

May 19, 1959

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

Present: B.E. Ball, Fred King, W.R. Hamner, F.W. Glass  
Absent: Sol Cury

Minutes of the previous meetings were read and approved.

Earl Borwn, City Fire Marshal, appeared before council requesting a letter of invitation to the Southwest Virginia Firemen's Association to meet in Norton in 1960 for their annual meeting. #1482

On motion by W. R. Hamner, seconded by Fred H. King and carried by unanimous roll call vote, council moved that a letter of invitation be given to the Southwest Virginia Firemen's Association to hold their meeting in Norton in 1960 and also that \$100.00 be donated to the Norton Fire Department to help with expenses of entertainment.

On motion by F. W. Glass, seconded by Fred H. King and carried by unanimous vote, Bobby H. Waddell was granted a permit to drive a taxicab here in the city. #1483

On motion by Fred H. King, seconded by W. R. Hamner and carried by unanimous vote, the following resolution regarding the proposed merger of Norfolk & Western Railway Company and the Virginian Railway Company was passed: #1484

WHEREAS reliable and prompt rail transportation is necessary to the industrial growth of the City of Norton and;

WHEREAS in Finance Docket No. 20599, Norfolk and Western Railway Company and the Virginian Railway Company have filed a joint application with the Interstate Commerce Commission for authority to merge their property and franchises; and,

WHEREAS the City of Norton has concluded that this proposed merger will promote industrial development, strengthen this state's system of railroads and be in the public interest:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the City of Norton supports the proposed merger of Norfolk and Western Railway Company and the Virginian Railway Company and urges the Interstate Commerce Commission to approve the application in Finance Docket No. 20599; and,

That the Clerk of Council is instructed to send a copy of this resolution to the Secretary of the Interstate Commerce Commission; and,

That the Clerk of Council is instructed to send copies of this Resolution to the Governor, each member of the Virginia Congressional Delegation and the State Corporation Commission.

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S/ Jo Nosler

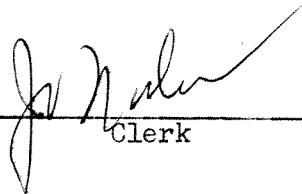
Mrs. Mary Jones asked what had been done regarding flood water on 7th Street. She was advised that steps had been taken to relieve this situation.

#1485

The Mayor announced that this was the time for public hearing on budget. Mr. Norton then read the budget after which a brief discussion followed. Mr. Ball stated that council would meet in informal session to again study the budget and that the budget would be passed at the June 2nd meeting.

#1486

There being no further business before the council same adjourned.

  
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Clerk

  
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Mayor