

May 15, 1956

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia, was held May 15, 1956, in the Municipal Court Room at 7:30 P. M. with Mayor B. E. Ball presiding.

All members of Council were present and answered to roll call.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

On motion by Sol Cury, seconded by Fred King and carried by unanimous roll call vote, the following ordinance was adopted: "An ordinance describing the terms and provisos of the issuance of \$240,000 water bonds of City of Norton and the form of the bond description." #750

On motion by A. O. Umstead, seconded by Fred H. King and carried by unanimous roll call vote the following section of the License Tax Code of Norton was amended and adopted on final reading. "Section 135, Trading Stamps." #751

On a motion by W. R. Hamner, seconded by Sol Cury and carried by vote of those present, the City Manager was authorized to procure the service of Monroe Thrower as City Auditor for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1956, with the provision that such audit be submitted to council prior to July 31, 1956. #752

The City Manager brought to attention of council that he felt as the engineer for the Old Dominion Power Company did that a better arrangement of street lighting could be worked out by the addition of one light in a location other than requested in the other previous meeting of council. He was advised to proceed along line of his recommendation. #753

The City Manager presented a request in behalf of the city attorney requesting that Council provide in the budget \$1,000 as requested previously for the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce. This matter was tabled for action at a later date. #754

On motion by Fred Kind, seconded by W. R. Hamner and carried by vote of those present, the following resolution was adopted: #755

The officials of the City of Norton are not unmindful of the spirit of cooperation which has been evidenced by the Virginia Department of Highways in the dealings between the two. It is the sense of the Council that its appreciation of this spirit should be expressed to the Department of Highways and the Highway Commission.

From the local standpoint, the Council of Norton make the following recommendations to the Commission:

FIRST: That the section of U. S. 23 between Norton and Appalachia be completed.

SECOND: That the tentative appropriation to begin work on Alternate 58 between Norton and Banner be made permanent and that a larger appropriation be planned for this section of highway for the next fiscal year.

THIRD: That work be started on the road between Norton and Big Stone Gap via Powell Valley looking to the rebuilding of this section of road and its eventual designation as Alternate 58 from Big Stone Gap to Norton.

This Council feels that the above projects will serve the traveling needs of more people than any other road in Wise County at this time.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be mailed to Samuel B. May, Esquire, a copy to H. B. Tatum, Esquire, and a copy to John D. Keeler, Esquire. FURTHER that the original of this resolution be delivered to the Roanoke meeting of the Commission to be held on May 17 and a copy be spread upon the minutes of this meeting.

The City Manager explained the arrangement of payments for services rendered by county officials which is established by general law explaining that the City was to pay 10% of all those except care of buildings and grounds. He also requested that Monroe Thrower, suggested by the Board of Supervisors, be authorized to draw up a schedule of payments for council and Gladeville District bonds with the understanding that any arrangements would be given final approval by both bodies at a later date. The City Manager was instructed to proceed as he outlined. #756

On motion by Sol Cury, seconded by A. O. Umstead and carried by unanimous roll call vote, the City Manager was authorized to expend \$50.00 for an advertisement in the Virginia Record for the year 1956. #757

On motion by Sol Cury, seconded by W. R. Hamner and carried by unanimous vote, T. Johnson was approved as a taxi owner and operator with the provision that he also shall be approved by the City Manager upon investigation. #758

The Mayor addressed citizens present and explained that this was the night for the public hearing on the budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1957 and explained that any persons present should express themselves at this time. #759

In a lengthy discussion the following persons made their expressions known: F. B. Kline, G. F. Scott, W. H. Witt, Sr., Leslie Mullins, C. J. Jessie and Kenneth Kibler.

On motion by A. O. Umstead, seconded by Fred H. King and carried by unanimous roll call vote, the following ordinance was adopted: #760

"An Ordinance making appropriations of sums of money for all necessary expenditures of the City of Norton, Virginia, for the Fiscal year

ending June 30, 1957; To prescribe the provisos, terms, conditions and provisions with respect to the items of appropriations and their payment; And to repeal all ordinances wholly in conflict with this ordinance and all ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance to the extent of such inconsistency."

City Manager, Ross F. Walker presented a letter of resignation to the Council to be effective June 30, 1956.

#761

On motion by Sol Cury, seconded by B. E. Ball and carried by unanimous vote, the resignation of the City Manager was accepted with regret.

There being no further business before the council same adjourned.



Mayor

Clerk