

December 3, 1953

The regular meeting of the Town Council was held in the Municipal Building on the above date with Mayor B. E. Ball presiding.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Winston, representing Mr. Greear, appeared before council stating that #232 our ordinance on Public Drunkenness was not consistent with State Law. He submitted an amended ordinance to prevent Section 192 of the Town Code becoming invalid upon expected court decision.

Upon motion by Fred H. King, seconded by Sol Cury the following resolution amendment to Section 192 was carried unanimously on first reading.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of Norton, Virginia, that Section 192 of the Norton Code be amended and reordained so as to read as follows:

192. Public Drunkenness - Any person who shall be found drunk upon the streets or in any public place or resort in the Town, shall be arrested and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not less than one dollar nor more than ten dollars.

The proposed license tax code was read to the public limiting the reading #233 to titles only. Questions were presented by Courtland Clark with reference to Section 76 and by Frank Horsman with reference to Section 141. These sections were amended to read as follows:

Section 76: Should this business be conducted in conjunction with and at the same location with another only one minimum shall be required.

Section 141: Each funeral home doing business in this town shall pay a license tax the same as retail merchants based upon the gross receipts from sales and services.

The parking lot report was submitted by P. T. Atkins, chairman of the #234 Parking Lot committee, and after some discussion was accepted by council.

A discussion of the authority granted the Town Attorney to negotiate #235 for rights of way on the 11th Street overpass was held but referred to a later meeting.

The Town Manager brought to Council's attention the various surveys that have been made on a proposed Route 23 from Norton West. He recommended that some attempt be made to establish the location through the Department of Highways.

The Town Manager brought to Council's attention that Mr. Kavanaugh of #236 Southern Ice Company requested some settlement for the use of the well on 12th Street for 1952 and 1953. A figure of \$85.00 was supposed to have been agreed upon by R. K. McCord and Mr. Mullins. Upon motion by A. O. Umstead, seconded by W. R. Hamner the Town Manager was authorized to reach a settlement with the Southern Ice Company for the use of the well on 12th Street for the year 1952 and 1953.

The roll call vote was as follows:

F. H. King, Yes
W. R. Hamner, Yes
A. O. Umstead, Yes
Sol Cury, Yes
B. E. Ball, No

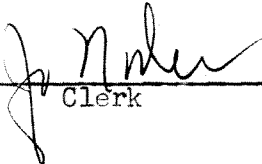
The Town Manager presented a letter from Charles. McElroy, Architect, stating that no signs had been designed for the Municipal Building. Upon a motion #237 by Fred King, seconded by W. R. Hamner the Town Manager was authorized to have appropriate signs made for the Municipal Building. On roll call, all voted AYE

The Town Manager announced the appointment of J. C. Brown and U. N. Goodman as patrolmen to the police force. #238

A letter of appreciation was directed to be sent to Mr. Tatum, Resident Engineer of Wise County for his cooperation in the construction of the Parking Lot. #239

Upon motion by Sol Cury and seconded by W. R. Hamner the Town Manager was authorized to have four lights erected on the Parking Lot and one light on 12th Street at the Interstate Railroad crossing. On roll call vote, all voted AYE. #240

There being no further business before the council same adjourned.


Clerk


Mayor