

November 5, 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 the council were present and answered to roll call.

Minutes of the previous meetings were read and approved.

Mr. Mack Massey appeared before council and asked permission to use three #218 spaces in new parking lot for a taxi stand. Permission refused.

Mr. P. T. Atkins, Chairman of the Norton Parking Lot Committee presented #219 a report and recommendations to council after which a motion prevailed that the report and recommendations be accepted with the exception of the one change in No. 3 recommendation to read 25 and that the committee be authorized to proceed along the lines as outlined in the report.

Mr. Ball announced that Mr. R. T. Flanary had resigned as member of the #220 Board of Zoning Appeals after which a motion prevailed that the Mayor be authorized to appoint someone to fill the vacancy of Mr. Flanary as member of the Board of Zoning Appeals.

By a motion made and duly seconded the resolution regarding transition #221 from town to city of Second Class was adopted on roll call vote.

On motion duly made and seconded the ordinance imposing license taxes #222 for the year beginning January, 1954 and ending December 31, 1954 and also for each and every year thereafter beginning January 1st of each such year and ending December 31, following until otherwise changed was passed on first reading.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and passed it was ordered that the council #223 hold an adjourned meeting on the 12th of November at 7:30 P. M. for the purpose of reading the license tax ordinance and that a public hearing be advertised for the December 3rd meeting.

On motion duly made and seconded the revised budget as prepared was adopted #224 in place of the budget adopted in June, 1953 with the following provisions to wit:

- (1) to eliminate the insurance fund until such time that a substantial amount can be placed in return.
- (2) set up one debt fund for water, general and school funds and to eliminate all sinking funds that pertain to those various funds at present.

On roll call vote, all voted YEA.

By a motion made and duly seconded the following resolution regarding #225 study of water shortage situation was passed after which the following committee was appointed: F. B. Greear, W. R. Hamner, Ross F. Walker, Bill Ward, W. P. Kanto, C. W. Bryant and J. B. Taggart.

Mr. Walker read the resolution passed by Big Stone Gap Council refusing #226 water to the Town of Norton.

By a motion made and duly seconded the Town Manager was authorized to #227 purchase a duplicating machine at a cost of approximately \$800.

By a motion made and duly seconded the Town Manager was authorized to proceed with study of sewage disposal plant to the extent of the amount which is incorporated in the budget. The Town Manager was also authorized to collaborate with the authorities of the Town of Wise in connection with conjunction of joint facilities. On roll call voted all voted YEA.

#228

There being no further business before the council same adjourned.

Resolution in reference to #225

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Inasmuch as the Town of Norton has for the past few years experienced severe water shortages during a few months of each year, thereby causing inconveniences to users and an additional cost of operation of the water department.

Now, be it hereby resolved that the Town make the necessary arrangement to alleviate this situation.

It is further resolved that, in order to ascertain actual needs for additional water supply, the source of such additional supply and location of impounding dams or other facility, as well as methods of financing same, the Mayor is hereby authorized to appoint a committee, to be known as the Water Study Committee. This committee to consist of three members from the Town official body; namely, the Town Manager, the Town Attorney and one member of the Town Council, and four members from the citizenry of the town at large.

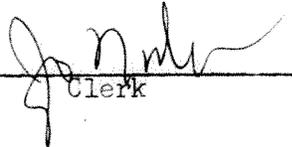
Be it further resolved that, this committee is hereby authorized to take into consideration any existing plans for water reservoirs or other proposed facilities in the presently owned water shed, also, to seek out other locations by inspections and by whatever engineering advise it may deem expedient to ascertain approximate costs of needed facilities as well as a method of financing any plan to be recommended to the Town Council.

Be it further resolved that the committee be instructed to make its first report to the Council January 7th and a final report by February 4, 1954.

The Town Manager is instructed to call the first meeting of this committee reasonably soon at which time it will organize and elect a chairman.



Mayor



Clerk