

May 2, 1961

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, A. O. Umstead, F. W. Glass, W. R. Hamner,
J. C. Holcomb.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The City Manager briefly discussed with council the correspondence with the U. S. Forest Service regarding their move to Wise. #1874

The City Council briefly discussed the status of the new State Police Office. Council instructed the City Manager to contact the persons in charge of securing this building site. #1875

Mr. Ball read a letter from Mr. L. P. Johnson, Industrial Development Representative for the Virginia Dept. of Conservation and Economic Development, thanking the City for the courtesies extended him during his recent visit. #1876

The City Manager read an ordinance proposing to grant a franchise to the Old Dominion Power Company. Messrs. J. B. Taggart, George Hunnicutt, Jack Helms and Sol Cury expressed their objections to the granting of a twenty year franchise to the Old Dominion Power Company until a thorough investigation as to whether cheaper power rates were available to Southwest Virginia. #1877

On motion by J. C. Holcomb, seconded by F. W. Glass and carried by the following votes: B. E. Ball, Yea; F. W. Glass, Yea; W. R. Hamner, Yea; J. C. Holcomb, Yea; A. O. Umstead, not voting, council moved that the matter of granting franchise be deferred for further consideration.

On motion by F. W. Glass, seconded by J. C. Holcomb and carried by unanimous vote, Ed Spears was appointed as temporary issuing Justice for 10 days vacation of Tom Cassell. #1878

On motion by A. O. Umstead, seconded by J. C. Holcomb and carried by unanimous vote, James Isom and William Martin were granted taxi driver's permits. #1879

On motion by J. C. Holcomb, seconded by F. W. Glass and carried by unanimous vote, Paul Huff was granted permission to change location of taxi driving from 96 Cab Company to the Pearl Williams Cab Co. #1880

Mr. Ball read a letter of resignation from Evan Norton, City Manager, said resignation to be effective May 31, 1961. #1881


On motion by F. W. Glass, seconded by A. O. Umstead and carried by unanimous vote, council accepted the resignation of Evan Norton with regret.

Mr. Ball stated that the council accepted Mr. Norton's resignation reluctantly.

- The City Manager read letters from Gov. Almond and President Kennedy regarding extending of courtesies to foreign visitors. #1882
- The City Manager advised council that the date of the Clean-up campaign had been changed to May 15-26th. #1883
- The City Manager presented the budget message and a recap of the budget for 1961-62. #1884
- Mr. Kanto appeared before council to suggest that the City Manager prepare the City's case for Federal Aid Grant under the Depressed Area Bill, for their proposed sewage disposal plant. #1885
- Mr. Ball stated that he had been appointed by the City council to secure applications for a City Manager and that the council as a whole would act as a committee to appoint a City Manager. Mr. Ball is to familiarize himself with the current affairs of the City in order to be able to aid a new City Manager. #1886
- Council adjourned to reconvene at 3:00 P. M., Monday, May 8th to discuss the following: #1887

Inspection of new addition to Municipal Building
 Budget
 Sewage Disposal


 Clerk


 Mayor