

April 2, 1963

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on April 2, 1963 at 7:00 P.M. with Mayor B.E. Ball presiding.

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

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

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

On motion by A.O. Umstead, seconded by Archie Woods and carried by unanimous roll call vote, the following ordinance in connection with the removal of trash and debris was passed on second reading:

#2374

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTON:

(1) The owners of property in the City of Norton shall, at least once a week, remove therefrom any and all trash, garbage, refuse, litter and other substance which might endanger the health of other residents of the City. The City Council deems it necessary that in the event any owner, or owners, of property fails to comply with the requirements of this Section, the City Manager, after giving reasonable notice in writing by Registered Mail, shall have such trash, garbage, refuse, litter and other like substances which might endanger the health of the other residents of the City, removed by City employees, in which event the cost or expense thereof shall be charged to and paid by the owners of such property and may be collected by the City as taxes and levies are collected.

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(2) The owners of vacant property in the City of Norton shall cut the grass, weeds and other foreign growth on such property at least once a month during the months from April through October. The City Council deems it necessary that in the event such owners fail to comply with the provisions of this Section, the City Manager, after reasonable notice in writing to the owner or owners of such property, shall have such grass, weeds or other foreign growth cut by City employees, in which event the cost and expense thereof shall be chargeable to and paid by the owner of such property and may be collected by the City as taxes and levies collected.

(3) Every charge authorized by this with which the owner of any such property shall have been assessed and which remains unpaid shall constitute a lien against such property.

Council suggested to Mr. Hendrick, news reporter, that as much publicity as possible be given this ordinance in the local newspaper.

On motion by Archie Woods, seconded by A.O. Umstead and carried by unanimous roll call vote, the following ordinance regarding dogs was passed on first reading:

#2375

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTON:

(1) It shall be unlawful for any person to keep within the City any dog for which a license has not been secured as provided by the laws of this State. Any person violating the provisions of this Section shall be fined not less than \$2.50 nor more than \$25.00.

(2) No license shall be issued by the City Treasurer, or his agent, for any dog unless there is presented to the City Treasurer, or his agent at the time application for such license is made evidence satisfactory to him or his agent that such dog has been properly vaccinated within one year by a killed virus vaccine or within thirty-six months with a live virus vaccine previous to the day the license is to be issued.

(3) There is hereby established a dog pound for the City of Norton of a type to be approved by the County or City Health Department. The location, establishment and maintenance of the dog pound shall be under the supervision of the City Manager. Unlicensed and stray dogs shall be kept at the dog pound for a period of five days. If at the end of the five days any such dog is not claimed and licensed, then the dog may be killed or otherwise disposed of by the Game Warden of Wise County or the City of Norton.

(4) It shall be the duty of the police and such other person as may be designated by the City Manager to capture and imprison in the City pound all stray dogs found in the City of Norton, which do not have collars and license tags as required by this ordinance. Any such dog so captured and impounded may be released to its owner upon the owner's proof of ownership and cost of impounding the dog at the rate of \$1.00 per day, upon the securing of a proper license and the payment of any fine assessed under the provisions of this ordinance. If at the end of five days any such dog is not claimed and released, then the dog may be killed or otherwise disposed of.

(5) Any person owning or having in his possession or under his control in the City a dog suspected of being vicious or a dog suspected of constituting a nuisance shall be summoned before the Police Justice Court of the City to show cause why such dog should not be confined, killed, removed or the nuisance otherwise abated. Upon proof that such dog is vicious or that such dog constitutes a public nuisance, the dog shall, by order of the Police Justice of the City of Norton, either be confined, killed, removed or the nuisance otherwise abated as such Police Justice shall order. Any person failing to comply with such order shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Mr. Monroe Thrower, representing the Southwest Distributing Company of Norton, appeared before council and asked that consideration be given to a refund on 1963 license for three-quarters of year since the Southwest Distributing Company has gone out of business as of February, 1963. #2376

Council advised Mr. Thrower that this matter would be taken under further advisement and inform him of the decision made by next council meeting.

Mr. W.P. Kanto appeared before council and advised them that they would be receiving copies of the School Budget by April 10th and asked that they study it before council meeting at which time he would be there to answer any questions they might have. #2377

The proposed housing control ordinance was presented, and after discussion, the following motion prevailed: #2378

On motion by A.O. Umstead, seconded by Archie Woods and carried by the following votes, council moved that the matter of the proposed housing control ordinance be deferred and that the council give consideration to it in an executive session where each item can be taken up and discussed thoroughly and see what the possibilities are and make such recommendations as they deem advisable. B.E. Ball, A.O. Umstead, Archie Woods, J.B. Taggart, voting Yea; J.C. Holcomb, voting Nay

On motion by J.B. Taggart, seconded by J.C. Holcomb and carried by unanimous roll call vote, the following resolution was passed: #2378

Resolved that the City Manager of the City of Norton be authorized to negotiate with the First National Bank of Norton to arrange a loan at the most desirable interest rate, such amount to be not more than \$50,000 but funds not to be drawn until further authorization is given.

Mr. Jester advised council that he had contacted the Women's Club and set the weeks of May 6th and May 13th as Clean-up week for the City of Norton. #2379

Mr. Jester presented a fire report for the month of March, 1963. #2380

On motion by J.C. Holcomb, seconded by J.B. Taggart and carried by the following votes, council moved that beginning April 16, 1963 council would convene at 7:30 P.M. B.E. Ball, J.C. Holcomb, J.B. Taggart, voting Yea; A.O. Umstead, Archie Woods, voting Nay. #2381

Mr. Jester brought to council's attention the expiration date of the option with the Fleming Land Company. It was suggested that he write the Fleming Land Company a letter expressing their appreciation for the cooperation they had given in this matter. #2382

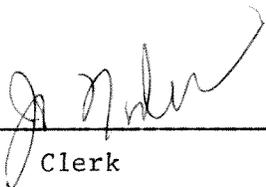
Mr. Jester presented two requests for street lights; one at 227-7th St., N.E. and one at the intersection of 4th St., N.E. and Virginia Avenue. #2383

On motion by J.C. Holcomb, seconded by Archie Woods and carried by unanimous roll call vote, the City Manager was instructed to have the Old Dominion Power Company install a street light at the above locations.

Mr. Holcomb presented a request of David Banks of Shrine Club that Circus license be waived for the City of Norton when they have their circus for benefit of crippled children's home. Said circus to be in May. #2384

On motion by J.C. Holcomb, seconded by A.O. Umstead and carried by unanimous vote, council moved that the license be waived.

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


Clerk


Mayor