

March 7, 1967

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on March 7, 1967, at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor Flanary presiding.

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

Also Present: Leslie Mullins and Robert Stump, Attorneys

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Charlie Daniels, Chairman of the Norton Planning Commission, appeared before Council recommending request of Mr. R.O. Goad to change zoning of Lots 3, 4 & 5, Block 95 of Spout Springs from Residential and Local Business to General Business. #3956

On motion by G.E. Hunnicutt, seconded by R.L. Collins and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that the zoning of Lots 3, 4 & 5, Block 95 of Spout Springs be changed from Residential and Local Business to General Business.

Mr. Charlie Daniels also presented recommendation of Norton Planning Commission request of Leslie Mullins to re-zone Lot 21, Section 5 of East Park Avenue from Local Business and Local Residential to Local Business. #3957

On motion by G.E. Hunnicutt, seconded by S.H. Neeley and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that zoning of Lot 21, Section 5, East Park Avenue be changed from Local Business and Local Residential to Local Business.

Mayor Flanary advised Council the City has received bill from Cumberland Airport Commission for City's share of \$650.00. #3958

Matter tabled until next Council meeting at which time the City Treasurer is requested to have further information concerning this bill.

A discussion was held concerning extension of water to Thackers Branch and proposal of Wise Coal and Coke Co. of City Trash Dump. #3959

Mr. Wilmot Jones, representing Wise Coal & Coke Co., appeared before Council and stated that extension of water line to Thackers Branch and proposal of land for trash dump are not to be connected, but are two distinct matters. He further stated that Wise Coal and Coke Co. is interceding for people of Thackers Branch that water be extended to the Thackers Branch area; and that Wise Coal & Coke Co. is willing to cooperate with the City of Norton regarding proposal of land for dump.

Councilman Hunnicutt advised that he feels it is feasible and wants to extend water line to Thackers Branch area, provided that a survey is made to see exactly how many interested persons will be willing to connect and how far it will be feasible to run the line.

On motion by C.W. Bryant, seconded by R.L. Collins and carried by the following votes, Council moved that the water line be extended to Thackers Branch approximately 3,000 ft., with as many as possible extensions and connections to be made later. R.L. Collins, C.W. Bryant, V.O. Flanary • YEA; G.E. Hunnicutt, S.H. Neeley • NAY.

Discussion of proposed land for trash dump was held.

Councilman Hunnicutt expressed his objection to previous action taken regarding extension of water line to Thackers Branch due to the fact that survey of said project is incomplete.

Public Hearing regarding sale of beer and wine on Sunday was held. #3960

Attorney Mullins advised Council and public of status regarding this matter.

A large group of Ministers, Church Groups and citizens of the City of Norton appeared before Council to request that the sale of beer and wine be prohibited on Sunday. The following stated reasons for this request: Rev. Bailey, Mr. Andy Johnston, Rev. Childs, Mrs. Nancy Peery, Mr. Terry Gibson, Mrs. Dorothy Stewart, Mr. John Dotsan, Rev. Strong, Mr. Morris Burchette, Rev. Verran, Mr. Harry Hensley, Rev. McChesney, Mr. R.D. Miller.

A large group of City of Norton Merchants, with Mr. Hugh Cline, Attorney as spokesman, appeared before Council to request sale of beer and wine on Sunday. The following also stated reasons for this request: Mr. Albert Neeley, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Joe Kilgore, Mr. Massingill.

Councilman Neeley expressed that although he had an open mind to both pros and cons, his convictions remained unchanged.

On motion by S.H. Neeley, seconded by R.L. Collins and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved that the following ordinance prohibiting sale of beer and wine in the City of Norton between hours of 12:00 post meridian of each Saturday and 6:00 ante meridian of each Monday be passed:

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia, that it shall be unlawful to sell beer or wine within the City limits between the hours of 12:00 post meridian of each Saturday and 6:00 ante meridian of each Monday. Violation of this ordinance shall be punishable by a fine of not less than \$5.00 and not more than \$100.00.

An emergency existing, this ordinance shall be in effect from time of passage.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Clerk of this Council forward a copy of this ordinance to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, Richmond, Virginia, in order that hereafter every retail license issued by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board for the sale of beer and wine or either of them in the City of Norton in which said ordinance was adopted, shall be limited in accordance with the provisions of said ordinance, as provided by Section on 4-97 of the Code of Virginia, 1966 Replacement Volume.

Miss Leola Yeary appeared before Council inquiring as to what can be done concerning nuisance of use of loud speakers at nights and week ends of the Episcopal Church and Catholic Church Recreation Halls. Rev. McChesney stated that this is a nuisance to this immediate community. Matter referred to City Manager.

Mr. W.S. Powers, Superintendent of School, appeared before Council, requesting one of the following, in accordance with State Code:

- 1. Furnish six (6) signs (School Zone Speed) 15 Miles Per Hour
- 2. Install Flashers
- 3. Increase School Zone Speed to 25 Miles Per Hour and use present signs.

Matter referred to City Manager to investigate regarding use of flashers, and whether School Zone Speed should be 15 miles per hour or 25 miles per hour, to report to Council next meeting.

Mayor Flanary presented request of Mr. Bob Snavelly of Snorkel Fire Equipment Co. to reconsider bids of Fire Truck. Council and Fire Dept. truck committee discussed this matter.

On motion by G.E. Hunnicutt, seconded by S.H. Neeley and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved that an order be placed for the American LaFrance Aero-Chief "70", for the amount of \$68,813.00, as per recommendation of the entire Fire Department truck committee and Mayor Flanary and Councilman Collins, as appointed for checking out proposed bids.

Mayor Flanary presented The Finance Report for the Month of February, 1967.

There being no further business to come before Council, and upon motion by R.L. Collins, seconded by C.W. Bryant, Council adjourned.

J. N. [Signature], Clerk

Kannon C. Flanary  
Mayor