

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on June 16, 1970 at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Flanary presiding.

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

Also Present: Evan Norton, City Manager, ~~Archie Woods, and Ike Fultz.~~

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard appeared before Council to inquire as to what the City Attorney had said about the Owens' excavation. Mr. Norton read a letter that Mr. Stump had written to him. The letter read that the City did not own the street and therefore, this would be between the property owners. 5165

Mrs. Larkey and Mrs. Claude Cox appeared before Council to request that Ridge Avenue remain open because of the older people and the children that use the street. Mr. Hunnicutt suggested that the City should not appoint a Board of Viewers since there were people speaking in behalf of keeping the street open.

On motion by Robert Leonard, seconded by W. G. Stallard and unanimously approved, Council moved to deny the request to close Ridge Avenue. 5166

Hoke I Horne appeared before Council to request more money for the services he performed on the Re-Assessment Board. His request was denied. 5167

W. P. Kanto appeared before Council concerning the pledge of the City for the Duffield Industrial Development Authority. He requested that Council approve payment of the pledge prior to June 30, so that when the Authority goes to EDA, they will be able to say that all localities have paid their pledges. Mr. Neeley moved that payment go ahead and be made to Duffield Development Authority, payment not to exceed \$11,800.00. This motion was seconded by Robert Leonard and unanimously approved by roll call vote. 5168

Mr. Hunnicutt then made the motion that in connection with this that W. P. Kanto, our representative on the Duffield Development Authority Board, deliver the money to the Board at his discretion with the stipulation that Wise County have paid or be forthcoming in their payment. This motion was seconded by S. H. Neeley and unanimously approved by roll call vote. 5169

A group of people from Southside appeared before the Council to oppose the present proposed corridor for the new U. S. Route 23. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Fulton, Mrs. Ida Spears, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Neeley, Mr. Woody Conners and Mr. A. C. Conners. There was a rather lengthy discussion on the proposed plan. After much discussion on the parts of the citizens and the Councilmen, it was suggested that there be further meetings on the proposed plan. 5170

There was mention made of the meeting to be held in Roanoke. Mr. Flanary asked Mr. Norton if this delegation had been made. Mr. Norton stated that he was planning to go and that anyone else could go that wanted to. Also he mentioned that the Kiwanis Club had a highway committee that was planning to attend. Motion was made by S. H. Neeley, and seconded by W. G. Stallard that Mr. Norton should go to the meeting. It was unanimously approved. 5171

Mr. Norton reported that there would be a Budget Hearing on June 18, 1970 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building Court Room. 5172

Mr. Norton discussed briefly with Council the EDA Application. He stated

that the grant had been approved. Mr. Norton then stated that there were some conditions involved with the purchase of two industrial sites: 1. The purchase of seven-acre industrial site at Clear Creek for \$3500.00. 2. A 12-acre industrial site above Thirteenth Street. Mr. Norton stated that we had to qualify with these conditions to comply with the grant.

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Mr. Norton also stated that the Kentucky Avenue pipeline expansion project was under way. Also he said that the plans on the Filter Plant were complete. No resolution was requested.

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Mr. Hunnicutt suggested to the Council to take legal action on one of the options and go on and exercise the option.

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Motion was made by Robert Leonard to exercise the option on the two industrial sites as required by the EDA Grant conditions to take any necessary action, including legal, to consummate these two transactions. This motion was seconded by Mr. Neeley, and unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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Mr. Norton then brought up the appointment of a new Justice of the Peace. Mr. Albert H. Still is to be appointed as Justice of the Peace. A resolution was presented to the Council to appoint Mr. Still, his term of office to expire December 31, 1973. Mr. Neeley moved for adoption of the resolution. This motion was seconded by Mr. Leonard and unanimously approved.

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Mr. Norton made mention that a public hearing on Route 74 was to be held in the Municipal Court Room on June 17, 1970 at 10:30 a.m.

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Milas Franks, the City Engineer, gave a report on the recent re-count of the 1970 Census. He reported that the City had been divided up into five areas. The separate counts for these areas are as follows: ED-1 23, ED-2 1,036, ED-3 1,295, ED-4 927, and ED-5 861. This was a total of 4,142. This gave us a total gain of 221 over the Census Bureau count of 3,921.

Mr. Norton reported about being in touch with the regional office in Charlotte on this new count.

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There was some discussion about the purchase of the Clear Creek industrial site for \$3,500.00. Also there was some discussion about allocating funds for the Pitometer Survey, in the amount of \$2,422.48. Motion was made by Mr. Neeley that \$2,422.48 for this survey should be made out of the Water Surplus Fund. This motion was seconded by Mr. Stallard and unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Also Mr. Neeley moved that \$5,500.00 be taken from the General Surplus Fund for the purchase of the industrial sites.

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The discussion was then turned to the re-appointment of Board members. On the Zoning Board of Appeals -- W. H. Witt, Jr. -- 1 year, W. C. Witt -- 2 years, Linville Reed -- 3 years, S. E. Trinkle -- 4 years, Harold Hagy -- 5 years. When these terms expire, the Board members will be appointed for 5 year terms. Motion was made by Mr. Neeley, seconded by Mr. Leonard, that these appointments should be made as so stated above. This would be a recommendation to the Circuit Court for approval. This motion was unanimously approved.

On the Planning and Zoning Commission, E. O. Breeding was up for re-appointment for a three year term to expire 6-30-73. Mr. Stallard moved that Mr. Breeding be re-appointed for a three-year term, seconded by Mr. Neeley, and unanimously approved.

On the School Board, John Litton was up for re-appointment for a three-year term to expire 7-31-73. Mr. Neeley moved, seconded by Mr. Leonard that Mr. Litton be re-appointed for a three-year term. This motion was unanimously approved.

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Mr. Norton advised the Council that the L & N Railroad Company agreement with the City for leasing property on Southside for the ~~playground~~ was about to expire. Mr. Norton advised that the lease had to be taken out in the City's name, but the School Board would pay the fee that was required.

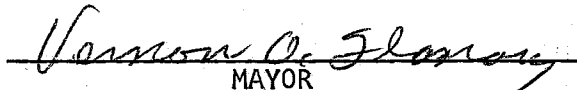
Motion was made by Mr. Neeley to exercise the lease agreement of the L & N Railroad agreement. Mr. Stallard seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

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Also, there was another lease held by the City. There was some discussion on this. Mr. Neeley moved for the release of the property on the East side of Lost Creek -- 50 feet X 75 feet. This motion was seconded by Mr. Stallard and unanimously approved.

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


MAYOR

CLERK

