

May 19, 1964

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on May 19, 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 & R.T. Winston, City Attorney

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Winston advised council that Mr. Hugh Cline, Attorney for Norton Community Hospital is preparing stipulations for presentation to the court for establishing the fact that Norton Community Hospital is a non-profit organization. Council instructed Mr. Winston, City Attorney, to present council with legal statement of stipulation before presenting to the Judge. #2740

Council inquired as to the status of the City's overall development plan. They requested the City Manager to check further on this matter and to progress as much as possible. #2741

Mr. Jester presented request of Lonnie E. Quillen for ^{refund} request of one-half year of his retail merchant's license. #2742
On motion by J.C. Holcomb, seconded by Archie Woods and carried by unanimous roll call vote, council moved that Lonnie E. Quillen be refunded a half year retail merchant's license in the amount of \$59.18 inasmuch as he was compelled to go out of business.

Mr. Ball advised council of the annual highway allocation meeting in Roanoke on May 28th. Council stated there was no objection to a delegation from Norton attending this meeting. #2743

On motion by Archie Woods, seconded by J.B. Taggart and carried by unanimous roll call vote, the following resolution was passed: #2744
THAT WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Highways has recently released its plans for an Arterial System of Highways affecting Southwest Virginia and more particularly the county of Wise and the City of Norton.

WHEREAS, the Norton City Council is wholeheartedly in support of the System of Arterial Highways planned by the Virginia Department of Highways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Norton City Council hereby approves and commends the Virginia Department of Highways for its planning of the Arterial System of Highways affecting our area, and we would urge the Department of Highways that construction begin just as quickly as possible on Routes 58A and 23 throughout Southwest Virginia.

The Council also wishes to thank the Virginia Department of Highways for its interest in a proposed reconstruction of Highway 74 which is wholly within the City of Norton and urges that this project be accelerated in all possible manner.

s/ B.E. Ball
Mayor

s/ Jo Nosler

Clerk of Council

Mayor Ball advised Council of Area Development Conference to be held #2745
Thursday, May 21st, at University of Tennessee in Knoxville. He advised
Council that he and Carson Hibbitts as members of the Lee-Norton-Scott,
Wise Redevelopment Authority plan to attend.

Mr. Ball advised Council of letter he had received from Mr. Baumes, #2746
Executive Secretary of the Virginia Municipal League, advising him of a
briefing session to be held on the proposed Appalachian Regional Development
in Washington in the near future. Mr. Baumes suggested Mr. Ball attend this
meeting as a representative of the City of Norton.
On motion by J.B. Taggart, seconded by A.O. Umstead, and carried by unanimous
roll call vote, Council moved that Mr. Ball attend this meeting.

Council discussed Urban Renewal Program after which they requested. #2747
the City Manager to begin work on this program and to report progress to
Council at least once a month.

Mr. Jester advised council of the bids received this date on police car. #2748

Witt Motor Company	\$1392.59
Norton Motor Inn	1497.00
Greever Motor Sales	1854.10

He stated the City was trading their '62 Plymouth in on this car.
On motion by J.B. Taggart, seconded by J.C. Holcomb and carried by unanimous
vote, council moved that the City Manager go ahead with the purchase of
this vehicle, said cost to be reflected in the 1964-1965 budget.

Mr. Jester advised Council that he had received a letter from the #2749
parking meter company advising of a 10% raise in price of meters,
effective June 15, 1964.

Mr. Jester gave a report of delinquent tax collections up through #2750
May 18th. Taxes \$121.91; penalty & interest \$64.51, making a total
collected to date of \$21,240.24.

Mr. Jester presented the Treasurer's Report for the month of April, 1964. #2751
After a brief discussion council moved that the report be accepted as
presented.

Mr. Jester presented his tentative budget for the ensuing year 1964-65. #2752
Council agreed to meet in special session Tuesday, May 26th at 7:30 P.M.
to discuss in detail the proposed budget.

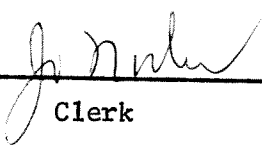
Mr. George Hunnicutt appeared before council requesting that a reduction #2753
in sewer rate charge for bottling companies be made.
On motion by J.B. Taggart, seconded by J.C. Holcomb and carried by the
following votes, the following resolution was passed:
J.B. Taggart, J.C. Holcomb, B.E. Ball, voting YEA; Archie Woods, A.O. Umstead, NAY
Resolved that the sewage charge to bottling plants to be reduced from 20%
of the water bill to 15% of the water bill, to be effective at the next
billing date.

Council discussed the status of Route 74. Council advised the City Manager to go ahead with the surfacing of Route 74 as planned since the highway department has advised they would be unable to begin construction before 1967. They also advised the City Manager and City Attorney to begin negotiations for rights of way with the Fleming Land Company and Interstate Railroad Company.

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



Mayor



Clerk