

December 3, 1963

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on December 3, 1963 at 7:30 P.M.

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

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

Minutes of the previous meetings were read and approved.

Mrs. Alpha Hubbard appeared before council regarding the reassessment of her real estate taxes. After discussing this matter with Mrs. Hubbard, council referred this matter to the City Attorney to see if the City of Norton has an active equalization board, and report same to council. Mrs. Hubbard was advised that council would take this matter into consideration. #2591

Mayor B.E. Ball reported to Council of a meeting that he and Mr. Kanto had attended with County Officials, Senator Long and Delegate Orby Cantrell. Mr. Orby Cantrell agreed to call a meeting in December. #2592

On motion by Archie Woods, seconded by J.B. Taggart and carried by unanimous roll call vote, the following ordinance regarding the selling of beer and wine was passed on second reading: #2593

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Sections 12 (h), (i), (j), (k), (l) and (m) of the license tax ordinance herebefore enacted by the City of Norton be rescinded and that that portion of said ordinance referring to license taxes on beer and wine be re-enacted so that the license taxes are as follows: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

Mr. Ball and Mr. Taggart reported on meeting they had attended at Clinch Valley College on December 3rd with a group of State Legislators. #2594

Mr. Jester gave a report of the following tax collections for the month of November, 1963: #2595

Current taxes	-	\$52,344.52
Delinquent Taxes penalty & interest		\$ 1,858.17

Mr. Jester gave the fire department report for the month of November, 1963. There were five fires during the month of November. #2596

On motion by J.C. Holcomb, seconded by Archie Woods and carried by unanimous vote, the following officers as elected by the Norton Fire Dept. were approved: #2597

Chief	Victor Jones
Ass't. Chief	C. J. Taylor
Captain	Sterling Jones
Lieutenant	Archie Kennedy
President	S. E. Trinkle
Vice President	Byron Nickels
Secretary	Sterling Jones
Treasurer	Joe Fischer
Chief Engineer	James Owens
Ass't. Engineer	Danny Still
Custodian	W.C. Necessary
Membership Committee	V. O. Flanary Earle Brown W.H. Quarterman
Grievence Committee	Henry Yeary W.C. Necessary Kenneth Kibler Archie Kennedy

Mr. Jester reported on the water situation. He stated that there had been a gross gain of 3 million gallons as of Monday morning. He also stated that there was 28 million gallons of water in the lower dam and 6 million in the upper dam, a supply of about one and three quarters months. Mr. Ball stated that he had lifted the restrictions on the usage of water. #2598

On motion by A.O. Umstead, seconded by J.C. Holcomb and carried by unanimous roll call vote, the following ordinance was passed on first reading: #2599

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Norton that in view of the agreement for sale of bonds for the construction of city sewage disposal facilities and in view of the current construction of these facilities, it is necessary that funds be immediately made available for the operation and maintenance of the physical plant, the payment of interest on the bonds, and the payment of the bonds as they shall become due; and that, therefore, effective with February, 1964, billing in the following charges shall be levied for the accumulation of funds for the above purposes:

- (1) From all sewage customers or users - \$1.00 per month, plus 20% of all charges for sewage/water service and water consumption.
- (2) From all water consumers within the City who are not users of sewage facilities - \$1.00 per month.

These sewer charges will be collected at the same time and with the water bill and the City Manager is empowered to enforce the collection of these sewer charges in the same manner as the enforcement of water collections.

Mr. Jester advised council that Mr. Roscoe Archer, Supt. of Public Works had resigned effective, December 26th to accept a position with #2600

Mr. Jester read a letter to council from Mr. Phil Strader, expressing his appreciation for the fine cooperation and courtesy extended to him during the City's recent bond sale. #2601

Mr. Taggart advised council that the TVA had been invited by the governor into southwest Virginia to see what could be done for the flood control situation. #2602

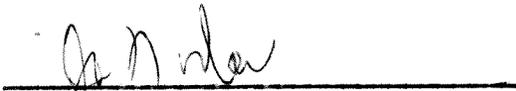
Mayor Ball was instructed to write a letter to TVA welcoming them into Wise County and Norton and asking that attention be given as quickly as possible to Benges Branch and Guest River.

Mr. Taggart advised council of the reply from the Commonwealth of Virginia Attorney General regarding payment by the City for an attorney in the power matter. He advised that it was within the power of the City Council to make such appropriations. #2603

On motion by J.B. Taggart, seconded by <sup>B.E. Ball</sup> ~~A.O. Umstead~~ and carried by the following votes, the following motion was passed: Resolved by the council of the City of Norton, authorization for expenditure of funds up to but not to exceed \$470.00 for its proportionate part of legal expenses incurred by the appointed attorney in the power question. B.E. Ball, J.C. Holcomb, J.B. Taggart, voting Yea; Archie Woods, A.O. Umstead, voting Nay.

There being no further business before the council same adjourned.

  
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 Mayor

  
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 Clerk