

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on January 19, 1965 at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor Holcomb presiding.

Present: J.C. Holcomb, J.B. Taggart, Archie Woods, V.O. Flanary, C.W. Bryant

Also Present: C.F. Jester, Jr., City Manager and R.T. Winston, Attorney.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

On motion by Archie Woods, seconded by V.O. Flanary and carried by unanimous vote permission was granted for the issuance of pool room license to James, Vaughn, T/A Palace Pool Room and to George & Frank Bolling, T/A The Sportsman. 2343

Mr. George Hunnicutt spoke to council briefly in behalf of the purchase of a piece of new equipment for the fire department. 2344

Victor Jones and "Red" Trinkle appeared before council as committee members from the fire department to again bring to council's attention the purchase of a piece of new equipment in order to keep the City of Norton in a Class B insurance Rating. After a lengthy discussion council instructed the City Manager to get in touch with the Southeastern Underwriter's Association and arrange a meeting with them, committee members of the fire department and the city council to get specific facts regarding the insurance rating classification. 2345

Mr. R.D. Kennedy, fire chief, appeared before council and asked permission for the fire department to have their annual carnival here in June. This matter was tabled until next council meeting. 2346

Mr. Leslie Mullins spoke to council regarding the resignation of Mr. J.B. Taggart as a member of the City of Norton Council. Mr. Mullins stated that he felt he expressed the opinion of many citizens of Norton as well as himself. 2347

Though a great loss to this community, we are pleased that the people with whom Mr. Taggart has worked with has recognized his talents and abilities and has appointed him to a higher position. In our opinion Mr. Taggart is a positive thinker; unselfish; has served the community ably for many, many years and is one of the finest men this community has ever had. Mr. Mullins also spoke of his services he has rendered in many capacities. He thanked Mr. Taggart for the fine job he has done for this community. Mr. Mullins also stated to council that as citizens we must continue to think positive if we are to progress.

Mr. Jester recommended to council that the request for a street light by Mr. Collins and Mr. Sergeant on Spring Avenue be granted.

On motion by Archie Woods, seconded by V.O. Flanary and carried by unanimous roll call vote the city manager was instructed to have the Old Dominion Power Company install a street light on Spring Avenue, S.W. 2348

On motion by Archie Woods, seconded by C.W. Bryant and carried by unanimous roll call vote the following ordinance adopting a revision and codification of the ordinances of the City of Norton, Virginia, providing for the repeal of ordinances not contained therein with certain exceptions, and for other purposes hereinafter set forth was passed on first reading. 2349

Be It Further Ordained that the water connection rates and sewer rates that are effective as of this date be incorporated into this Code and that the City Clerk be empowered to take such steps as necessary to incorporate them.

On motion by Archie Woods, seconded by J.B. Taggart and carried by unanimous roll call vote the following ordinance was passed:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Council of the City of Norton that the Virginia Department of Highways be requested to up-date the plans and specifications for improving Rt. 58A(Kentucky Avenue) and to schedule the project for construction in the spring of 1966. 2349

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE Virginia Department of Highways be requested to continue preparing plans for improving Rt. 74, to furnish the City a set of said plans in order that rights-of-way may be acquired within the near future and that the improvement to Rt. 74 be scheduled for construction during the spring of 1968.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE City of Norton agrees to pay its share of planning, constructing and inspecting the above projects.

Mr. Jester gave report on delinquent taxes for first 19 days of January - taxes \$37.70; penalty & interest \$28.21 or a total of \$65.91, bringing a total to \$11,269.23 for the year. 2350

Mr. Jester presented sewer report for period ending December 31, 1964. A lengthy discussion followed. 2351

Mr. Jester presented treasurer's report for month of December, 1964. 2352

On motion by J.B. Taggart, seconded by Archie Woods and carried by unanimous vote the treasurer's report for month ending December 31, 1964 was accepted as presented.

On motion by J.B. Taggart, seconded by V.O. Flanary and carried by unanimous roll call vote the following resolution regarding J.C. Holcomb's association with the Norton Insurance Agency was passed: 2353

Mr. J.B. Taggart resigned as a member of city Council, Vice Mayor, Board of Zoning Appeals, effective immediately. 2354


On motion by C.W. Bryant, seconded by Archie Woods and carried by unanimous vote the resignation of Mr. Taggart was accepted with regret.

Mr. Woods stated that Mr. Mullins had expressed the same views of council regarding Mr. Taggart. 2355

Mr. Taggart stated he had enjoyed working with the council, city manager and city clerks.

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


Clerk


Mayor