

June 4, 1963

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on June 4, 1963 at 7:30 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, Jr., City Manager

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A group of citizens from Ridge Avenue with C.D. Hensley as spokesman #2427 appeared before council regarding tearing down of old house above their properties owned by Stella Graham.

Council instructed the City Manager to act with the City Attorney in accordance with ordinance passed April 2, 1963, regarding removal of shacks from property.

Mr. Hensley also asked council to do something to the road to make it #2428 more passable from Poplar up Ridge Avenue. Referred to City Manager.

Mr. Jester brought to council estimates of retaining wall in front of #2429 Dr. Phillips property and Chestnut Street in front of Bruce Fraley's and Bill Witt's.

Council instructed the City Manager to write a letter to Dr. Phillips requesting that he give consideration to repairing wall in front of the McClung property.

The City Manager was instructed to contact Mr. Witt and Mr. Fraley of #2430 Chestnut Street to see what could be worked out regarding their participation in replacing the retaining wall in front of their properties.

On motion by J.B. Taggart, seconded by Archie Woods and carried by unanimous #2431 roll call vote, the firm of Thrower & Leonard was appointed to audit the City of Norton books at fee of \$600.00, said audit to be presented to council on or before September 3, 1963.

Mr. Jester advised council of the public hearing on the Budget for the #2432 ensuing year to be held June 11th at 7:30 P.M. in the Municipal Court Room.

Mr. Jester read a letter to council from The Town of Wise requesting option #2433 to purchase a piece of property in Clear Creek section owned by the City of Norton.

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

Resolved that the City of Norton give to the Town of Wise an option to purchase its interests in the land on Clear Creek in accordance with letter dated June 4, 1963 from Mr. Vicars of Wise with the added provision that if this property is not used by the Town of Wise for the stated purposes, the City of Norton shall be given the right to repurchase the property from Wise at the sales price to the Town of Wise, and that the City Manager and City Attorney prepare the option in accordance herewith.

On motion by J.B. Taggart, seconded by Archie Woods and #2434  
carried by unanimous roll call vote, the following ordinance  
regarding extension of selling of beer one hour longer during  
daylight saving time was passed:

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Norton, Virginia,  
that the time for selling beer at the duly licensed establishments  
be extended for one hour during such periods of time as the City  
of Norton is on daylight saving time.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Council finds that an emergency  
exists and that this Ordinance be effective from and after the  
date of its approval by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board of  
the State of Virginia.

Mr. Jester read a letter to council from the engineers requesting #2435  
permission to proceed with necessary borings in the Ramsey area and  
Benges Branch.

On motion by A.O. Umstead, seconded by J.C. Holcomb and carried by  
unanimous roll call vote, council moved that the engineer of Hayes,  
Seay, Mattern & Mattern be instructed to proceed with the borings  
and necessary work in conjunction with the construction of Benges  
Branch and Ramsey.

Mr. Jester presented Fire Report for month of May, 1963. #2436

A group from the Norton Kiwanis Club with W.H. Hankins, Jr. #2437  
as spokesman appeared before council with the following  
recommendations for consideration by the council:

1. The Dirt in Norton
2. Urban Renewal
  - (a) Smoke Abatement
3. Widening of Streets, Curb & Gutter
4. Building, Electrical & Plumbing Code
5. Clean up of Gambling & Bootlegging in City
6. Industrial Sites

After a brief discussion council instructed the Mayor to appoint an  
air pollution committee to follow up the Urban Renewal program on  
smoke abatement and industrial sites.

Mr. Jester advised council that Mr. Charles McElroy had been instructed  
to reactivate the Plumbing, Building & Electrical Code Committee.

Council discussed briefly the Federal Grant for sewage disposal #2438  
plant, after which they instructed the City Manager to begin easements  
for rights of way.

Mr. Taggart brought council up to date on status of applications #2439  
now on file in Washington with the Department of Health, Education  
& Welfare.

Personnel Policy as presented by Mr. Jester was deferred until #2440  
June 18th meeting.

Mr. Jester brought to council's attention letter received from #2441  
Mr. George Wharton regarding condition of road and bridge to his  
mine. Council instructed the City Manager to investigate this matter  
and make estimate and bring back recommendations to council.

Mr. Jester advised council that he had received revised estimate for repairing to Route 74 for a modern two-lane highway. #2442

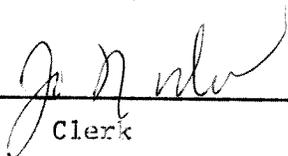
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Mr. Jester presented the Treasurer's Report for the month of May, 1963 #2443

Mr. Jester presented Mr. Kanto's and Mr. Stallard's request for the relocation of the water line in the Dorchester area. After discussing the matter, the members of the council felt that the revenue received from the area prohibits such an expenditure at this time. #2444

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

  
Clerk

  
Mayor