September 1, 1959

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.

Present: B. E. Ball, Sol Cury, W. R. Hamner, F. W. Glass Absent: Fred King

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. C. L. Porter and Mr. G. E. Combs appeared before council to request #1542 that the Dr. Tudor property on Kentucky Avenue, adjoining their property be condemned. Mr. Norton advised council notice had been served on the present tenants to move from this property and that it would not be rented in this condition again.

Mr. A. L. Holton and Mr. Hank Stewart, representatives of the Inter- #1543 state Railroad appeared before council requesting they pass a resolution to the Interstate Commerce Commission expressing their desire to have the Southern Railroad purchase the Interstate Railroad.

Mr. John Roberts, attorney for the L. & N. Railroad Company appeared asking that council take no action in regard to the sale of the Inter-State Railroad.

Council did not take any action on this matter at this time.

Mrs. Fred Adams as speaker for the Josephine area appeared before #1544 council and reported that they had acquired \$1950 in cash. They advised council that the other remaining 10 people would come in after the work was started. Council advised Mr. Norton to start the work as soon as possible.

Charlie Daniels appeared before council requesting that his property #1545 on the north side of Kentucky Avenue, S. E. Be rezoned from residential to general business. The City Manager was instructed to do the necessary work preparatory to having this property rezoned.

The City Manager read the following petition from the Norton-Wise #1546 Ministerial Association. Rev. King and Rev. Bailey spoke briefly on this petition.

We, the members of the Norton-Wise Ministerial Association, are deeply concerned about reaching every possible person for our religious services, and find, as you do, a constantly decreasing amount of time in the week's calendar to accomplish this task. We have noticed that the educational, civic, and fraternal groups in our area are increasingly using traditional Christian Days and Times for meetings and community events. We are especially concerned at the use of Sundays, Wednesday nights, and evenings in the week before Easter (Holy Week) for other than religious purposes. Since these are the only remaining periods of time in which the Church can serve more than half of the residents in our area, we respectfully request that every effort be made to avoid scheduling events at these times.

On motion by Sol Cury, seconded by F. W. Glass and carried by unani- #1547 mous vote, the following were appointed to represent the City of Norton at the League of Virginia Municipalities meeting at Old Point Comfort on Sept. 20-23rd: B. E. Ball, Evan Norton, W. R. Hamner, & C. W. Cooper.

There being no further business before the council same adjourned.

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