

March 6, 1956

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

All members of council were present and answered roll call.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

On motion by Sol Cury, seconded by Fred H. King and carried by unanimous vote, A. B. C. License was granted Bertha Thompson to sell beer on-off premise at Park Avenue Grill. #705

The City Manager presented a letter from the Chester Engineers regarding Core Drilling Bids. #706

On a motion by Fred H. King, seconded by W. R. Hamner and carried by unanimous vote, of those present the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED that the Chester Engineers be authorized to award the low bid of \$3380.00 to the Cunningham Core Drilling and Grouting Corporation and that they be authorized to place an inspector on the operation to supervise and that they be instructed to proceed with the contracts as outlined in our agreement of August 4, 1954.

On motion by Sol Cury, seconded by A. O. Umstead and carried by unanimous vote of all those present, Clarence C. Amburgy was authorized to operate a taxi cab in the City. #707

On motion by W. R. Hamner, seconded by Fred H. King and carried by unanimous vote, William Deal and James Stapleton were authorized to connect to the city water system upon payment of the necessary fees. #708

The City Manager brought to the attention of the council that the local laundries were desirous of a change in the business license and that they felt they should not be taxed on the business that was done outside the city. After a lengthy discussion this matter was tabled and no action taken. #709

The City Manager reported to Council that the proposed widening of Virginia Avenue as requested by the residents would necessitate releases from the property owners since cuts and fills would be necessarily placed on private property. On a motion by A. O. Umstead, seconded by W. R. Hamner and carried by unanimous vote, the City Manager was authorized to circulate petitions and acquire the property releases of damages before beginning construction. #710

On motion by A. O. Umstead, seconded by Fred King and carried by unanimous vote, the City Manager was instructed to purchase 100 L. F. of guard rail and install the same on Highland Avenue in the rear of Woodrow Bryant's home. #711

On motion by A. O. Umstead, seconded by Fred King and carried by unanimous vote, the rates for rental of equipment were set as follows per hour: D-4, \$8.00; HT-4, \$8.00; Grader, \$6.00; Backhoe, \$7.00; Compressor, \$5.00; Roller, \$5.00; Truck, \$3.00. #712

On motion by A. O. Umstead, seconded by Fred H. King and carried by vote of all present, Sol Cury not voting, the following resolution was passed: #713

RESOLVED that the City Manager be authorized to proceed with new development at head of Craig Street on basis as outlined by him and in case of missing owner that a lein be taken on this particular piece of property to the extent of the expenses involved and that the City advance the monies necessary to take care of the utilities at this particular location. This motion is predicated on the basis of the owners investing \$3440.00 as per estimate supplied by the City Manager. If it is found upon investigation of the ownership of this property that the present owner and heir is not legally responsible for the expense involved in this improvement that she be excluded entirely.

The City Manager requested that he be given permission to negotiate with the owners of any vacant lots in the city that could be used for public parking purposes. Council instructed the manager to proceed and return with any agreement that would be necessary. #714

The City Council instructed the City Manager to bring to council at their next meeting a schedule showing the rate increases in adopting a \$1.00 per hour rate for city employees. #715

On motion by Sol Cury, seconded by W. R. Hamner and carried by unanimous vote, the following ordinance was placed on first reading: #716

BE IT ORDAINED that from and after the effective date of this ordinance it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to park or leave unattended any vehicle upon the streets of the City of Norton when such vehicle is unlicensed or in such condition from collision or otherwise that it cannot be safely operated. Any violation of this ordinance shall be punishable by a fine of not less than \$1.00 nor more than \$10.00.

Mr. F. B. Kline appeared before council requesting that some steps be taken to widen Poplar Street in front of the Watts residence. The City Manager was instructed by council to investigate this matter as soon as possible. #717

There being no further business before the council same adjourned.

  
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Mayor

  
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Clerk