

April 22, 1954

An adjourned 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 council were present and answered to roll call.

The proposed rates of the C. & P. Telephone Company that have been presented to the State Corporation Commission were discussed and the City Manager was instructed to contact the other towns in this vicinity and determine whether or not they would oppose such an increase. If majority were in opposition, Norton would advise the Virginia League of Municipalities that they too would choose to intervene in this matter.

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The City Attorney presented an opinion on the R. Stuart Royer contract in which he stated that he believed that the city would be within its rights to cancel the contract with R. Stuart Royer and Associates and in the event that a suit were brought the city would have a very good chance of successfully defending the action. He would however, recommend an amicable adjustment if possible.

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With this opinion submitted council instructed the City Manager to write R. Stuart Royer and Associates and cancel the contract and the City Attorney to draw a revised contract with Chester Engineers.

After a discussion of the Welfare Department it was decided that the solution could better be worked out by a committee and they were instructed to negotiate with the Wise County Welfare Department to determine whether or not the city would be included in a joint program of the county.

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Upon a motion by Sol Cury, seconded by A. O. Umstead and carried unanimously, the request of the United Mine Workers for a higher and larger platform for their Labor Day Celebration would be constructed if the United Mine Workers elected to hold their celebration in Norton.

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Upon a motion by Fred King, seconded by W. R. Hamner and carried unanimously, the following highway resolution was adopted:

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WHEREAS, present appropriation will greatly carry forward the work of rebuilding the highway between Norton and Appalachia which is U. S. Highway 23 and Alternate U. S. 58; and WHEREAS Alternate U. S. 58 from Norton East to the village of Banner is in need of reconstruction and straightening; and WHEREAS this constitutes one of the principal highways for the people of this section of Virginia and those from a portion of Kentucky in traveling East-West.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises, Be It Resolved that State Highway Commission of Virginia be and it is hereby

requested to make an appropriation sufficient to begin the work of reconstructing U. S. Highway 58 from Norton East to the village of Banner.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the reconstruction of U. S. 23 and U. S. 58 between Appalachia and Banner the Commission be, and it is hereby requested, to reconstruct that portion of that highway from the western corporate limits of the City of Norton to the beginning of the approach at the railroad overpass as a 30 foot pavement with curbs, gutter and sidewalk.

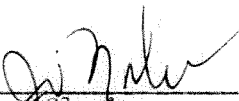
That a copy of this resolution be mailed or delivered to Honorable S. D. Mau, Member of the Highway Commission for the Bristol District; Honorable John W. Keller, Resident Engineer of the Bristol District; and Honorable H. B. Tatum, Resident Engineer for Wise County.


The City Manager reviewed the proposed budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1955 and after a period of discussion was instructed to reduce the proposed budget by an amount of \$7400.00. #352

Upon motion by Fred King, Seconded by A. O. Umstead, the City Manager was authorized to advertise the proposed budget with the levy to be established at a total of \$5.35 on real, personal property, machinery & tool and public service corporations and a rate of \$2.80 on merchant's capital. #353

Upon a motion by Fred King and seconded by A. O. Umstead the City Manager was authorized to increase his salary \$25.00 a month to be effective July 1, 1954. #354

There being no further business before the council same adjourned.

  
Clerk

  
Mayor