

November 19, 1963

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Building on November 19, 1963 at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor B.E. Ball presiding.

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

Absent: J.B. Taggart

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

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. George Hunnicutt appeared before council requesting permission to unload steel from siding across the alley from old Norton Machine Works. #2573

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

Resolved by the Council of the City of Norton that in order to permit the use of industrial facilities in the area of the Norton Machine Works building; that any occupier of said building may unload material from the railroad siding across the alley from said building and this will not be deemed a violation of the obstruction ordinance, provided a vehicle passageway is maintained.

Mr. George Hunnicutt, Maurice Fulton, Mr. Carroll Tate and Mr. M.B. Thrower of the Norton Industrial Development Authority presented a report of the Authority's activities. Council commended the Authority on the work they had been doing. #2574

Carroll Tate appeared before council regarding the condition of the Norton Athletic Field. Mr. Tate stated he thought serious attention to the possibility of starting some kind of continuous program on the grounds of the athletic field, such as plowing, top soil, more seeding and watering. #2575

Mr. Jester reported to council on the discrepancy in the license tax ordinance regarding selling of beer and wine. #2576

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

Be It Ordained by the Council of the City of Norton that Sections 12 (h), (i), (j), (k), (l) and (m) of the license tax ordinance herebefore enacted by the City of Norton be rescinded and that that portion of said ordinance referring to license taxes on beer and wine be re-enacted so that the license taxes are as follows:

12. (h) For each retail on premises wine and beer license -- \$75.00
- (i) For each retail off premises wine and beer license -- \$75.00
- (j) For each retail on premises beer license -- \$50.00
- (k) For each retail off premises beer license -- \$50.00

The above ordinances shall be effective from and after the 1st day of January, 1964.

Council discussed garbage cans being left on the street after garbage collection had been made. Matter referred to City Manager. #2577

Mr. Jester advised council that he and Mr. Ball attended a pre-construction conference at Coeburn, November 19th, with Mr. Hummel, Field Representative of H.H.F.A. and Mr. Lindsey of Hayes, Seay, Mattern & Mattern. #2578

Council discussed the addition of sewer charge on water bills. Council instructed Mr. Jester to bring an ordinance to next council meeting for their consideration, said ordinance to have a blank date. #2579

Mr. Jester asked council's consideration for enlarging the City's water storage capacity to meet future demands. He gave the following plans for their consideration: #2580

1. Height to the present upper dam.
2. Plans to develop Clear Creek
3. Investigate the possibilities of constructing a dam between the present lower reservoir and the filter plant intake.

Council instructed the City Manager to investigate Plan No. 1 and to contact Chester Engineers with regard to this plan.

Mr. Jester gave a report of the meeting he attended of the President's Appalachian Regional Commission in Richmond, November 15th. A discussion followed after which the following resolution was passed: #2581

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
 Whereas, there is now a study being made of this area by the President's Appalachian Regional Commission to develop a plan of action for the Appalachian Region •

Be It Resolved that the City of Norton agrees either singularly or jointly with the Board of Supervisors of Wise County and of the other counties in this area to discuss and consider what action should be taken locally to promote & aid this program.

Mr. Ball appointed committee of himself, W.P. Kanto & C.F. Jester. He stated that he would act as temporary chairman of this committee.

Mr. Jester discussed with the Council the need of an office machine to improve the present system of billing and to handle the additional sewer charge. Mr. Jester reported that he had made preliminary inquiries with National Cash Register and Burroughs and that either machine would cost approximately \$500.00. After a lengthy discussion council tabled the matter and requested that consideration be given to IBM office machine. #2582

Mr. Winston was instructed by council to prepare a proclamation by the Mayor in line with ordinance passed at the November 5th meeting regarding the restrictions on the use of water. #2583

Council instructed Mr. Jester to contact Mr. Hunnicutt of Pepsi Cola and Mr. Schellenger of N. & W. Railway Co. regarding usage of wells during water shertage. #2584

On motion by J.C. Holcomb, seconded by Archie Woods and carried by unanimous vote, council granted permission for the issuance of a taxi driver's permit to James Neely to operate from 96 Cab Company. #2585

On motion by J.C. Holcomb, seconded by Archie Woods and carried by unanimous roll call vote, the following resolution was passed: #2586

Resolved that property owners donating right of way for sewer line be furnished one sewer connection for the present buildings now on the property now requiring such service and owners of vacant land to be furnished one sewer tap for future development upon request.

Mr. Jester gave a report on tax collections as follows: #2587

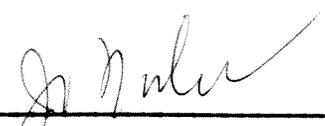
Current tax collections to Nov. 19th	\$24,825.25
Delinquent Taxes & Penalty & Interest	1,161.27
Delinquent Accounts	13.00

Mr. Holcomb brought to council a request of the Presbyterian Church to use the Cannon Lot for their manger scene during the week of Christmas. Council gave their consent. #2588

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



Mayor



Clerk