

January 15, 1957

The regular meeting of the City Council was held on January 15th at 7:30 P. M. in the Municipal Court Room 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.

The Mayor announced that it was now time for public hearing on the rezoning of Lot 5 & 6, part of 10 and all of 11 of Plat B, S. E. Isaac Estate located on East Park Avenue, lying between Park Avenue and the Guest River, from B Residence to Local Business. Since there was none present to represent either side the Mayor asked council what was their pleasure. #960

On motion by Fred H. King, seconded by Sol Cury and carried by unanimous vote, the above mentioned lots were rezoned from B Residence to local business.

W. P. Kanto appeared before council representing the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce with reference to Wise County Fair to be held in Norton either the week of August 4th or August 11th in the Norton Athletic Field. #961

H. T. Propst appeared before council representing the Norton Lion's Club asking permission to erect a safety type sign in the lot beside the cannon. Council voiced no objection and referred the matter to the City Manager for further investigation. #962

Mr. Greear, City Attorney read to council the agreement made between the Board of Supervisors of Wise County and the City of Norton. #963

On motion by Fred King, seconded by Sol Cury and carried by unanimous roll call vote, the following resolution was adopted and made a part of these minutes:

THAT WHEREAS, the Town of Norton became a City of the Second Class as of January 1, 1954 and as such participates with Wise County in the election and maintenance of three of the County Offices, to-wit: Commonwealth's Attorney, Sheriff and Clerk; and is further required to participate in the support and maintenance of the County Courthouse, the County Jail, and desires to participate in the maintenance of the Detention Home for Juveniles.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is agreed between the Supervisors and the Council that Norton's share of the costs of these respective governmental functions shall be as follows:

Clerk's Office.....	10%
Sheriff's Office.....	10%
Commonwealth's Attorney Office.....	10%
Detention Home Personnel.....	10%
Maintenance of Courthouse.....	5%
Maintenance of County Jail.....	10%
Circuit Court Judge's Salary and Expenses.....	10%

The above percentages with reference to the offices apply to that portion of the salaries and expenses required to be paid by the locality. This agreement shall be effective until the 1960 Federal Census applies, at which time the percentage will be worked out according to the ratio of population between Norton and Wise County as shown by the Norton 1960 Federal Census. It is further understood and agreed that in the event the Legislature of the State of Virginia should direct that the localities pay any portion of the expense of the County Court or any other office, then Norton shall bear its proportionate part of such additional expenses required to be paid by the Legislature.

For the past many months the County has been paying for the distribution of surplus products to indigent persons who live both in the County and in Norton. It is agreed that Norton shall pay Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars per month to Wise County as its proportionate part of the expense of the distribution of such surplus food, and that these payments are owed by the City to the County for each month beginning July 1, 1956.

Council has heretofore paid to the Supervisors the sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars. The payment due was actually Four Thousand Four Hundred Forty-Nine and 24/100 (4449.24) Dollars, leaving a difference of Five Hundred Fifty dollars and Seventy-Six Cents (\$550.76) due Council, which it is agreed may be deducted from the amount due under the Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars a month for distributing surplus products. It is further agreed that Council now owes the Supervisors the sum Forty-Nine Dollars and Twenty-Four Cents (\$49.24) for distribution of surplus foods for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1956, which amount is due and payable.

It is further agreed that the next payment on the schedule above set forth will be due from Council to the Supervisors as of June 30, 1957, covering the fiscal year to that date.

This agreement is not intended to cover the settlement of the bond accounts.

Witness the following signatures and seals.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF WISE COUNTY

BY:

Signed/ E. E. Brooks  
Chairman

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTON

BY:

Signed/ P. P. Davis

Mr. S. J. Pickering appeared before council requesting that the drainage system in front of his property on 6th Street be extended to the 8th Street drainage system. Matter referred to City Manager. #964

The City Manager gave a report of his study on angle parking in front of the Post Office. This matter was considered not feasible. #965

Mr. Ball brought to council's attention a meeting in Richmond on January 18th to discuss the matter of Virginia Cities having uniform charters. #966

On motion by Sol Cury, seconded by Fred King and carried by unanimous vote, the City Attorney was instructed to prepare a resolution opposing uniform charters and send the same by special delivery to this meeting.

Mr. Hamner gave a report to council of study Mr. Hurst, Forest Ranger, Mr. Umstead and Himself made of cutting additional timber on the water shed. It was the consensus of opinion that no additional timber should be cut because of beautification. #967

On motion by Fred King, seconded by W. R. Hamner and carried by unanimous vote, the officers of the fire department elected by the Norton Fire Department for 1957 were approved by council. #968

Mr. Greear advised council that the Russell County Board of Supervisors had by resolution agreed to participate in the Cumberland's Airport Authority project. #969

On motion by A. O. Umstead, seconded by W. R. Hamner and carried by unanimous roll call vote, council moved that \$260.00 be appropriated from our Reserve for Contingency Fund to be used by the Airport Authority in making a survey of the farm to be purchased, the said \$260.00 to be deducted in our final settlement with the Airport Authority on our proposed share of the money to be placed into same. #970

Mr. Davis presented a request from the Blood Bank requesting a reserved parking space in front of Park Avenue Hospital and also a free city tag. #971

On motion by B. E. Ball, seconded by Fred King and carried by unanimous roll call vote, council moved that a parking lot sticker and free license tag be furnished the Blood Bank.

On motion by Sol Cury, seconded by W. R. Hamner, council authorized the City Manager to transfer \$4,300.00 from Miscellaneous to Account #1624.301 Capital Outlay to pay for water and sewer pipe bought for the Norton Improvement Company, Inc., Subdivision. #972

On motion by W. R. Hamner, seconded by A. O. Umstead and carried by unanimous roll call vote, council authorized the City Manager to transfer from General Fund Department of Law Account \$540.00 to the Water Dept. Debt Fund Account. #973

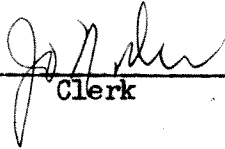
Mr. Davis presented to council a letter from W. R. Hamner in which he wished to dedicate a street to the city in East Norton and also sewer and water lines. #974

On motion by Sol Cury, seconded by Fred King and carried by majority vote, Mr. Hamner not voting, council accepted the street dedicated by Mr. Hamner and that said street be named Hamner Avenue.

There being no further business before council same adjourned.



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Mayor



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Clerk