

August 7, 1952

The town council of the Town of Norton convened on the above date in the Temporary Municipal Building at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor B.E. Ball presiding.

All members of council were present and answered to the roll call.

Minutes of all previous meetings were read and approved.

Mrs. W.H. Earls appeared before council relative to the ditch at the rear of her property on 8th Street. After considerable discussion there was no action taken on this matter at this time, however, the town manager was instructed to consider the matter further.

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Mr. B.O. Howard appeared before council relative to a service road in the rear of his property to facilitate the removing of trash. A motion prevailed authorizing the town manager to look into this matter and render assistance if possible.

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Dr. Jessee, The Wise-Russell County Health Officer and Mr. Walker of the State Health Department appeared before council concerning the construction of a health department building in conjunction with the new municipal building construction. Considerable discussion took place from council and from the visiting officials, after which the manager was instructed to contact our Municipal Building architect in order that this matter might be more fully investigated.

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Mr. McCord advised council that he had received word from the highway department that they would participate in the cost of resurfacing of East Park Avenue from Alternate Route 58 to the East corporate limits, however, that such funds that they appropriate would be deducted from the viaduct monies appropriated. It was pointed out that the estimated cost was \$22,000 and that the State would pay approximately \$11,000 on this project. A motion then prevailed that the Town Manager be authorized to inform the highway department that this plan was agreeable to them.

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Mr. McCord exhibited a standard water service installation which is placed at each property in Norton. It was diagrammatically pointed out that the average cost for making a water service connection was in excess of \$57.00 and that he recommended that our present water connection charge for 5/8" be increased to \$30.00; for a 3/4" \$35.00 and a 1" meter \$40.00. At the same time Mr. McCord pointed out that it would be necessary to correct the ordinances concerning these changes if adopted and our existing water rate charges. (This Ordinance appears on Page #1 of the Official Ordinance Book)

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The roll call voted on the first reading of the above ordinance was as follows: Messrs. King, Helms, Hammer Cooper, Ball, YEA.

Mr. McCord advised council that one of the project in the near future would be the widening of Virginia Avenue between the rear of the Kemmerer Building and the Baptist Pastorium.

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It was advised that applications for street lights had been received for the following locations: Kurtz and Oak Streets, West Park Avenue between 13th Street and 12th Street. These lights were on motion prevailing approved for installation.

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Mr. McCord pointed out that it would be necessary in view of the favorable response and the previous action of council to increase the budget \$12,500 in anticipated revenues for the 50¢ levy for municipal construction purposes which was approved at the July meeting. At the same time the budget expenditures should be increased \$12,500. for the spending of this money for municipal building construction purposes. On motion prevailing the budget changes were unanimously approved.

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Mr. McCord advised that the Dobbins house on S. 11th Street had been secured in the right of way transaction for the viaduct project and he requested that in lieu of a salary increase for this year that he be permitted to occupy this town property with the understanding that any improvements would be done at his expense. On motion prevailing the request was approved.

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There being no further business before council same adjourned.



Mayor



Clerk