

October 1, 1953

The regular meeting of the town council was held in the Municipal Building on the above date at 7: 30 P. M. with Mayor B. E. Ball presiding.

All members of council were present and answered to roll call except Fred H. King.

Minutes of previous meetings were read and approved.

The Mayor announced that this was the time for the discussion of the question of Norton becoming a city of Second Class after which a motion prevailed that this meeting be adjourned to meet again on Wednesday Night, October 7th at 7:30 P. M. to consider the question when all councilmen could be present. The Mayor also stated that if there were any persons present who would like to speak on the subject at this meeting they could do so. Mr. C. I. Fuller and Mr. J. B. Taggart spoke briefly on the subject. #206

Mr. P. T. Atkins, Chairman of the Parking Lot committee gave a report on the parking lot, presenting the proposed lease of the Norfolk & Western Railroad Co., after which the following resolution was introduced and duly passed: #207

Be It Resolved that the town accept the lease presented for the Norfolk & Western Railroad for Lot #9 on Park Avenue to be used as a parking lot as set forth in said lease agreement and that the Mayor and Clerk of the Town be authorized to execute said lease agreement and that the treasurer of the Town be directed to send the check for \$300.00 to the Norfolk & Western Railroad covering the first years rental for the lot. It is understood and agreed with P. T. Atkins, Chairman of the Norton Parking lot Committee as specified his said committee will raise sufficient funds to pay for preparing said lot in a suitable manner to be used as a public parking lot. That the funds raised by his committee by subscription from citizens of the town shall be handled by the officials of the town and setup under a separate account as the Town of Norton Parking Lot with the understanding that all revenues derived from said lot shall go into the same fund and that if and when the revenues from said lot are sufficient disbursements will be made promptly to those who have subscribed to the fund until their subscriptions have been repaid after which time the special fund shall be discontinued and all revenues come to the general fund of the Town.

It is moved, seconded and passed that the Town Manager be directed to notify the Virginia Department of Highways that the Town of Norton concurs in the acceptance of the bid of D. F. Blankenship for the construction of the 11th Street overpass in the amount of \$342,241.10 plus 10% for engineering and contingency. #208

By a motion made and duly seconded the following ordinance regarding television antennae was passed on second reading.

#209

20-1 BE IT ORDAINED that/it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to erect or maintain any poles, wires, or cables over or on any street or sidewalk in the Town of Norton without first obtaining a written permit from the Town Manager for so erecting and maintaining the same.

20-2 Any person, firm or corporation maintaining any pole or poles, wires, cables or devices for the transmission of television reception for the sale of television reception, or charging a fee for attachment to television reception, transmission, wires, or cables, or a fee for the use of transmission, wires, cables or devices, directly or indirectly, which wires, cables, poles, or any part thereof, occupies or project above the streets and sidewalks of the Town, shall pay an annual license fee therefor of \$1.00 for each television set receiving transmission over such wires, cables or devices with a minimum license fee of \$10.00 per annum. Any person, firm or corporation maintaining such poles, wires, cables or devices for the transmission of television reception in the Town of Norton shall secure and deposit with the Town Manager of said Town a public liability insurance policy in some reputable insurance company licensed to do business in Virginia in a sum of not less than \$59,000.00, conditioned to pay such costs and damages as might be sustained by any person on account of the installation and maintenance of such poles, wires, cables or devices for the transmission of television reception.

20-3 The location and construction and installation of all wires, cables and the placement of all poles, shall conform to the rules and requirements of the National Board of Fire Underwriters and the approval of the Town Manager.

20-4 The Town Manager shall have all poles, wires, cables and devices inspected at least once a year and shall pass on the public safety of the same, and is hereby authorized to order any wire, cable or device or pole removed, or put in proper condition at any time, or to remove any pole, wire, cable or device which becomes a danger to public safety or fails to meet with the requirements of the National Board of Fire Underwriters. The placement and location of all poles, wires, cables and devices, must be approved by the Town Manager and it shall be unlawful to attach any wire, cable, or device to the pole or poles of any public utility company without first obtaining the written consent of such public utility company.

20-5 If the owner of any pole, cable or device fails to obtain a permit or discontinues business, such poles, wires, cables or devices shall be taken down at the expense of the owner within thirty days after such discontinuance of business, or failure to obtain a written permit.

20-6 Any person violating any provision of this ordinance shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$5.00 and not more than \$25.00, and each day's violation thereof shall constitute a separate offense.

An emergency existing this ordinance shall be in effect from its passage.

By a motion made and duly seconded the following ordinance regarding installation of television wires was passed as an emergency ordinance effective from the date of its passage. #210

BE IT ORDAINED that<sup>20-7</sup> all television antennae or masts and their appurtenances now erected or hereafter erected in the Town of Norton shall comply with the following regulations and the rules and regulations of Article 810 of the National Electric Code.

