

January 21, 1964

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on January 21, 1964 at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor B.E. Ball presiding.

Present: B.E. Ball, A.O. Umstead, J.C. Holcomb, Archie Woods, J.B. Taggart

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

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. George Bolling appeared before council requesting permission for the renewal of pool room license for the Sportsman Pool Room. #2631  
On motion by J.C. Holcomb, seconded by Archie Woods and carried by unanimous roll call vote, permission was granted for the renewal of pool room license to George Bolling, T/A Sportsman Pool Room.

On motion by J.C. Holcomb, seconded by Archie Woods and carried by unanimous roll call vote, permission was granted for the renewal of pool room license to Palace Pool Room. #2632

On motion by J.C. Holcomb, seconded by Archie Woods and carried by unanimous roll call vote, permission was granted for the issuance of a taxicab license to Ralph Wilson. #2633

On motion by J.C. Holcomb, seconded by Archie Woods and carried by unanimous roll call vote, permission was granted for the issuance of an on-off premise beer license to Effie Lunsford, T/A 58 Grill. #2634

Mr. Hugh Cline, representing W.R. Hamner, appeared before council requesting that council waive the width of streets as prescribed in the subdivision ordinance. #2635

On motion by A.O. Umstead, seconded by J.B. Taggart and carried by the following votes, council moved to waive the width prescribed in the subdivision ordinance of 50' as pertains to Hammer Avenue, Berniece Street and Pat Street in the Hammer Sub-division. B.E. Ball, A.O. Umstead, Archie Woods, J.B. Taggart, voting YEA; J.C. Holcomb, voting Nay.

Mr. Jester reported to council that he had had no further information on the general liability insurance since the meeting they had had with the insurance representative last Friday, Jan. 17, 1964. #2636

Mr. Jester advised council that Mr. Strader and Mr. Weisman would be here Wednesday, Jan. 22, with the money for the bonds and to pick up the bonds. #2637

Mr. Jester advised council that he did not recommend a light on the corner of 4th and Virginia Avenue as per the request of Mrs. Absher at last council meeting. He stated that there was already a light near enough to serve this location. #2638

Mr. Jester recommended to council that a street light be installed on corner of 7th Street and Virginia Avenue near the telephone building. The council approved the recommendation. #2639

On motion by J.B. Taggart, seconded by J.C. Holcomb and carried #2640 by unanimous roll call vote the following resolution regarding request for review and approval of Planning documents was passed:

Whereas, City of Norton accepted an offer from the United States Government for an advance for preparation of planning documents pertaining to a public work described as sewer improvements; and

Whereas, Hayes, Seay, Mattern and Mattern was engaged to prepare the planning documents for the aforesaid public work, and said architect and/or engineer has completed documents and submitted them for approval; and

Whereas, the completed planning documents have been carefully studied and are considered to comprise adequate planning of the public work essential to the community and within the financial ability of the City of Norton.

Now, Therefore, be it resolved by City Council the governing body of said applicant, that the planning documents submitted by Hayes, Seay, Mattern and Mattern as the basis for construction of the sewer improvements dated February 2, 1964, and the statements in Form CFA-430, Request for Review and Approval of Planning Documents, in connection with Housing and Home Finance Agency Project No. P-Va-3060 be and the same are hereby approved; and that certified copies of this resolution be filed with the Housing and Home Finance Agency.

Mr. Jester reported on meeting of Legislative Committee of the Virginia Municipal League which he attended in Richmond on January 15th. #2641

On motion by Archie Woods, seconded by J.C. Holcomb and carried by the following votes, the following resolution was passed: by B.E. Ball, A.O. Umstead, J.C. Holcomb, Archie Woods, voting AYE; J.B. Taggart, not voting. #2642

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of Virginia is now considering the imposition of a titling tax on the retail value of motor vehicles; and

WHEREAS, in the opinion of this Council, such a proposed titling tax is in reality a sales tax and is a sales tax covering only one segment of retail trade; and

WHEREAS, a considerable portion of the retail business in the City of Norton consists of the retail sale of new and used motor vehicles, and, in the opinion of the Council, this tax would be discriminatory to that segment of retail trade.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Norton, that this Council go on record as strongly opposing the titling tax on retail value of motor vehicles now being considered by the General Assembly of Virginia. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Council go on record as approving a General sales tax if such is considered by the General Assembly provided such general sales tax has a provision which would return an equitable portion of the tax collected to the localities for local uses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that by means of this resolution that the Honorable M. M. Long, the Honorable Orby Cantrell and the Honorable Robert Orr be requested to oppose the titling tax on the retail value of motor vehicles and that copies of this Resolution be mailed by the Clerk of this City to Senator M. M. Long, to Honorable Orby Cantrell, and to Honorable Robert S. Orr and that a copy be also sent to Legislative Committee Virginia Municipal League.

On motion by Archie Woods, seconded by J.C. Holcomb and carried by the following votes, the following resolution was passed: B.E. Ball, A.O. Umstead, J.C. Holcomb, Archie Woods, voting AYE; J.B. Taggart, not voting. #2643

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of Virginia is now considering the imposition of a five percent tax to be levied on the receipts of hotels and motels; and WHEREAS, IN the opinion of this Council this is in reality a sales tax on a single segment of our economy; and

WHEREAS, such a tax is discriminatory and discriminates against a type of business which is located in the City of Norton.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Council of the City of Norton that this Council go on record as strongly opposing the five percent tax proposed to be levied on the receipts of hotel and motel accomodations and being the tax now being considered by the General Assembly of Virginia.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Council go on record as favoring a general sales tax if such is presented to the General Assembly provided that such general sales tax has a provision allowing an equitable portion of the tax receipts to be returned to localities for local uses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that by means of this Resolution that Senator M.M. Long, the Honorable Orby Cantrell and the Honorable Robert Orr be requested to oppose the imposition of a five percent tax on the receipts of hotel and motel accomodations as now being considered by the General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of this Council send a copy of this Resolution to Senator M. M. Long, Honorable Orby Cantrell, and Honorable Robert Orr.

On motion by Archie Woods, seconded by A.O. Umstead and carried by unanimous roll call vote, the following resolution was passed: #2644

Resolved by the Council of the City of Norton, that this Council go on record as strongly opposing Daylight Saving Time in this locality.

Be It Further Resolved that by means of this Resolution that Senator M.M. Long, the Honorable Orby Cantrell and the Honorable Robert Orr be requested to oppose Daylight Saving Time for this area, and that they be advised that this council is supporting the bill introduced by Delegate Cantrell, exempting this area from the State-wide Daylight Saving Program.

Mr. Jester gave a report of delinquent tax collections to January 21st: taxes \$332.60; penalty and interest 143.75; making a total collected for the year of \$17,687.10. #2645

Council delayed discussion of retirement plan for City employees until next regular council meeting. #2646

Mayor Ball presented council with an article "How High Can Taxes Go?"

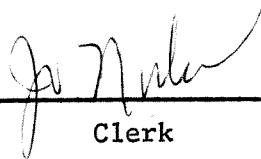
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On motion by J.B. Taggart, seconded by A.O. Umstead and carried by unanimous vote, council instructed the City Manager to advise the Norton Community Hospital to increase their monthly payment for delinquent taxes from \$200.00 to \$300.00 and for \$100.00 of the payment to apply on personal property taxes. #2648

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



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Mayor



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Clerk