

July 3, 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 except W. R. Hamner and answered to roll call.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Fred Greear advised council that his bill of June 13th in the amount of \$750.00 for professional services rendered in the Water Bond Issue, would be reduced to \$500.00. #788

The Mayor announced that in accordance with advertisement the council would now hear any interested persons in regard to proposed increase in retail merchant's license. #789

Several individuals spoke against the proposed increase after which the following resolution introduced by Fred H. King, seconded by Sol Cury and carried by unanimous vote of those present except A. O. Umstead, not voting, was passed:

RESOLVED that Section 94 of the License Tax Code be left as it now reads.

On motion made and duly seconded the application of Bill Stidham for taxicab operator's license was deferred for further study by City Manager and report back to council. #790

After a discussion of the present curfew ordinance of the City, the City Attorney was instructed to look into the old ordinance, revise same and present to next council meeting. #791

Mr. Brownie Chaffin appeared before council regarding sale of beer on Sunday. After a brief disucssion the matter was referred to City Attorney for investigation. #792

Joey Caruso appeared before council requesting that the alley back of his property on Oak Street be repaired. Referred to City Manager. #793

Mr. Kanto brought to council's attention the Trading Stamp Ordinance in the present License tax code of the City of Norton. #794

On motion by A. O. Umstead, seconded by Sol Cury and carried by unanimous vote of those present, the matter of the Trading Stamp Ordinance was referred to the City Attorney for investigation.

Mr. Kanto brought to council's attention that the Board of Zoning Appeals and Planning Commission terms of office expired as of June 30th. This matter was tabled until next council meeting for further consideration. #795

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An application of Eddie Carter to hold a street dance in keeping with the Centennial Celebration was presented. #796

On motion by A. O. Umstead, seconded by Sol Cury and carried by unanimous vote of those present, Mr. Carter was granted permission to hold a street dance Saturday, July 7th on 7th Street between Park Avenue and Federal Street.

On motion by Sol Cury, seconded by A. O. Umstead and carried by unanimous roll call vote, the following resolution was passed: #797

RESOLVED that the City appropriate \$1,000.00 payable to the Chamber of Commerce and paid to the Chamber of Commerce with the stipulation that if other towns of Coeburn, Wise, Pound and Wise County do not pay their proportionate share that the City of Norton's \$1,000 will be returned to it.

On motion by Fred King, seconded by A. O. Umstead and carried by unanimous vote of those present, the City Manager was authorized to have the timber on city owned property scaled and advertised for sale. #798

On motion by A. O. Umstead, seconded by Sol Cury and carried by unanimous vote, the City Manager was authorized to post the tonnage limit on the Round Town Bridge to a maximum of 12,000 pounds. #799

Mr. Greear reported to the council that he had received an unofficial opinion to the effect that there was a strong possibility that a primary treatment plant for the City, located at Ramsey, could be approved. #800

On motion by Sol Cury, seconded by Fred H. King and carried by unanimous roll call vote, the following resolution was adopted: #801

RESOLVED that the Norton Improvement Company, Inc. thru John W. Litton its engineer presented its proposed subdivision being Plat #1 of Norton Improvement Company and ask approval of the council of the proposed subdivision. Upon consideration of which it is resolved that the subdivision as shown on said map as prepared by John W. Litton, Engineer, be and the same is hereby approved for dedication and recording in the Clerk's office of Wise County, Virginia.

The Norton Improvement Company further indicating that it will pay to the city the amount required by the City's policy resolution for the construction of sewer lines and water lines in subdivisions. The City Manager is authorized upon receipt of a letter setting forth this guaranty by the Norton Improvement Company to write a letter to the Norton Improvement Company authorizing the sale of its lots in Plat #1 except those lots in Block #6 as shown on said plat, which lots are not to be sold until the Norton Improvement Company constructs a street in front of same.

There being no further business before the council same adjourned.

  
Clerk

  
Mayor