

July 17, 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 to roll call.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A delegation of Colored people from Southside, with Baylor Goode as spokesman, appeared before council requesting better police protection, improvement of Roberts Avenue, street light in alley and improvement of drainage system. On motion by Fred King, seconded by A. O. Umstead and carried by unanimous vote, the matter was referred to City Manager for report back to Council. #802

A group of restaurant operators appeared before council requesting permission to sell beer on Sunday. On motion by A. O. Umstead, seconded by Fred H. King the request to sell beer on Sunday was denied with Messrs. King, Ball, Umstead and Hamner voting Yea, Cury Nay. #803

On motion by Fred King, seconded by W. R. Hamner and carried by unanimous vote, the application of Bill Stidham for taxi operator's license was approved. #804

On motion by Sol Cury, seconded by A. O. Umstead and carried by unanimous vote, the following curfew ordinance was placed on first reading: #805

"It shall be unlawful for any person under the age of eighteen years to be in or upon the streets, avenues, alleys or public places of this City after 11:00 o'clock P.M., unless accompanied by and in care of its guardian or parent, or some other adult with the consent of its parent or guardian, or unless actually executing an emergency and upon which it has been sent by its parent or guardian, or unless such person be employed in business and his employment makes it necessary for him to be upon the streets, avenues, and alleys of the City during the nighttime after said specified hour. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be fined not less than one dollar nor more than five dollars for each offense.

(b) It is hereby made unlawful for any parent or guardian having the legal custody of any child under eighteen years of age, to allow or permit any such child or ward under such age to go or be in or upon any streets, avenue, alley, or public place, in violation of the provisions of this section. Any person violating the provisions of this subsection shall, upon conviction, be fined not less than one dollar nor more than five dollars for each offense."

On motion by Fred King, seconded by A. O. Umstead, the new proposed trading stamp ordinance was tabled. #806

On motion by Fred King, seconded by A. O. Umstead and carried by unanimous vote, the Mayor was authorized to appoint W. H. Witt, Sr., J. B. Taggart, C. C. Clark, Sr., Jack Helms and C. L. Porter as members of the City of Norton Board of Zoning Appeals; W. H. Witt, Sr., J. B. Taggart, C. C. Clark, Sr. terms expiring June 30, 1958, and Jack Helms and C. L. Porter's term expiring June 30, 1959 #807

On motion by W. R. Hamner, seconded by Fred King and carried by unanimous vote, W. P. Kanto, F. B. Kline, Sol Cury, C. W. Cooper and the City Manager were reappointed as members of the City Planning Commission; Sol Cury and C. W. Cooper to serve until June 30, 1958, and W. P. Kanto and F. B. Kline until June 30, 1959. #808

On motion by Sol Cury, seconded by A. O. Umstead and carried by unanimous roll call vote, the City Manager was authorized to offer \$3500 for State & Federal Government interest in the three houses in question. #809

Mr. Kanto presented a request of religious group of Assembly of God to hold a three week tent Revival on the far end of the parking lot next to railroad. #810

On motion by W. R. Hamner, seconded by Fred King, the Assembly of God was granted permission to use the lower part of parking lot for three weeks Revival beginning August 5th.

On motion by Sol Cury, seconded by Fred King and carried by unanimous roll call vote, the City Manager was instructed to establish an insurance fund against liability and property damage claims; to make an initial deposit for the fiscal year 1956-57 of \$2,000 to be invested in Government Bonds. #811

On motion by A. O. Umstead, seconded by W. R. Hamner and carried by unanimous vote, the following resolution was passed. #812

RESOLVED that Mr. Fred Greear be retained as City Attorney at an annual salary of \$1500 per year, which salary is to cover all services performed by Mr. Greear except cases of annexation and cases which are taken to the Supreme Court.

After a discussion of fund balance in the Norton Parking Lot, council authorized the repayment of 12½% of their contribution to the contributors of the Municipal Parking Lot. This refund amounting to \$512.50. #813

There being no further business before the council same adjourned.

Mayor



Clerk