

October 7, 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 previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Hugh P. Cline appeared representing T. M. Godwin presenting the complaints that (1) The city had encroached upon Mr. Godwin's property in the construction of a water line. (2) That in the construction underground water had been disturbed and was shifted to a change of direction that Mr. Godwin felt might do damage to his property. (3) That the city had in the past refused permission for construction on that lot because it was a location of a proposed alteration of Route 58.

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The council instructed the City Manager and the City Attorney to investigate the matter and reach some agreement with Mr. Godwin concerning the water and the possible acquiring of that portion to be used in the construction of Route 58.

Mr. Cline then presented a request for grading and sidewalk in front of his residence on Ridge Avenue. The City Manager explained that capital improvements of this nature had been called for in an advertisement prior to the preparation of the budget. This request would be considered, however, for construction as soon as our capital improvement program had been completed.

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Mr. J. M. Buchanan appeared with the complaint that surface water from 11th Street was flowing down the sidewalk and leaving a silt that caused mud to be tracked into his home. The City Manager was instructed to look into the matter and take appropriate action.

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Mr. Vollie Bolling appeared with the complaint that in the construction of the Viaduct and approaches access to his coal house on Kentucky Avenue had been eliminated and he wished the city would clear out a driveway so as to permit coal trucks to reach his coal house. The City Manager advised him that the matter would be taken care of as soon as possible.

#451

On motion by Fred H. King, seconded by W. R. Hamner and carried by unanimous vote, the proposed dog ordinance was limited to the reading of the title only. (See Item #437)

#452

After a lengthy discussion on a motion by Fred King, seconded by W. R. Hamner, an Ordinance Regulating the Licensing and Keeping of Dogs in the City Norton was passed by the following vote. Those voting AYE: King, Hamner, Ball, Cury; those voting NAY: A. O. Umstead. Mr. A. O. Umstead voting no wished to have placed in the minutes his reason for opposing the ordinance that there was no specific manner in the destruction of dogs outlined and he felt that it should be stated and done as humanely as possible.

On motion by Sol Cury, seconded by A. O. Umstead and carried by unanimous roll call vote, the proposed bond ordinance was limited to the reading of the title only.

#453

On motion by Sol Cury, seconded by A. O. Umstead and carried by unanimous roll call vote, an ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$550,000 OF BONDS OF THE CITY OF NORTON TO FINANCE THE COST OF IMPROVING AND ENLARGING THE CITY'S WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM, AND PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF THE QUESTION OF ISSUING SAID BONDS TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF SAID CITY, was passed.

The following resolution was duly introduced, seconded and passed:

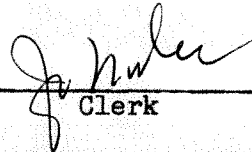
#454

BE IT RESOLVED that in the event the Abingdon Presbytery elects to establish its camp on the tract of land now belonging to Mrs. Beulah Harshbarger located northeast of the corporate limits of the City of Norton, then the City of Norton will extend its water line to the boundary of said tract of land closest to the secondary highway adjoining same without cost to the Abingdon Presbytery. It is to be understood that the Presbytery will lay such water lines on its own property as it may desire at its own expense.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Norton will furnish to such camp water from its city water supply at the current rates charged residents of said City;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and a copy of same mailed to Rev. R. C. arbaugh, Pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Norton, Virginia.

A COPY TESTE:


Clerk

On Motion by Fred King, seconded by Sol Cury and carried by unanimous vote, the following rates for parking lot were established: \$30.00 per year, \$9.00 per quarter, payable in advance. The community blood bank was granted a free parking space within the lot and that appropriate stickers be printed to designate those entitled to parking privileges.

#455

On motion by W. R. Hamner, seconded by Fred H. King and carried by unanimous vote, the following resolution was passed:

#456

BE IT ORDAINED that from and after this date that neither the Interstate Railroad Company nor the Norfolk & Western Railway Company shall be required to place a flagman at the point formerly occupied by the 12th Street crossing over its tracks when using the tracks at that location. An emergency existing it shall be in force from its passage.

On motion by Sol Cury, seconded by A. O. Umstead and carried by unanimous roll call vote, the City Manager was instructed to construct a sidewalk on the Sout Side of Park Avenue from 11th Street to 10th Street as soon as possible.

#457

On motion by Fred H. King, seconded by W. R. Hamner and carried by unanimous vote, the City joined with the Kiwanis Club in releasing the 125' requested by the Norfolk & Western Railway Company for use by the N. G. Grocery. #458

After a brief discussion the City Council instructed the City Attorney to attempt to have the bond election for water and sewer bonds set for November 23, 1954. #459

On motion by Fred King, seconded by Sol Cury, the City Manager was authorized to transfer \$3,000 from the unappropriated surplus to the Public Works account to be used for expenses in excavating earth on the proposed impounding area. #460

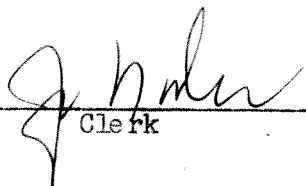
The City Manager requested that the committee formed to review damages claimed by Cohen and Reece resulting from construction of Viaduct meet and make a report to the City Attorney. #461

After a brief discussion on the proposed water line extensions into West Norton the City Manager was instructed to complete the line as soon as possible. #462

The City Manager brought to the attention of council the possibility of a proposed request for water service in the area abutting the corporate limits in the Guest River section of Esserville. He requested that they consider the matter as to policy on the cost of construction and also rates that would be necessary to establish. He was instructed to bring in a report concerning these items for their consideration. #463

The Manager presented the monthly report of September which ended the first quarter of the fiscal year. He offered a brief explanation of those items that were exceeding the percentage wide expenditures for one quarter of a year. #464

There being no further business before the council same adjourned.


Clerk


Mayor