willis and Mr. Tolley to meet with them again after study of report. #4397

Mr. Norman advised Council of the Planning Grant. #4398

Council discussed briefly Highway Projects. #4399

On motion by S.H. Neeley, seconded by C.W. Bryant and carried by unanimous vote, the following resolution regarding Route 74 was passed: #4400

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia, that an urgent need exists for the reconstruction of Route 74, or the entrance into the City of Norton adjacent to the coke ovens, in the City of Norton, Virginia, and that the Virginia Department of Highways be, and it is hereby respectfully requested to proceed with the utmost dispatch to reconstruct said Route No. 74 for the following reasons:

(1) The need for the improvement is well recognized and has been recognized by the Department of Highways and the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia, for many years. Route 74 carries a large traffic volume and due to the concrete sidings is too narrow to allow safe traffic to pass into the City's main entrance.

(2) Discussion for the improvement of Route 74 and this project began many years ago.

(3) The conditions on Route 74 at this time is such that traffic cannot be adequately and safely handled, and there should be immediate reconstruction of Route 74. Furthermore, the beautification of the entrance of the City at this point is a matter of urgent necessity.

(4) The City of Norton has sufficient local funds and adequate state allocation of funds to finance the project.

Therefore, the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia, requests that the Virginia Department of Highways place the Route 74 project as the City's first priority and urges the Department of Highways to proceed with dispatch with final plans for the reconstruction and improvement of said Route 74. Furthermore, the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia, realizes that at the present time the reconstruction and relocation of Kentucky Avenue in the City of Norton is the first priority, but the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia, requests that the improvement and reconstruction of Route 74 be placed on the first priority list as soon as bids are let for the construction and relocation of Kentucky Avenue.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to J.E. Williams Resident Engineer, H.M. Morecock, District Engineer, Mr. L.O. Bolton, Urban Engineer of the Department of Highways, and The Honorable Douglas Fugate, Highway Commissioner for the Commonwealth of Virginia, A.K. Hunsberger, Director of Engineers, and P.B. Coldiron, Location and Design Engineer.

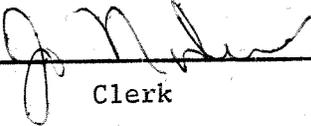
Attorney Mullins advised Council of the legalities of the Norfolk and Western Agreement regarding cost at intersection of Route 74 and 58. #4401
The City Manager was instructed to obtain an estimated cost of maintenance of safety signals at this crossing.

Mayor Flanary presented letter from Big Stone Gap Festival Committee #4402
inviting the City Council to participate in opening parade on June 8th at 10:00 A.M. Council agreed that they would participate.

Mayor Flanary brought to Council's attention the wide wall in front #4403
of Hatcher Equipment Company. Council instructed Mr. Norman to have this wall set back.

Finance Report for month of April, 1968 was presented to Council. #4404

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


Clerk


Mayor