

October 7, 1953

An adjourned meeting of the town council was held on the above date in the Municipal Building at 7:30 P. M. with all members of council present.

The Mayor announced that this meeting was open for discussion of the question "Should Norton Become a City of Second Class" after which brief talks were given by P. D. Miller, E. W. Poston, Fred Haislip, Jack Helms, J. B. Taggart, W. P. Kanto; F. W. Seidel.

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The following resolution was duly introduced, seconded and passed on first reading:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Norton that whereas, the Town of Norton now has a population in excess of 5000 inhabitants and the Council of said Town believes it advantageous to the Town to become a City of the Second Class, it is therefore:

RESOLVED that application be made to the Circuit Court of Wise County, Virginia, or to the Judge thereof in vacation, to have a legal enumeration of the population of said Town made as required by statute. That upon the completion of such legal enumeration of the inhabitants of said Town, if it shall appear to the satisfaction of the said court that the population of said Town exceeds 5000 inhabitants, then be it further resolved that the said Circuit Court for Wise County, or the Judge thereof in vacation, be requested to enter an order declaring that fact to exist and declaring that from and after the date of said order the Town of Norton shall be a City of the Second Class and known as a city and entitled to all the privileges and immunities and subject to all the responsibilities and obligations pertaining to cities of this Commonwealth. Be it further resolved that the said Court, or Judge thereof in vacation, as the case may be, be further requested to direct in such order that the number of members of the Council of such city shall be the same as that now existing as the Council of said Town and that all such other and proper orders may be entered as are needful and necessary.

On motion duly made, seconded and passed it was resolved that the Town Manager in collaboration with the State Highway Department Engineers fix the line of repose for the embankment South of Park Avenue on the Haislip Baking Companies property in the Town of Norton. Said line so established to be the nearest point to the street that the earth may be removed on Haislip's property and that the Haislip Baking Company be released from any liability to the Town should the lateral support for Park Avenue adjacent to their property in the street prove insufficient.

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Dr. P. D. Miller asked Council to consider putting flourine into the water system after which Mayor Ball appointed a committee consisting of P. D. Miller, Sol Cuty and the Town Manager to make a study of the possibilities of using flourine in the water system and to report back to Council.

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By a motion made and duly seconded the Town Manager was instructed to purchase bonds in the amount of \$37,100 from the Town of Norton School Board if the money was available and that the Town hold the bonds aslong as financial conditions permit. All councilmen present, five in number, voted YEA on roll call vote.

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Mayor