

June 17, 1954

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Building on the above date at 7:30 P. M. with Mayor B. E. Ball presiding.

All members of the Council were present except W. R. Hamner.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Conway Lawrence appeared and requested that Council reconsider the change from angle parking to parallel parking on 8th Street near the Hotel. Council advised Mr. Lawrence that they would take the matter under advisement and that the City Manager would notify him of the action. #380

Mr. Escoe Kilgore and Mr. Woodrow McAmis appeared before Council requesting that the alley upon which their houses face be graded to make entrance to their houses more suitable. The City Manager advised that the matter was programed and the work would be done as soon as possible. #381

Mr. James L. Gilley appeared in behalf of the Little League, requesting that some work be done to prepare the dugouts that were recently demolished. Council instructed the City Manager to look into the matter and make the necessary repairs with the materials that he had available. #382

Mr. Hugh P. Cline appeared before Council in behalf of Mr. J. C. Insalago, T/A New York Restaurant, requesting permission to sell beer, on-off premise. Upon motion by Fred H. King, seconded by Sol Cury and carried unanimously, the request was granted. #383

Upon a motion by Fred H. King, seconded by A. O. Umstead and carried unanimously by roll call vote, the City Manager was instructed to pay R. Stuart Royer & Associates \$1711.14 which fulfills the contract, dated January 8, 1953, and terminates said contract. #384

The City Attorney presented the proposed contract to be negotiated by the City and Chester Engineers which was studied by Council. #385

The following resolution was proposed by Fred H. King and seconded by Sol Cury. RESOLVED that Ross Walker, City Manager, and Jo Nosler, City Clerk, be, and they are hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the City of Norton agreement and contract, dated June 18, 1954, with D. E. DAVIS, EDWARD T. DAVIS, T. R. HASELTINE, H. P. LUNDBERG AND C. K. STROH, partners, trading as the Chester Engineers, and forward same to said Engineers for their execution. On roll call vote, all voted aye.

Upon a motion by Sol Cury, seconded by Fred H. King and carried by unanimous vote, the ordinance amending Section 80-2(b) of the License Code was amended as follows: #386

(See page 123, #386)

Upon a motion by Sol Cury, seconded by B. E. Ball, the following resolution was adopted:

#387

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia, held at the Municipal Building on the 17th Day of June, 1954, the following resolution was duly introduced, seconded and passed:

THAT, WHEREAS, the City of Norton in conjunction with the Department of Highways of the Commonwealth of Virginia is constructing a viaduct over the Interstate, Norfolk & Western and Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company's tracks at 11th Street in said City, together with suitable approaches to said viaduct, and whereas, L. J. Reese is the owner of certain lots or parcels of land located on the south side of Kentucky Avenue and immediately south of the intersection of Kentucky Avenue and 11th Street in said City on which said lots or parcels of land there are located two small frame dwelling houses; and

WHEREAS, by the construction of the approach to the said viaduct the grade of the western end of Kentucky Avenue at and immediately east of its intersection with 11th Street will be changed so that when said approach is completed the grade of said Kentucky Avenue and 11th Street at said intersection will be lower than heretofore existing.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and pursuant to the provisions of Code Section 15-767 of the Code of Virginia the City Council of the City of Norton deeming it desirable to change the grade of a portion of 11th Street and Kentucky Avenue at the intersection of said street and to change the grade of Kentucky Avenue immediately east of said intersection and adjoining the lots or parcels of land above described, and since such change and the improvement may cause damage to the property of the said L. J. Reese, A. O. Umstead, W. R. Hamner and Fred H. King are hereby appointed as a committee of the said City Council and directed to proceed by personal inspection of the premises belonging to the said L. J. Reese likely to be affected by such change in the grading of 11th Street and Kentucky Avenue as aforesaid to ascertain what damages, if any, will accrue to the said L. J. Reese by the construction of the approach to the viaduct.

After having ascertained the damage, if any, to said property, such committee shall give notice to the said L. J. Reese of the amount of the ascertainment made by them. Such notice shall cite the said L. J. Reese to appear before the said committee not less than ten days after the service thereof at a time and place to be designated therein, to show cause, if any he can, against the ascertainment of damages made by the said committee as aforesaid. If no appeal is taken from such ascertainment said committee shall report its findings and ascertainment to the next regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Norton.

THOSE VOTING AYE:

THOSE VOTING NAY:

B. E. Ball

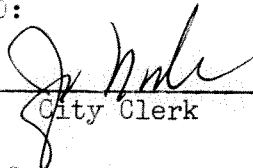
F. H. King

W. R. Hamner

Sol Cury

A. O. Umstead

ATTESTED:



City Clerk

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Norton held at the Municipal Building on Thursday, June 17th, 1954, the following ordinance was duly introduced, seconded and passed on first reading:

#386

BE IT ORDAINED that Section 80-2(b) of the Ordinance imposing license taxes for the City of Norton which became effective on the 31st day of December, 1953, be amended by changing said section to read as follows:

b. Omnibuses operated in the City of Norton for passengers for hire \$1.00 per 100 lbs license shall be prorated as follows:

One-half of such license shall be collected when the license is issued and license shall be prorated beginning on the 1st day of October in any year and ending on the 15th day of January in the same license year, and one-third of such fees shall be collected whenever registration certificate and license plates are issued after the 15th day of January in any license year.

The City Manager brought up the question of changing the parking from parallel parking to angle parking in the vicinity of the swimming pool as it was understood that Council in prior years had made certain changes in the parking. It was advised to leave parking parallel as it was considered a hazard to the children crossing the street from the pool to the business establishments on the opposite side of Park Avenue.

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The City Manager presented the N. & W. proposal for leasing the vacant lot west of the passenger station. He was instructed to bring to Council an estimated cost of the improvements he desired in this area for their consideration.

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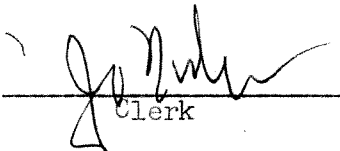
Upon a motion by Sol Cury, seconded by W. O. Umstead and carried by unanimous vote, the City Manager was instructed to surface the parking lot and install parking meters with hourly rates as close to 3 hours, 10¢, and all day, 25¢, as can be purchased and with an annual rate of \$48.00 per year to be granted to those who desire same upon application and that Mr. P. T. Atkins be furnished one space of his choosing without charge.

#390

The City Manager presented an estimate of the cost for the proposed Sewage Treatment Plant and Interceptor Lines including the Town of Wise and the cost on the same project excluding the Town of Wise. He requested Council to formulate a policy that could be conveyed to the Water Control Board as it was necessary that the City of Norton present some concrete plans by June 29, 1954. After considerable discussion the Manager was instructed to advise the Water Control Board that upon receipt of the estimated costs and preliminary survey being completed by R. Stuart Royer & Associates, that said firm would be instructed to begin work upon completing plans and specifications for the Treatment Plant and Interceptor Lines. Further that the City Council would call for a referendum on necessary bond issues for the construction of these projects and upon approval would proceed with a program of construction to complete the Sewage system as soon as practicable.

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There being no further business before the Council same adjourned.


Clerk


Mayor