<sup>20-8</sup> That before erecting any television antennae or masts or their appurtenances, application shall be made to the Town Electrician or to the Town Manager of the Town of Norton for a permit therefor. Said application shall set forth detailed information regarding the location, type of antennae, materials to be used, all of which shall conform to the provisions of this ordinance. Said application shall be accompanied by a fee of \$1.00 payable to the Town of Norton. When the application shows that the proposed work and equipment conform with these regulations, the Town Officials shall issue a permit therefor; but where the application fails to show conformity to the provisions hereof, a permit shall be denied. It shall be unlawful for any person to maintain or use or to have on his premises a television antennae or masts or appurtenances without obtaining a permit from the Town Officials. That it shall be unlawful for any person to maintain or use or to have on his premises a television antennae or masts or appurtenances thereto unless the same shall conform to these regulations as set forth herein. When and where any television antennae or masts or appurtenance thereto shall be found to be in violation of these regulations the owner of such equipment shall be served notice and given thirty (30) days to correct the conditions of such equipment to conform to these regulations or to remove the equipment from the premises.

#### REGULATIONS

(a) That no antennae or masts shall be located where it will be in danger of falling on the electrical distribution lines unless separate guy wires are attached to the cross-arm of the antennae and is sufficiently anchored as per section "c".

(b) The antennae or masts shall have at least four (4) guy wires of no. ten (10) or larger gauge galvanized solid wire or stranded wire.

(c) All guy wires shall be anchored securely. If the anchors are fastened to the wood structure of the building screw-type eye-bolts at least three-eighths inch (3/8") diameter shall be embedded into solid wood at least three (3") inches deep. All guy wires extended to the ground shall be fastened to one and one-fourth inch (1 1/4") iron pipe driven at least four feet six inches (4' 6") into firm soil or clay. All guy wires attached to masonry wall shall have a plate of iron three-eighths inch (3/8") thickness and with an area of at least one (1) square foot to which shall be attached a one-half inch (1/2") eye bolt in the center of the plate, said bolt shall be fastened securely to the masonry by means of at least three (3) three-eighths inch (3/8") expansion bolts embedded at (4) four inches into the masonry. Nails for fasteners or anchorage are prohibited. Guy wires shall be secured to anchors by served connections and clamps or served wrapped ends with clamps.

(d) All antennae or masts shall be grounded by not less than no. six (6) gauge copper wire clamped to ground rod driven eight (8') feet into earth, or grounded to cold water piping of the building wherever the contract

is made within eight (8') feet of vertical line of antennae or masts. If the conditions of the earth are such that no moisture is obtained at eight (8') feet depth; then a hole shall be drilled or dug at least four feet (4') and after placing the grounding rod therein the hole shall be filled with wet charcoal. All grounding conductors shall be run in as straight a line as practicable from the equipment to the grounding electrode or rod. Lightning arrestors or lead-ins are not to be considered the grounding of the antennae or masts.

(e) Whenever lead-in conductors of polyethylene ribbontype are used, lightning arrestors shall be used on each lead-in conductor. Lightning arrestors shall be grounded similar to requirement of antennae or masts.

(f) No antennaea or masts shall be fastened to a chimney unless the antennae or masts has sufficient guy wires. Any fastening to a chimney or flue will be accepted only as a stabilizer for the base of the antennae or masts and not as a brace. Any anchorage to a chimney or flue shall be made by a steel band of sixteen (16) gauge metal one (1) inch wide or any manufactured approved chimney clamp. The ends of such band shall be fastened by means of clamps or rivets. There shall be at least one hundred fifty (150) pounds of masonry above the clamp figured on a basis of six (6) pounds per brick in place.

(g) No anchorage for guy wires shall be made to a cornice or projection of any building but shall be made substantial framing of the building.

(h) No guy wires shall be permitted to be fastened to any adjoining building without written consent of the owner or agent and occupant of the adjoining building. No guy wire shall be permitted to be placed in the path of regular travel or to form a hazard for anyone.

2029 It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to erect or maintain any television mast or aerial without obtaining a permit. The Town Manager is authorized to remove at the expense of the owner any television mast or aerial maintained or erected without a permit. Violations of the provisions of this ordinance shall be punishable by a fine of not less than \$5.00 and not more than \$25.00 and each day's violation thereof shall constitute a separate offense.

By a motion made and duly seconded the following ordinance regarding dis- #211  
carding of refrigerators or iceboxes was passed as an emergency ordinance effect-  
ing from the date of its passage.

BE IT ORDAINED that any person, firm or corporation in the Town of Norton discarding a refrigerator or icbox shall remove the doors therefrom.

Violations of this ordinance shall be punishable by a fine of not less than \$25.00 and not more than \$100.00.

An emergency existing this ordinance shall be in effect from its passage.

By a motion made and duly seconded and passed on roll call vote the Town #212  
Manager was authorized to purchase a four way traffic light to be installed  
at Park Avenue and Eighth Street.

There being no further business before the council same adjourned to meet  
again on October 7th at 7:30 P. M.

  
Clerk

  
Mayor