

March 20, 1956

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

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

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Paul Wisman, representing Scott, Horner and Mason, appeared before council presenting an offer to purchase the water bonds at 3.4% with check for 2% payable to the City to secure the city against any loss resulting from failure to comply with their proposal. #718

After a brief discussion and with the approval of Scott, Horner and Mason council decided to adjourn this meeting until Friday at which time that all could be present and consider the proposal.

On motion by Sol Cury, seconded by A. O. Umstead and carried by vote of all present, the following ordinance was adopted: #719

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.

The City Manager presented a letter of Luther F. Addington suggesting the City adopt by resolution some method of celebrating the centennial as had been done in the county and some other towns of the county. The matter was tabled for action by the Mayor. #720

After a brief report from the manager, council chose to defer any action on the adoption of a minimum wage regulation until the forthcoming budget on July 1st. #721

The City Council instructed the manager to contact other cities and determine what had been the practice in regards to licensing trade stamps and report back at a later date. #722

Upon a motion by Sol Cury, seconded by A. O. Umstead and carried by unanimous vote of those present, the following resolution was adopted: #723

WHEREAS, the City of Norton must provide necessary improvements and services for the general welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City if permitted under the laws of the State of Virginia to borrow money for the necessary operation of its local government;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Manager is hereby instructed to negotiate a loan of \$40,000.00 which shall be a general obligation of the City of Norton.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the foregoing loan shall not exceed the total amount of anticipated revenues from taxable sources for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1956.

The City Manager reported to the City Council that Mr. Greear had received a letter from the Water Control Board secretary stating that the City of Norton would be required to furnish both primary and secondary treatment of its raw sewage. #724

On motion by A. O. Umstead, seconded by W. R. Hamner and carried by unanimous vote, the settlement of \$3500.00 for the Cohen Claim of damages resulting from the Viaduct construction was accepted. #725

On motion by W. R. Hamner, seconded by Sol Cury and carried by unanimous vote, the City Manager was instructed to proceed to sell the houses owned on 11th Street by sealed bids reserving the right to reject any or all bids. #726

There being no further business before the council same adjourned to meet again Friday Night, March 23rd at 7:30 P. M.



Mayor



Clerk