

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on January 20, 1970 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.

Mr. W.P. Kanto appeared before council regarding resolution pertaining to proposed elementary school.

On motion by S.H. Neeley, seconded by W.G. Stallard and carried by unanimous roll call vote the following resolution was passed:

WHEREAS, the City of Norton has plans to undertake the construction of a new elementary school building, and

WHEREAS, the Norton City Council and the Norton City School Board have completed such plans and have submitted them to the State Board of Education for final approval, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to supplement local funds by means of a loan in order to be able financially to undertake the total cost of the construction of this building, and

WHEREAS, the voters of the City of Norton at a referendum in June, 1969 approved borrowing for this purpose up to \$686,000 which is the City's current debt limitation to be applied to the construction of the building, and

WHEREAS, the Norton City Council and the Norton City School Board have jointly arranged for the necessary funds to make up the additional cost above this loan, and

WHEREAS, the Norton City Council and the Norton City School Board have submitted an application to the Literary Fund for a loan in the amount of \$686,000,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Norton City Council and the Norton City School Board request that this loan be scheduled to begin as soon as possible since it is imperative that the construction of the new elementary school building be started without delay, and that the Norton City Council and Norton City School Board jointly pledge and hereby declare that the funds over and above the amount of the loan are available locally to make up the remaining cost of building, and that the total building cost is estimated to be \$1,356,000, \$100,000 of which is for furniture and equipment, and \$56,000 of which is for grading, the local share of the cost being \$670,000.

Council discussed Virginia Appalachian Health Service.

On motion by G.E. Hunnicutt, seconded by W.G. Stallard and carried by unanimous vote council moved that the City Manager be directed to inform the Virginia Appalachian Health Service representative and any other planning agency that they are unable to understand wherein their organization is legally constituted and that when they see something in nature of constitutional structure of their organization then at that time they will be glad to take this matter under consideration.

Mr. Norton discussed briefly with Council EDA and FHA Projects.

On motion by G.E. Hunnicutt, seconded by S.H. Neeley and carried by unanimous vote council moved that the City Manager explore the possibilities of loan for this project with EDA or other agency.

Mr. Norton advised council that five developers had presented proposals for Public Housing at meeting this afternoon.

On motion by Robert Leonard, seconded by G.E. Hunnicutt and carried by unanimous vote council moved that Bruce Fraley be reappointed as member of Norton Redevelopment and Housing Authority for a term of four years, said term to expire Jan. 28, 1974.

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Mr. Norton advised council there was no further report on Kentucky Avenue Project.

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Mr. Norton presented progress report for 1969. Council discussed this report with Mr. Norton.

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Mr. Norton presented contract for electric service for Municipal Building with Old Dominion Power Company.

Mr. Norton recommended the acceptance of this contract.

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Mr. Norton presented council with copies of Virginia Municipal Legislative Program.

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

Vernon A. Flanagan
Mayor

J. Norton
Clerk