

April 2, 1957

The regular meeting of the City Council was held on the above date 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.

Mr. Herman L. Huff, chairman of the recreation committee presented a letter from his committee requesting council to appoint a committee of five persons with Mr. Philip Davis as chairman. #1025

Mr. Davis presented a letter and a tentative schedule to council of the planned recreation program. In his letter it stated that \$600.00 would be needed for the next three months of equipment and instructors. #1026

On motion by Sol Cury, seconded by W. R. Hamner and carried by unanimous roll call vote, it was moved that \$600.00 be appropriated to this recreation fund from the contingency fund for this program and that the mayor be authorized to appoint the committee.

Mr. Ball appointed the following as members of recreation committee: Phillip P. Davis, Chairman, Billy Kanto, Jr., Monroe Parker, A. P. Levicki, D. E. Carter and Virginia Horsman.

Mr. Davis advised council that the sale of the house on 11th Street had been completed and check had been received for same. #1027

On motion by Sol Cury, seconded by Fred H. King and carried by unanimous vote, the \$3500.00 received from the sale of the house on 11th Street was to be placed in the contingency fund.

Discussion of drainage on lower end of Chestnut Street was held. No definite action. #1028

Mr. Davis advised council that he and Mr. Kanto had been unable to arrive at an amount to be paid Adams Construction Company for their street work. This matter was referred to the City Attorney. #1029

On motion by A. O. Umstead, seconded by Fred King and carried by unanimous vote, the following ordinance regarding the penalizing of parents of delinquent school children was placed on first reading: #1030

“ BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTON that every parent, guardian, or other person in the City of Norton having control or charge of any child, or children, who have reached their seventh birthday and have not passed their sixteenth birthday, shall send such child, or children, to a public school, or to a private, parochial, or denominational school, or have such child, or children, taught by a tutor or teacher of qualification

prescribed by the School Board and approved by the Division superintendent in the home, and such child, or children, shall regularly attend such school during the period of each year the public schools are in session and for the same number of days and hours per day as in the public schools.

The provisions of this section shall apply to any child, or children, who may be permitted in the primary grades of the public schools of Virginia under the discretionary provisions of Section 22-218 of the Code of Virginia of 1950.

The period of compulsory attendance shall commence at the opening of the first term of the school which the pupil attends and shall continue until the close of such school for the school year or until the pupil reaches his or her sixteenth birthday.

The School Board may, on recommendation of the principal, superintendent of schools, and the judge of juvenile and domestic relations court of the city or the police court of the city, excuse from further attendance from such school any child fourteen years of age or over who, in their judgment, cannot further benefit from further education provided at such school, provided that no such child, or children, be so excused unless the written consent of his parent or guardian be given.

This ordinance shall not apply to blind or deaf children.

Every person having under his or her control a child between the ages set forth, shall cause the child to attend school or receive instruction as required by this ordinance.

Any person violating this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by fine of not less than \$1.00 nor more than \$500.00, or confined to jail for a period not exceeding 30 days, or both, in the discretion of the court.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that it shall be the duty of the superintendent of schools of the City of Norton to make all necessary investigation to ascertain the names of all children not enrolled in school and to investigate all cases of non-enrollment and when no valid reason is found therefor, to notify the parent, guardian or other person having control over said child to require the attendance of such child at the school within three days from the date of such notice. If the parent, guardian, or other person having control over the child, or children, fails within the specified time to comply by requiring the attendance of such child at the school, it shall be the duty of the division superintendent to make complaint in the name of the City of Norton before the police justice of the City of Norton and then the prosecution shall be executed and instituted against such person and persons in the police court of the City of Norton, and in addition thereto, such child or children may be proceeded against as neglected children in the manner provided by Title 63 of the Code of Virginia.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that any parent, guardian or other person who makes a false statement concerning the age of a child between the ages of seven and sixteen years for the purpose of evading the provisions of this ordinance may be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of from \$1.00 to \$500.00 or confined in jail for a period not exceeding 30 days, at the discretion of the court.

When it is found upon investigation that the parent, guardian or other person having control of a child is unable to provide the necessary clothes in order that the child may attend school, such parent, guardian or other person shall not be punished, unless the local board of public welfare, from public funds or otherwise, or some other agency or person, furnish such child with the necessary clothes, and thereafter such parent, guardian or other person fails to send such child or children to school, as required by law.

The School Board shall have the authority and it shall be its duty to see that the compulsory attendance laws, as provided in this article, are properly enforced."

Mr. Davis presented a report of the lighting committee on the request of a light on the corner of 7th, Ky. Ave. & Roberts Ave. Request denied. #1031

A letter from the American Legion Post No. 143 expressing their willingness to organize and carry out the work of a Civil Defense Unit was presented to council. Matter referred to City Manager. #1032

Mr. Cury, in the absence of Mr. George Hunnicutt, presented Mr. Hunnicutt's request that he be able to open the alley at the old Ice Plant and that he be able to put a concrete slab in it. Matter referred to City Manager. #1033

A discussion about increasing the insurance rates and hospital benefits for the employees was held. No definite action taken. #1034

Mr. Davis presented a letter from the Norton Garden Club stating their recommendations for the beautifications for the Municipal Park on Park Ave. & 7th St. Matter referred to City Manager. #1035

Mr. Davis presented to council the Clinch Valley College's request that they be able to use our baseball field for baseball games during the day. Council instructed Mr. Davis to notify the College that they could use the field free of charge but they would have to maintain the grounds themselves. #1036

On motion by Sol Cury, seconded by A. O. Umstead and carried by unanimous vote, the following resolution concerning a survey by the Va. Dept. of Highways of Alt. 58 from the Norton Hdw. to the intersection of Ky. Ave. was passed: #1037

RESOLVED, that Mr. Frank W. Smith, Urban Engineer of the State Department of Highways, be, and he is hereby, requested to include this section of highway leading from the intersection of Kentucky Avenue and Alternate U. S. 58 to U. S. 23 at Fourth Street in the survey now proposed for U. S. 58 from the eastern corporate limits of the city to Kentucky Avenue.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mr. Frank W. Smith be requested to furnish the City Manager an estimate of the city's part of the cost of such additional survey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and a copy of same be mailed to Honorable Frank W. Smith, Urban Engineer.

A COPY TESTE:

S/ Jo Nosler
 Clerk of City Council

There being no further business before council same adjourned.


 Mayor


 Clerk