

August 7, 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 previous meeting were read and approved.

A group of Citizens from the Ramsey Addition with Mrs. Lorena Posey as the speaker appeared before council presenting a petition that Richard Baldwin and wife not be granted the privilege of selling beer on-off premise at the Mike Mantel place in Ramsey. #816

Harry Hensley and Howard Brown appeared before council representing the citizens on the upper end of Murphy Street requesting improvement to their street, fire plug on top of Murphy hill, brush to be cut along highway and water line to be changed so as to have more pressure. These matters were referred to Acting City Manager. #817

Kenneth Kibler appeared before council and expressed appreciation in behalf of the Norton Alumni Association for the services rendered by the City in helping to make their soft ball league a success. #818

Mr. Kibler also presented his request for street improvement on one of the alleys leading to his property on Ridge Avenue. Matter referred to City Manager. #819

The taxi application of John Wesley Teasley was referred to the City Manager for investigation and recommendation. #820

Mr. E. F. Price, chairman of the electoral board appeared before Council regarding placing of registration books in the vault in the City Office. #821

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

RESOLVED that space be provided with lock and key in present vault to lock up registration books and that the City Manager be requested to make these books available to the registrar on due notice at the proper time and also see that books are placed in vault immediately after election.

On motion by Sol Cury, seconded by W. R. Hamner and carried by unanimous roll call vote, council voted to pay the City Registrar \$225.00 per annum, payable in 12 monthly payments. #822

On motion by Fred King, seconded by W. R. Hamner and carried by unanimous vote, the Amending of Section 216 of the Norton Code "Curfew Ordinance" was passed on second and final reading. #823

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Mr. Ball gave a report on the committee's findings on requests of the colored people from southside and the committee recommended that the drainage system be improved.

#824

On motion by Fred King, seconded by Sol Cury and carried by unanimous vote, council moved that the report of the committee be accepted and recommendations be carried out as recommended by the committee.

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

#825

RESOLVED that the Contract #2 for building the new impounding dam and reservoir be awarded to Bennie Snyder of White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, on his bid as per specifications in the Amount of \$178,687.00.

On motion by A. O. Umstead, seconded by Fred King and carried by unanimous roll call vote, the following resolution was passed:

#826

RESOLVED that the City Manager be advised and instructed to contact the Chester Engineer Company and have them furnish a resident engineer inspector of their own choosing on this job during the construction period of the proposed dam on Benges Branch near Norton, Virginia.

On motion by Fred King, seconded by A. O. Umstead and carried by unanimous vote, the delinquent tax list for 1955 real estate was ordered posted as prescribed by law and then recorded in the Clerk's office at Wise after due notice.

#827

Mr. M. B. Thrower, Auditor, presented council with a brief financial statement of the City for period ending June 30, 1956.

#828

On motion by Sol Cury, seconded by A. O. Umstead and carried by unanimous roll call vote, it was voted that \$100.00 be appropriated for supplies for electoral board as requested by W. F. McElroy, Secretary, in his letter to City Manager.

#829

Mr. Kanto reminded council that the pending law suit of L. J. Reece against the City of Norton had not been settled.

#830

On motion made and duly seconded and carried by unanimous vote, the City Manager was authorized to advertise for sale the three houses now owned by the City at the site of the 11th Street Viaduct.

#831

On motion made and duly seconded, the City Manager was authorized to have the Virginia Department of Highways mark the center lines for the City of Norton at cost plus 10%.

#832

On motion made, duly seconded and unanimously passed, the Acting City Manager was instructed to procur liability and property damage insurance on all municipal vehicles except those which are rarely used. A committee of Fred King, Sol Cury and the Acting City Manager were appointed to look into the advisability of procurring additional liability insurance.

#833

On motion made and duly seconded, Council unanimously approved the termination of employment of Mr. D. C. Morin as Acting Asst. City Manager effective August 4, 1956, and further unanimously approved payment to him of one month's salary in the amount of \$583.34.

#834

There being no further business before the council same adjourned.

  
Clerk

  
Mayor