

April 7, 1964

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on April 7, 1964 at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor B.E. Ball presiding.

Present: B.E. Ball, A.O. Umstead, J.C. Holcomb, Archie Woods

Absent: J.B. Taggart

Also Present: C.F. Jester, Jr., City Manager & R.T. Winston, City Attorney

Minutes of the previous meetings were read and approved.

Mr. George Scott appeared before council regarding shooting of air rifles in the City of Norton. He also asked if something could be done regarding parking on Oak Avenue. The City Attorney was requested to draw up an ordinance regarding air rifles and present at the next council meeting. #2698

Mr. Neff, County Librarian, appeared before council and presented a contract for the establishment of a regional library serving Wise County, The City of Norton and Dickenson County. #2699

On motion by J.C. Holcomb, seconded by Archie Woods and carried by unanimous roll call vote, the following contract was approved:

PROPOSED CONTRACT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A REGIONAL  
LIBRARY SERVING WISE COUNTY, THE CITY OF NORTON AND  
DICKENSON COUNTY

THIS CONTRACT, executed in quadruplicate this 2nd day of April, 1964, by and between the Trustees of the Wise County Regional Library, parties of the first part, Wise County, party of the second part, Norton City, party of the third part, and Dickenson County, party of the fourth part;

W I T N E S S E T H :

WHEREAS, the parties of the first, second and third part are in control of the existing Wise County Regional Library, located in Wise, Virginia.

WHEREAS, the parties hereto are mutually desirous of extending the services of said library to the people of Dickenson County by assuming the administrative functions of the Dickenson County Library and by other means deemed mutually beneficial to the people of the three areas.

WHEREAS, this contract was submitted to the Board of Trustees of the Wise County Regional Library at its regular meeting held on the 2nd day of April, 1964, approved by said Board, and its Chairman was authorized to execute the same on behalf of and in the name of said Board; and the Board of Supervisors of Wise County, after having read and discussed this agreement at its regular meeting held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1964, authorized its Chairman to execute the same on behalf of and in the name of the said Board; the Norton City Council, after having read and discussed this agreement at its regular meeting held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1964, authorized its Chairman to execute the same on behalf of and in the name of said Council; and the Board of Supervisors of Dickenson County, after having read and discussed this agreement at its regular meeting held on the 6 day of April, 1964, authorized its Chairman to execute the same on behalf of and in the name of the said Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the premises and of mutual advantages to the parties hereto, it is hereby mutually agreed:

(1) Membership on the Board of Trustees for the Wise County Regional Library remains the same with four (4) members from Wise County and one (1) from the City of Norton; the County of Dickenson shall have two (2) Trustees to be appointed by the Judge of the Circuit Court in conformity with the 1950 Code of Virginia, Section 42-9.

(2) The library building in Wise shall be the administrative center for Wise and Dickenson Counties and the City of Norton.

(3) The Dickenson County Library located in Clintwood will retain its name but will function as a branch of the library system in accordance with standards set by the State Library Board.

(4) Dickenson County shall pay annually not less than 40 cents per capita (exclusive of rent for local building) of its citizens, as fixed by the 1960 U.S. Census, for cost of operating said library system.

(5) The Treasurer of Wise County shall have the custody of all funds to which the library is entitled, and the Treasurers of Dickenson County and the City of Norton shall transfer quarterly to the Treasurer of Wise County one-fourth of all money collected or appropriated in the respective areas for operating expenses. This shall constitute a separate fund and shall not be used for anything other than for library purposes.

(6) The citizens of Dickenson County, Wise County and the City of Norton shall have free use of all of the library's services provided in each area, subject to such rules and regulations as may be adopted by the Trustees.

(7) This agreement shall become effective on July 1, 1964, and shall terminate on the 30th day of June, 1965, and shall continue from year to year thereafter until discontinued by appropriate action of any contracting parties. In the event any of the contracting parties desire to discontinue this agreement, modify or in any way change the same, the other parties hereto shall be notified of such desire on or before four months prior to the end of the then current fiscal year, and at the end of the current fiscal year of said termination this contract shall be ineffective.

This contract is executed in conformity with Title 42, Chapters 1 and 2 of the Code of Virginia, commonly cited as Virginia Code Sections 42-1 through 42-12.

The newly enacted Library Services and Construction Act enables the State to formulate a new program for grants in aid. Under this program, priority will be given to library systems serving multiple governmental units.

