

March 3, 1959

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on March 3, 1959 at 7:30 P. M. with Mayor B. E. Ball presiding.

Present: B. E. Ball, Fred H. King, W. R. Hamner and F. W. Glass

Absent: Sol Cury

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Dr. Robert Jessee appeared before council and presented the proposed #1439 Health Dept. Budget for the year 1959-1960. Dr. Jessee also discussed with council the establishment of a Welfare patient clinic. Dr. Jessee also recommended that the city discuss the building of a second story to the Health Dept.

On motion by Fred King, seconded by W. R. Hamner and carried by unanimous vote, Mr. Norton, Dr. Jessee and Charles McElroy, Architect, were instructed to meet and discuss plans for adding a second story to the health dept. and to make application to the proper authorities for Hill-Burton Fund.

Mr. Norton reported that the complaints of the Ramsey Citizen committee had been investigated. (See Page 159, #1427.)

On motion by F. W. Glass, seconded by W. R. Hamner and carried by unanimous roll call vote, the City Attorney was directed to take the necessary steps to bring proper action to have the furniture of Mrs. Williams removed from street in Ramsey. #1440

Mr. Kanto, chairman of the annexation commission as appointed by City Council, gave a report on the findings of this committee. Council accepted the report and expressed their appreciation for the work done on this report. #1441

The Council requested the annexation commission to meet one more time to further consider an area up the Guest River Road to the same point as the original areas to include the bottom lands to the north of the road and along the river and to the original line along the ridge to the south.

On motion made and duly seconded the following resolution regarding Water Level Routes was Passed: #1442

RESOLVED, THAT WHEREAS there are two proposed routes of the new Interstate Highway Route No. 64 between Richmond, Virginia, and Clifton Forge, Virginia, in Question,

AND WHEREAS the northern route is proposed to run from Richmond by Charlottesville, Waynesboro, Staunton, and Lexington to Clifton Forge,

WHEREAS the southern route, also known as the "water level" route, runs from Richmond by Farmville, Lynchburg, Bedford, and Roanoke to Clifton Forge,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Norton, Virginia, endorses and favors the proposed southern route for the location of said Interstate Route No. 64 for the following reasons:

- (a) The people of the City of Norton and southwest Virginia would be better served by the location of said route along the southern route because it would save from 30 minutes to one hour driving time between southwest Virginia and the state capitol.
- (b) Such saving in driving time is vital because there are no ample air facilities in southwest Virginia to the state capitol at Richmond where most of the governmental affairs of the Commonwealth of Virginia are carried on with the various cities and counties.
- (c) There would be a saving in cost of vehicle operation by using the shorter southern route to the people of southwest Virginia.
- (d) There is no adequate highway direct from Roanoke to Richmond whereas there is an adequate highway along the northern route.
- (e) The southern route would serve an area involving more population and industrialization and the people of Norton and southwest Virginia have a closer economic tie with the population and industry along the southern route than with the people along the northern route.
- (f) A great segment of the population which lives in the numerous counties west of Roanoke have a vital interest in the location of Interstate Highway Route No. 64 and believe that because of the increasing complexities of government that they can be better served by the time and cost involved in traveling the southern route to carry on business with their government in the state capitol at Richmond.

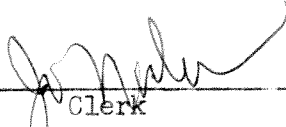
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honorable S. D. May, Commissioner of Highways of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and to each member of the State Highway Commission of the Commonwealth of Virginia and a copy be sent to the Dept. of Highways at Richmond, Va.

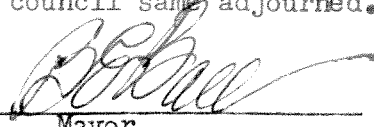
Mr. Greear advised council that the City of Norton was being sued by Willard Collins for injuries received by his son at the Norton Swimming pool. #1143

On motion by Fred King, seconded by F. W. Glass and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Mr. Greear was authorized to make settlement with the Collins not to exceed \$800.00.

A brief discussion of civilian defense for the City of Norton was held. #1144

There being no further business before the council same adjourned.


Clerk


Mayor