

April 16, 1963

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on April 16, 1963 at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor B.E. Ball presiding.

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

Absent: J.B. Taggart

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mrs. Thelma Phipps, Mrs. V.J. Strength, Mrs. Macy Dickenson, Mrs. Fields, #2385 Mr. Curtis Witt, Mr. Ralph Rasnick appeared before council in regard to parking on Craig Street, opening of alley in rear of Craig Street, dust elimination and drainage problem. After a lengthy discussion, this matter was referred to the City Manager to see what could be worked out on this matter.

A group of citizens from the Liberty Avenue Section of Ramsey with Mrs. #2386 Orender as spokesman appeared before council regarding the condition of Liberty Avenue and requested that this street be hard surfaced. Mrs. Laney also requested gravel in front of her store in order that the people might get in and out. This matter was referred to the City Manager.

The above group of citizens requested that two street lights be installed #2387 in the Liberty Avenue section. The City Manager was instructed to look into this matter to determine location of street lights and report back to council.

Mrs. Carrie Massey appeared before council requesting a beer license for #2388 East End Cafe.

On motion by J.C. Holcomb, seconded by A.O. Umstead and carried by unanimous vote, council granted permission for the issuance of an on-off premise beer license to Carrie Massey, T/A East End Cafe located on East Park Avenue.

Mr. Walter Breeden appeared before council and requested permission for #2389 the issuance of an on-off premise beer license for the Norton Restaurant.

On motion by J.C. Holcomb, seconded by A.O. Umstead and carried by unanimous vote, council granted permission for the issuance of an on-off premise beer license to Walter Breeden, T/A Norton Restaurant, Park Avenue.

On motion by Archie Woods, seconded by J.C. Holcomb and carried by #2390 unanimous roll call vote, the following dog ordinance was passed on second reading:

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

(1) It shall be unlawful for any person to keep within the City any dog for which a license has not been secured as provided by the laws of this State. Any person violating the provisions of this Section shall be fined not less than \$2.50 nor more than \$25.00.

(2) No license shall be issued by the City Treasurer, or his agent, for any dog unless there is presented to the City Treasurer, or his agent, at the time application for such license is made evidence satisfactory to him or his agent that such dog has been properly vaccinated within one year by a killed virus vaccine or within thirty-six months with a live virus vaccine previous to the day the license is to be issued.

(3) There is hereby established a dog pound for the City of Norton of a type to be approved by the County or City Health Department. The location, establishment and maintenance of the dog pound shall be under the supervision

of the City Manager. Unlicensed and stray dogs shall be kept at the dog pound for a period of five days. If at the end of the five days any such dog is not claimed and licensed, then the dog may be killed or otherwise disposed of by the Game Warden of Wise County or the City of Norton.

(4) It shall be the duty of the police and such other fperson as may be designated by the City Manager to capture and imprison in the City pound all stray dogs found in the City of Norton, which do not have collars and license tags as required by this ordinance. Any such dog so captured and impounded may be released to its owner upon the owner's proof of ownership and cost of impounding the dog at the rate of \$1.00 per day, upon the securing of a proper license and the payment of any fine assessed under the provisions of this ordinance. If at the end of five days any such dog is not claimed and released, then the dog may be killed or otherwise disposed of.

(5) Any person owning or having in his possession or under his control in the City a dog suspected of being vicious or a dog suspected of constituting a nuisance shall be summoned before the Police Justice Court of the City to show cause why such dog should not be confined, killed, removed or the nuisance otherwise abated. Upon proof that such dog is vicious or that such dog constitutes a public nuisance, the dog shall, by order of the Police Justice of the City of Norton, either be confined, killed, removed or the nuisance otherwise abated as such Police Justice shall order. Any person failing to comply with such order shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

On motion by J.C. Holcomb, seconded by Archie Woods and carried #2391 by unanimous roll call vote, council authorized the City Manager to have a street light installed on The Terrace at corner of Bob Graham residence.

On motion by A.O. Umstead, seconded by J.C. Holcomb and carried #2392 by unanimous roll call vote, council moved that 13.95 acres east of Benges Branch located at the intersection of Laurel Avenue and 12th Street, S.W. be rezoned from residential to light industrial zone in compliance with recommendation of the Norton Planning Commission.

Mr. Kanto advised council that he was of the opinion that a portion #2393 of the property to be used for the industrial site was land owned by the City. This matter was referred to the City Attorney for investigation.

Council instructed Mr. Winston, City Attorney, to draw up a #2394 resolution to join the towns of Coeburn and Wise in investigation of water shed and flood control of Guest River and its tributaries.

Mr. Kanto presented the City of Norton School Budget for the #2395 ensuing year 1963-64.

On motion by Archie Woods, seconded by J.C. Holcomb and carried by unanimous roll call vote, council moved the adoption of the school budget for the ensuing year 1963-64 as presented.

On motion by J.C. Holcomb, seconded by Archie Woods and carried #2396 by unanimous roll call vote, council moved that the Southwest Distributing Company, Inc. be refunded three-quarters of license, said amount to be \$705.38.

Mr. Jester presented the Treasurer's Report for the month of #2397 March, 1963.

Mr. Jester presented proposed budget for the ensuing year 1963-64.
A brief discussion was held.

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There being no further business before the council same adjourned.



Mayor



Clerk