

May 20, 1954

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

All members of council were present and answered to roll call.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Courtland Clark appeared in behalf of the Junio Chamber of Commerce requesting permission to have a street dance on 7th Street between Federal and Park Avenues in the event such an activity could be arranged. #361

On Motion by W. R. Hamner, seconded by Fred H. King, the Jr. Chamber of Commerce was authorized to hold a street dance on 7th Street, subject to previous arrangements with the City Manager.

The City Manager presented a letter from the Virginia Forestry Service showing the results of the timber survey of the city's water shed. He stated they would cruise and mark the timber for 60¢ per thousand board feet in accordance with their standard contract. #362

On Motion by Sol Cury, seconded by A. O. Umstead and carried unanimously, the City Manager was authorized to negotiate a contract with the Virginia Forestry Service for the marking of the timber on the city's water shed.

On motion by Sol Cury, seconded by Fred King, the City Manager was authorized to spend \$56.00 in support of the League action intervening on the proposed C. & P. Telephone Company rate increase. All Members present voted Yea, except W. R. Hamner, Not voting. #363

The City Manager presented a letter from W. F. Smith, Urban Engineer, Dept. of Highways, suggesting that the city have a federal census made to make them eligible for federal urban aid funds. After a brief discussion the matter was tabled pending further investigation. #364

The City Manager presented a letter from John Lacy requesting that he be permitted to operate a sawmill in Rimmer Hollow. No action was taken on this matter until a petition could be circulated to determine whether or not any of the residents would object to the installation of a sawmill. #365

The proposed budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1955 was reviewed and discussed for the benefit of the visitors who were present for that purpose. Upon a motion by Sol Cury, seconded by A. O. Umstead and carried unanimously, the following ordinance making appropriations of sums of money for all necessary expenditures of the City of Norton, Virginia, for the fiscal year #366

ending June 30, 1955; to prescribe the privisos, terms, conditions and provisions with respect to the items of appropriations and their payment; and to repeal all ordinances wholly in conflict with this ordinance and all ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance to the extent of such inconsistency.

C. W. Bryant appeared requesting that a survey be made to determine the usefulness of the traffic light at the intersection of 8th and Park Avenue. The City Manager explained that negotiations were under way to procur entrances for the parking lot off of the Norfolk & Western owned portion of 8th Street and that a light would be necessary to control traffic entering and leaving that section of 8th Street. #367

A proposed lease by the N. & W. Railroad Company for that portion of land west of the abandoned passenger station was presented by the City Manager for consideration. The matter was tabled pending further study. #368

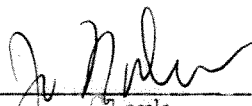
The City Manager reviewed the status of the Welfare Department explaining that a Welfare Board would be necessary during the month of June and that the office need not be in operation until around the first of July. #369

On motion by A. O. Umstead, seconded by W. H. Hamner and carried unanimously, council waived it prerogative of having a member of council on the City Welfare Board and that the council designate City Manager, Ross Walker, to represent the council on such board. #370

There being no further business before the council same adjourned.



Mayor



Clerk