

January 26, 1954

Minutes of a called meeting of the City Council held in the Law Building at 7:45 P. M., January 26, 1954.

All councilmen were present and F. B. Greear, Attorney, and R. F. Walker, City Manager.

The meeting was called to order and a new city charter was read and discussed. #260

Upon a motion made and duly seconded the following resolution was passed unanimously: (Charter Resolution)

At a special meeting of the Town Council of the City of Norton, Virginia, held on Tuesday, January 26, 1954, the following resolution was introduced:

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, by an order duly entered by the Circuit Court for Wise County, Virginia, the Town of Norton was changed to a City of the Second Class as provided by law, and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Norton desires that a new charter be enacted for the City of Norton by the General Assembly of Virginia, and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia, requests and petitions their duly elected representatives in the State Legislature, to-wit, State Senator M. M. Long and Delegates T. M. Bates and Orby Cantrell, that they introduce in the General Assembly of Virginia now in session a bill which would provide a new charter for the City of Norton as set forth in a proposed draft of said charter which is attached hereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting, and attested copies of same be delivered or sent to State Senator M. M. Long, Delegate T. M. Bates and Delegate Orby Cantrell.

Those voting "AYE": B. E. Ball, Mayor
Fred H. King
A. O. Umstead
Sol Cury
W. R. Hamner

Those voting "NAY": None

The Mayor declared the resolution duly passes and adopted.

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Norton at a special meeting held of said Council on January 26, 1954.

signed/  B. E. Ball

MAYOR

ATTEST:
signed/ Jo Nosler
CLERK

All members being present and upon their approval the following business #261 was carried on.

Upon a motion by Fred H. King, seconded by Sol Cury the application for the transfer of an ABC license by Bertha Thompson was approved unanimously.

Upon a motion by Fred H. King seconded by Sol Cury the application for an A. B. C. License by Mack Massey was approved unanimously with the provision that this license did not exceed the number allowed by the code. #262

The following amendment to the License Tax Code was introduced by Sol Cury. #263

No. 56. Contractors, Builders, Etc.

Any person, firm or corporation accepting orders or contracts for doing work on or in any building or structure requiring the use of paint, stone, brick, mortar, wood, cement, structural iron or steel, sheet iron, galvanized iron, metallic piping, tin, lead, electric wiring or other metal or wall paper or any other building material; or who shall accept orders or contracts to do any scraping or sanding of floors by means of machinery designed for such purposes; or who shall accept orders or contracts to do any paving or curbing on sidewalks on streets public or private property, using asphalt, brick, stone, cement wood or any composition; or shall accept an order for or contract to excavate earth, rock or other material for foundations or any other purpose, or who shall accept an order or contract to construct any sewer or drain of stone, brick, terra cotta or any other material; or who shall accept orders or contracts to exterminate vermin, termites or other insects by poison, fumigation; or otherwise; shall be deemed a contractor.

Any person firm or corporation being a contractor as hereinabove defined, and who is engaged in, or offers to engage in, shall pay a license tax of as follows:

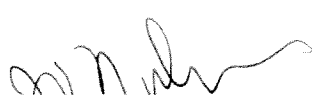
If his gross orders or contracts are less than \$25,000	\$ 25.00
Over \$25,000 but not more than \$50,000	50.00
Over \$50,000 but not more than \$75,000	75.00
Over \$75,000 but not more than \$100,000	100.00
Over \$100,000 but not more than \$150,000	150.00
Over \$150,000	200.00

The license tax of every such contractor beginning business shall be measured in accordance with the foregoing scale by the gross amount of all orders or contracts which he had accepted before applying for the license, plus the gross amount of all orders or contracts which he estimates he will accept between the date of the issuance of his license and the 31st day of December following.

Any person who shall make a business of erecting or contracting houses for the purpose of selling or renting the same, and shall not employ therefor a contractor or person who shall act as superintendent who has paid the license tax required by law, shall pay a license tax as above provided for. No license required under this section shall be transferable or prorated.

If a bond is required no permit shall be issued until the same has been given as required by law or ordinance.

There being no further business before the Council same adjourned.



Mayor