

June 20, 1961

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on June 20, 1961 at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor B.E. Ball presiding.

Present: B.E. Ball, A. O. Umstead, W.R. Hamner, J.C. Holcomb, F.J. Horsman

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Carl McAfee appeared before council to make inquiry of the status of the Norton Coal Company building permit. He was advised by council that a hearing had been set before the Board of Zoning Appeals for July 3rd. #192

On motion by W. R. Hamner, seconded by J. C. Holcomb and carried by unanimous vote, C. W. Bryant was appointed to fill the vacancy on the Board of Zoning Appeals left by C. C. Clark, Sr. #192

On motion by A. O. Umstead, seconded by J. C. Holcomb and carried by unanimous vote, the following members of the Board of Zoning Appeals were reappointed for a term of three years: W. H. Witt, Sr., J. B. Taggart, Jack Helms. #192

On motion by Frank Horsman, seconded by J. C. Holcomb and carried by unanimous vote, Noble Shell, Sr. was appointed as a member of the Board of Zoning Appeals to replace C. L. Porter. #192

Mr. Noble Shell, Sr. appeared before council to inquire as to the reason the City policemen followed him home. Council advised Mr. Shell to refer this matter to the Chief of Police. #192

Mr. Ball gave a report on the donation of land to the State Police. #1929

On motion by Frank Horsman, seconded by A. O. Umstead and carried by unanimous roll call vote, council instructed Mr. Ball to write a letter to the Town of Wise advising them that the City would be unable to furnish them water at this time. #1930

W. H. Quarterman appeared before council to request permission from council to purchase a truck to mount a generator which they had recently purchased and also to inquire why the City could not get the Civilian Defense Fire truck. Mr. Ball advised Mr. Quarterman that the fire truck had been given to West Virginia. He advised Quarterman that a letter would be written asking that our name be placed at the head of the list. No answer was given on the purchase of a truck. #1931

Mr. Ball gave a brief report on City Dog Ordinances. #1932

On motion by J. C. Holcomb, seconded by A. O. Umstead, council moved that a pump, pipes and valves be installed on Henry Street provided the people to benefit from this pump pay \$100 each for said installation. Those voting Aye - W. R. Hamner, J. C. Holcomb, B. E. Ball, A. O. Umstead. Frank Horsman - not voting. #1933

Mr. Ball reported on the settlement of the road on East Park Avenue. Council decided to leave the matter until the new city manager arrives. #1934

On motion by W. R. Hamner, seconded by J. C. Holcomb and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Mr. Carl Franklin Jester, Jr. was appointed City Manager of the City of Norton. #1935

On motion by W. R. Hamner, seconded by Frank Horsman and carried by unanimous vote, council moved that the street in the Housing Development be named Flanary Avenue. #1936

Mr. Ball presented to council a City Directory for the Town of Wytheville and asked the councilmen if they would like to discuss such a directory for the City of Norton. After a brief discussion the matter was tabled. #1937

On motion by A. O. Umstead, seconded by Frank Horsman and carried by unanimous roll call vote, council moved that the City Offices be closed on Saturdays starting July 1st and that proper notices be placed on the City Office Door. #1938

On motion by A. O. Umstead, seconded by Frank Horsman, council moved that B. E. Ball and W. R. Hamner be authorized to attend a Fire School at Christiansburg, Virginia, June 23rd and 24th with reasonable expenses to be borne by the City. Those voting Aye - J. C. Holcomb, A. O. Umstead, Frank Horsman; Hamner and Ball not voting. #1939

On motion by J. C. Holcomb, seconded by W. R. Hamner and carried by unanimous roll call vote, J. J. Stupm, Sr. was reappointed as a member of City of Norton School Board for a term of three years, beginning July 1, 1961. #1940

On motion by J. C. Holcomb, seconded by W. R. Hamner and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Monroe Thrower was appointed to do a complete audit of the City's and Norton City School Board's books and records provided the report can be made within sixty days from July 1st. #1941

The Mayor presented a request for a street light on Murphy Street. #1942

On motion by W. R. Hamner, seconded by J. C. Holcomb, council moved that a street light be installed on Murphy Street to service the new residences. Those voting Aye - B.E. Ball, W.R. Hamner, J.C. Holcomb, Frank Horsman; A.O. Umstead - not voting.

The Mayor presented contracts for the welfare for hospitalization for medically indigent persons. #1943

On motion by A. O. Umstead, seconded by W.R. Hamner and carried by unanimous roll call vote, the Mayor was authorized to sign these hospital contracts in order for them to go into effect July 1, 1961.

Mr. Ball advised council of the letters he had recently received from the State Water Control Board. #1944

The Mayor announced that we would now have a public hearing on the 1961-62 budget. After a lengthy discussion and upon motion by A.O. Umstead, seconded by W. R. Hamner and carried by unanimous roll call vote, the budget for the ensuing year was adopted. #1945

On motion by A. O. Umstead, seconded by J. C. Holcomb and carried by unanimous roll call vote, the Mayor was authorized to borrow at the First National Bank of Norton a maximum sum of \$70,000.00 as required by the City, and this sum to be paid back between now and December 5th. #1946

There being no further business before the council same adjourned at 11:00 P.M.

Mayor

Clerk