It is understood that upon execution of this contract the newly organized library will be called the Lonesome Pine Regional Library System.

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Chairman, Board of Trustees of the Wise  
County Regional Library

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Chairman, Board of Supervisors of  
Dickenson County

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Chairman, Board of Supervisors of  
Wise County.

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Mayor, City of Norton

Mr. Kanto appeared before council and advised them that the School Budget would be ready for presentation the week of April 12th. He also stated that funds to be required from the City would be considerably less than last two years. #2700

Mr. Carroll Tate appeared before council, commending them for the fine work they had been doing, and making the following requests: #2701

1. He asked for progress report on Athletic Field and plans for the future.
2. His concern for parking facilities in the City of Norton with emphasis on Oak Avenue.
3. Smoke abatement for the City of Norton.

Mr. Tate requested that a committee be appointed for each of the above requests. Council advised Mr. Tate that the athletic field was to be reseeded and that the other two matters would be looked into.

Mr. Jester brought to council's attention the bid opening for the sewer improvement project on Thursday, April 23rd at 2:00 P.M. #2702

Mr. Jester presented application of J.C. Niece for taxicab driver's permit. On motion by Archie Woods, seconded by J.C. Holcomb and carried by unanimous vote, J.C. Niece was granted permission for the issuance of a taxi driver's permit. #2703

Mr. Jester presented request of the two bottling companies in the City for a reduction in sewer charge. On motion by A.O. Umstead, seconded by Archie Woods and carried by unanimous vote, the above matter was tabled until later date. #2704

Mr. Jester presented request of Willard Collins for refund on coal dealer license for 1964. On motion by A.O. Umstead, seconded by Archie Woods and carried by unanimous roll call vote, council moved that said coal dealer license be refunded to the City Treasurer to apply on personal property taxes of said Willard Collins. If said Willard Collins acquires another truck and goes into business, he will be required to purchase another license. #2705

Mr. Jester asked for authorization for the Mayor to purchase the Benges Branch plant site for sewer project. #2706

On motion by J.C. Holcomb, seconded by Archie Woods and carried by unanimous roll call vote, the following resolution was passed:

Be It Resolved by the Council of the City of Norton that the Mayor or City Manager be empowered to purchase from New York <sup>Thining</sup> & Manufacturing Company the 1.76 acre tract on Powell River that we heretofore obtained an option on at a price to be negotiated by the Mayor and City Manager.

An emergency existing this resolution will take effect this date.

On motion by Archie Woods, seconded by J.C. Holcomb and carried by unanimous roll call vote, the following resolution was passed: #2707

Be It Resolved by the Council of the City of Norton that Mrs. Edith Pappas and Mr. Edward Spears are hereby appointed issuing Justices for the City of Norton. The said Mrs. Edith Pappas and Mr. Edward Spears as issuing Justices shall have authority to commit prisoners, issue warrants and perform such other duties as are performed by Justice of the Peace under the general law.

Be It Further Resolved that the Council finds that an emergency exists and these appointments shall be effective this date. Mrs. Edith Pappas and Mr. Edward Spears shall serve under this appointment until the first Tuesday in September, 1964.

Mr. Jester gave a report of delinquent tax collections for the month of March, 1964. Taxes = \$966.40; penalty & interest = \$271.90; making a total of collections to date \$19,958.45. #2708

Mr. Jester presented a request for street light at intersection of Ridge And Henry Street. Permission was granted by council. #2709

Mr. Jester advised council that the City had received this date \$5,600.00 Planning Advance for Benges Branch Plant. #2710

A discussion was held of the paving of Route 58A from Indian Creek Recapping Plant to corporate limits going toward Coeburn. #2711

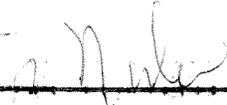
On motion by J.C. Holcomb, seconded by Archie Woods and carried by unanimous roll call vote, the following resolution was passed:

Be It Resolved by the Council of the City of Norton that the State of Virginia be requested to resurface Kentucky Avenue from intersection of State Route 74 and Kentucky Avenue to the East corporate limits of Norton and that the City of Norton participate in the cost to the extent of 15%, plus cost of inspection.

Mr. Jester presented a projected report of revenues and expenditures for the next three months. #2712

There being no further business to come before the council same adjourned.

  
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 Mayor

  
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 Clerk