

March 18, 1954

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.

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

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. C. J. Jessee appeared before council requesting storm sewer extension in front of his house that had been promised last year. Council instructed the City Manager to proceed with the work. #310

On motion by Fred H. King, seconded by Sol Cury and carried unanimously, 16 applications for taxi driver's permits were approved subject to the subsequent approval by the City Manager. #311

The City Manager presented a letter from C. H. Stroh of Chester Engineers stating that he intended to be in Norton the week of April 4th. #312

The City Manager presented a preliminary plan of parking and traffic control on Virginia Avenue and Federal Street which after a period of discussion was tabled. #313

The City Manager brought up the question of improvements in the annexed area stating that he did not feel that the 1954-55 budget would be able to handle water extensions in these areas due to the very large expenditure. He felt the solution to this problem was a necessity as both equipment and materials would have to be acquired in order to begin the work anytime in the near future. Council directed the City Manager and City Attorney to review this problem and make a recommendation as soon as possible. #314

On motion by Fred H. King seconded by W. R. Hamner the City Manager was authorized to contribute \$120.00 to the fire department for the purchase of license tags. #315

On motion by Fred H. King seconded by Sol Cury the City Manager was authorized to have thirty additional lights erected in the annexed areas. On roll call vote the following voted Aye, B. E. Ball, Fred H. King, W. R. Hamner, Sol Cury - A. O. Umstead not voting. #316

On motion by Sol Cury, seconded by A. O. Umstead and carried unanimously, the City Manager was authorized to accept the lowest net bid on a 1½ ton dump truck, providing the bid did not exceed \$3,000. #317

On motion by W. R. Hamner, seconded by Fred H. King, the City Manager was authorized to purchase a rock spreader for \$119.00 with an additional amount to cover freight and handling. #318

The City Manager brought to council's attention the very poor condition that existed at the swimming pool in reference to bath house facilities and inadequate methods of controlling admissions. After discussion the manager was instructed to proceed only as far as the budget would permit. #319

The City Manager brought to council's attention the fact that on the proposed budget he had advised the school board that an appropriation of \$103,700.00 based on last year's revenues using a 100% collection figure would be set up for the 1954-55 budget. He also added that so far this figure seemed satisfactory to the members of the school board and they felt that their budget could be balanced accordingly. #320

The City Manager brought to council's attention that the no parking area in front of the Doctors Building which was requested by Dr. Botts was being abused and he wished to clarify with council whether or not this area was designated as a reserved parking area or a no parking area to serve as a loading zone. It was agreed that this was a no parking area and not a reservation and that Dr. Botts should have the matter explained to him. #321

The status of the city's welfare progress was discussed and the City Manager was instructed to arrange a meeting with Mr. Puryear as soon as convenient. #322

The Kentucky Avenue walkway was discussed and the City Manager was instructed to provide an appropriation of \$2,000 for the coming budget. #323

Open House was discussed for the Municipal Building and tentative plans were set up to hold it around the first of May, hours being set at 1 to 5 and 7 to 9 P. M. #324

The Fire Department requested use of the athletic field for April 23rd to put on a show and after discussion which brought out the fact that seating which had been planned might not be possible due to being so late in the year. Their request was granted with the provision that the Fire Department assist in any way possible in watering and maintaining the field as may be requested by the Manager. #325

There being no further business before the council same adjourned.


Clerk


Mayor