

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room September 2, 1969 at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor Flanary presiding.

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

Also Present: Evan Norton, City Manager

Absent: R.L. Collins

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Gilbert Amburgy appeared before council with a petition from Dorchester, Thacker's Branch and the Needmore sections requesting that the first petition which was circulated and signed be disregarded since the persons circulating the petition had not gone into detail about the annexation and that the people 4939 were under the impression that they were just signing a petition to get water into these sections. Councilman Hunnicutt explained to Mr. Amburgy that this would be impossible to do unless this section was in the corporation. Mayor Flanary thanked the gentlemen for appearing before council.

Mr. Barker of Modern Bakery appeared before council regarding purchase of truck tags in the City. Mr. Barker stated he thought it unfair for their company to purchase tags when other companies distributed their goods in the city without tags. Council advised Mr. Barker that this matter would be given a complete 4940 study and presented at a later time.

Mr. Hoyt Williams, Thompson & Litton, appeared before Council to present the plans for the water treatment and filtration plant for council's consideration and comments. Council was in agreement with Mr. Williams recommendations. 4941

Mr. Leonard Marcum, Commissioner of Revenue, appeared before council regarding reappraisals for property for next year. Mr. Marcum advised that Mr. Forberg 4942 would like to appear at next council meeting to go over the program of reappraisals. Council advised Mr. Marcum that it was agreeable for Mr. Forberg to come to next council meeting.

Mr. Norton advised council that the Housing Inspection Program was now under way. 4943

Mr. Norton advised council of meeting with Board of Appeals, stating they had been briefed on inspection program. He recommended that the following amendment be passed:

On motion by S.H. Neeley, seconded by G.E. Hunnicutt and carried by unanimous vote the following amended Ordinance was passed:

Be It Ordained by the Council of the City of Norton, Virginia, that:  
Part IV. Chapter 1, Appeal Board of All Building and Housing Codes of the City of Norton, Section 4. Quorum, be amended as follows:

"Three members of the Board shall constitute a quorum, In varying the application of any provision of this Code, or in modifying an order of the Building, electrical, plumbing, and or Housing Official, affirmative votes of three members shall be required. No member of the Board shall pass upon any question which he, or any corporation in which he is a shareholder, is interested. In the case of any conflict of interest, the City Council shall have the authority to appoint the number of alternates necessary to serve on this Appeal Board.

An emergency existing, this amended ordinance shall be in force from the date of its passage. 4944

Mr. Norton advised council that he had been working on Public Information Program. He also advised that he and Chief Brown and Mrs. Norton were working 4945

on the Housing Code and Enforcement Program.

On motion by G.E. Hunnicutt, seconded by S.H. Neeley and carried by unanimous vote the following ordinance was passed:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTON: THAT:

1-A of Sub-Section 80 of Sub-Section 13 or Section 8-1 "Licenses" of the 4946 Code of the City of Norton, Virginia, be amended as follows:

Chapter Eight

Licenses and Taxation

Sec. 8-1 Licenses

No. 13. Amusements--Moving Pictures, Theaters, exhibiting, etc.

No. 80. Motor Vehicles.

1-A. That the license year within the meaning of this section shall run from the 15th day of May of each year through the 15th day of May next succeeding.

The owner of any motor driven vehicle residing in or having a place of business within the city shall obtain a license for the privilege of operating the same. The application for the said license is to be made to the Clerk upon an application to be furnished by the said Clerk, which shall state the name of the applicant, his residence or place of business, giving the name and factory number of the motor vehicle a brief description showing the style of the machine, source of power and weight as computed by the provisions of the state law ~~now~~ now in force, or as may hereafter be amended or changed; and thereupon the payment of the license tax, The Treasurer shall issue a certificate of registration and license, giving the machine a suitable number, which shall distinguish it, and the number plate shall be firmly attached by the owner to either the rear or front of the machine.

The matter of transferring and duplicating lost license tags shall be the same as under the state law, except that the fee shall be one-half (1/2).

If the owner of any motor driven vehicle residing in or having a place of business within the city fails to obtain a license as above described, then the city Police Department shall conspicuously affix to such vehicle a notice in writing or a warning, on a form provided by the Municipal Clerk, for the owner to comply with this ordinance and purchase a license from the Municipal Clerk within ten (10) days. If said owner does not purchase a license within ten (10) days after official warning in writing is conspicuously affixed to said vehicle, then the city Police Department shall issue a warrant summoning the owner to Municipal Court, which said warrant shall be served on the owner pursuant to legal process of law, and the owner shall be fined not less than \$5.00 nor more than \$25.00.

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

Council instructed the city manager to have a list of 1968 real estate taxes made and also list of truck and car tags that have been sold. 4947

M.r Norton advised council that he had received a letter from the Virginia Municipal League advising that the amendment to partially tax-free bonds had already been passed through the House and he urged that the city complain strongly to 4948 Senator Byrd.

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

  
Clerk

  
Mayor