

November 15, 1955

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on the above date at 7:30 P. M. with Vice Mayor, Fred H. King, presiding.

All members of council except B. E. Ball were present and answered to roll call.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The City Manager presented a letter from the League of Virginia Municipalities with reference to the C. & P. Telephone Company's move to pass on all license tax rates to the commissioner. After a brief discussion the action on this matter was tabled to a future date.

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On motion by A. O. Umstead, seconded by Sol Cury and carried by unanimous vote of those present, Ivan Vance and Robert Greear were granted taxi operators permits.

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The City Manager advised council that there was no record of the ordinance on burning and council instructed him to have the City Attorney draw up a burning ordinance.

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On a motion by A. O. Umstead, seconded by Sol Cury and carried by unanimous vote of all those present, the following resolution was adopted:

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RESOLVED that the City of Norton contribute the sum of \$250.00 to the Wise County Centennial, Inc. for the purpose of celebrating the centennial of Wise County.

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The City Manager reported that the cost of traffic control device for speeders would cost \$565.00 and recommended that the purchase be delayed until such time as an ordinance could be drawn providing the use of electronic or radar equipment by the police.

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On motion by Sol Cury, seconded by W. R. Hamner and carried by unanimous vote, the following resolution was adopted:

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RESOLVED that two open forums be held on November 29th and December 9th for the purpose of discussing the proposed bond issue for water improvements.

A delegation from Southside appeared requesting information as to the status of the Kentucky Avenue walkway. They felt that this was a desirable project and that council had not fulfilled the obligations set up in 1950 by the Planning Commission in the discussion of this project. After a lengthy discussion the following committee was appointed by Vice Mayor, King, for the purpose of studying and estimating costs of a walkway or light vehicular bridge. This committee is to report their findings around the first of February. Members of committee are: Abe Still, Chairman; Cotton Hamilton; Dan Green; W. R. Hamner; Ross F. Walker.

#661

The City Manager reported that juveniles were giving a certain amount of trouble in the city, breaking into machines and moving private automobiles without permission and that he would like permission to consult with Henry Bandy, Police Justice, for the purpose of formulating an effective curfew ordinance to assist the police in controlling these acts. The City Council instructed the City Manager to proceed and to consult with City Attorney before completing such an ordinance.

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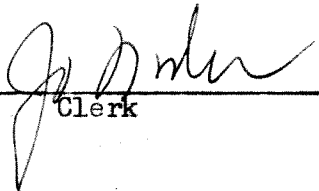
A discussion of the water situation brought out that a coke filter would be desirable on the Norton slope supply. The City Manager was instructed to proceed to build another coke filter.

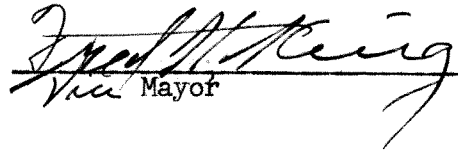
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The City Manager presented to city council the estimates of cost on a traffic control system for Park Avenue from 4th Street through 11th Street. He stated that the proposals were so arranged that each intersection could be handled in stage construction rather than a complete installation at one time. After a brief discussion the City Manager was instructed to report back on the cost of doing one intersection at this time in the next council meeting.

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There being no further business before the council same adjourned.


Clerk


Via Mayor