

April 21, 1964

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on April 21, 1964 at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor B.E. Ball presiding.

Present: B.E. Ball, A.O. Umstead, J.C. Holcomb, Archie Woods, J.B. Taggart

Also Present: C.F. Jester, Jr., City Manager and R.T. Winston, City Attorney

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Kanto appeared before Council requesting approval of the City of Norton School Budget for ensuing year 1964-65. #2713

On motion by J.B. Taggart, seconded by Archie Woods and carried by unanimous roll call vote, council moved that the School Budget for the ensuing year 1964-65 be approved as presented, with the City's appropriation being \$146,625.00.

Mr. Kanto also discussed with Council the condition of Route 74 and urged the Council's consideration for widening the same. #2714

Mr. Dick Thomas of Chamber of Commerce appeared before Council requesting a donation to the Wise County Distributive Education for the purpose of a County and City wide survey. #2715

On motion by J.B. Taggart, seconded by J.C. Holcomb and carried by unanimous roll call vote, council moved that \$100.00 be distributed to the Wise County Distributive Education for the survey.

Council instructed City Manager and Mr. Umstead to check with contractor of telephone company concerning the ditch lines and explain that the asphalt should not be poured until every particle of earth and dirt is removed. #2716

Mr. Jester reminded Council of the bid opening for the sewer improvement project this Thursday, April 23rd, at 2:00 P.M. Each councilman was urged to be present. #2717

Mr. Jester advised Council that the reseeding of the football field is now completed. #2718

Council instructed City Manager to enforce ordinances now on record regarding air rifles in the City of Norton. (#2160 and #2175) #2719

Mr. Jester gave a report on estimated cost of paving Kentucky Avenue. Project cost estimate = \$18,000.00, City's Cost estimate = \$2700.00. State plans to let job in July or August. #2720

Mr. Jester advised council that the paving of Rt. 74 from Norton Hardware to Kentucky Ave. would cost approximately \$5300.00. #2721
On motion by J.B. Taggart, seconded by J.C. Holcomb and carried by unanimous roll call vote, council authorized City Manager to repave Route 74, to handle details of railroad crossings with contractor, and the cost not to exceed \$5300.00.

On motion by A.O. Umstead, seconded by J.C. Holcomb and carried by unanimous roll call vote, the following resolution was passed: #2722

RESOLVED, that the City Manager be directed to request the State Highway Dept. to begin to give immediate consideration to formulating plans for relocation and reconstruction of Route 74, and the Department give consideration to the possibility of relocating Route 58A and its entrance into Norton.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Norton agrees to participate by 15% in the surveying and planning costs.

Mr. Jester gave a report on delinquent tax collections as of April 20, 1964. Taxes • \$594.40; Penalty & Interest • \$259.98; total for April • \$854.38, making a total for the year • \$20,812.83. #2723

On motion by J.B. Taggart, seconded by Archie Woods and carried by unanimous roll call vote, the following resolution was passed: #2724
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTON that the City of Norton will remain on Eastern Standard Time during the effective period of Daylight Saving Time in other portions of the State.

Mr. Jester advised Council that the two-hour parking signs for Oak Avenue should be in within the next two weeks. #2725

On motion by A.O. Umstead, seconded by Archie Woods and carried by unanimous vote, council moved that Wise Coal & Coke Co. be permitted to strip the small acreage of coal on the western side of Back Bone Ridge in which the City owns the surface and the Wise Coal & Coke Co. owns the minerals; and that the Wise Coal & Coke Co. will pay the City of Norton ten cents (10¢) per ton of coal for royalty to be derived from scale weights, provided that the Wise Coal & Coke Co. plant trees and grass and fill all water holes. There will be no stripping on the western side draining into Norton on the eastern side of the ridge. #2726

Mr. Jester presented to Council the Treasurer's Report for the month of March, 1964. #2727

On motion by J.B. Taggart, seconded by Archie Woods and carried by unanimous vote, council moved that the City Treasurer be instructed to transfer \$10,000.00 from Water Operating Fund to General Operating Fund for services rendered by City. #2728

Mr. Winston advised Council of the settlement of the Dockery case, with the Court's approval, for the sum of \$6,000.00.

There being no further business to come before council same adjourned



Mayor



Clerk