

Jan. 3, 1961

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on the above date with Mayor B. E. Ball presiding.

Present: B. E. Ball, Sol Cury, F. W. Glass, W. R. Hamner, J. C. Holcomb

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Hugh Cline, representing James Seymore, appeared before council #1797 with request to sell beer on-off premises at Jim's Cafe, 518 Park Avenue.

On motion by W. R. Hamner, seconded by F. W. Glass and carried by unanimous roll call vote, James Seymore was granted permission to obtain a license to sell beer on-off premises at 518 Park Avenue.

Mr. Norton reported on the Region I Industrial Development Commission #1798 meeting to be held Friday, January 6th.

The City Manager advised council that the work on the water main from #1799 the Dari-Kup to Virginia would begin as soon as the materials were received.

Mr. Ball presented a letter from Mr. Carson Hibbitts regarding #1800 meeting to be held in Coeburn regarding unemployment situation in the coal areas. Mr. Ball advised council that Mr. Kanto was representing Norton at this meeting since the councilmen were unable to attend.

Mr. Ball presented a letter from the Assistant Secretary of Commerce #1801 advising the City of Norton that the official count of the census was 5013.

On motion by W. R. Hamner, seconded by A. O. Umstead and carried #1802 by unanimous roll call vote, the following taxicab ordinance was passed:

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Norton, Virginia, that:

SECTION I. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a taxicab or other motor vehicle performing a taxicab service in this City without first obtaining from the Council an annual permit on an annual year basis. Any person desiring a permit under this section shall file with the Council an application in the form prescribed by the Council.

SECTION II. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to permit any taxicab or other motor vehicle performing a taxicab service, owned or controlled by such person, firm or corporation, to be operated in this City by any person who has not obtained a permit from the Council.

SECTION III. No permit issued by the Council under this ordinance shall be assigned or otherwise transferred without the approval of said Council.

SECTION IV. The permit issued by the Council shall designate the location or locations from which each such taxicab shall operate and the locations of the operating office of each such taxicab. It shall be unlawful for any owner or operator to change such operating location or office without the written consent of the Council.

SECTION V. No taxicab stand, office or operating location shall be permitted on (a) Sixth Street, (b) Seventh Street, (c) Eighth Street, (d) Virginia Avenue between Sixth Street and Eighth Street, (e) Federal Street, (f) The alley between Sixth Street and Seventh Street, (g) Park Avenue between Sixth Street and Eighth Street, (h) or any properties adjoining or adjacent to the aforesaid streets and alleys.

SECTION VI. Not more than fifteen permits shall be issued to taxicab owners and not more than thirty active permits shall be issued to taxicab drivers in any one year.

SECTION VII. The Police Justice, may at any time, upon good cause, and upon five days written notice serve upon the owner or operator of any taxicab, suspend, revoke or terminate any permit issued under this ordinance.

SECTION VIII. Any person, firm or corporation who violates any provision of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof be fined not less than five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars for each offense.

An emergency is set forth and declared to exist, and this ordinance shall be enforced immediately from the date of its passage.

Mr. Norton presented the following taxi driver's applications:

#1803

- Bobby Coffee - To be rechecked
- Ralph Bullion - Okay when location established.
- Walter C. Marshal - City Cab Co., Block 8 - Park Ave.
- Bascom Collier - City Cab Co., Block 8 - okay - Park Ave.
- Odell Greear - City Cab Co., Block 8, Park Ave. - Okay
- John Lovell - City Cab Co., Block 8, Park Ave. - Okay
- N. W. Stallard - City Cab Co. Block 8, Park Ave. - Okay
- James C. Johnston - City Cab Co., Block 8 Park Ave. - Okay
- George Clemons, Checker Cab - 500 Park Ave., N. W. - Okay
- James Herbert Collins, Checker Cab, 500 Park Ave., N. W. - Okay
- Edward Wheatley, Checker Cab, 500 Park Ave., N. W. - Okay
- Leonard J. Neely, Checker Cab, 500 Park Ave., N. W. - Okay
- Eugene P. Carter, Checker Cab, 500 Park Ave., N. W. - Okay
- Harold Leroy Hall, Checker Cab, 500 Park Ave., N. W. - Okay
- George Perry, Checker Cab, 500 Park Ave., N. W. - Okay
- Elmer Heaberlin, Pearl Williams Cab Co., Park Ave. between 4th & 5th St. - Okay
- Willard Williams - Denied
- Tony C. Slaughter - Red Top - Hold for location
- Bobby Waddell - Red Top - Hold for location

On motion by W. R. Hamner, seconded by J. C. Holcomb and carried by unanimous roll call vote, council moved that fifteen applications for taxi driver permits be granted.

On motion by F. W. Glass, seconded by J. C. Holcomb and carried by #1804 unanimous vote, the City Manager was instructed to extend to the U.M.W. Office an invitation to hold their 1961 Labor Day Celebration in Norton.

A brief discussion was held on the curfew law. #1805

There being no further business before the council same adjourned.



Mayor



Clerk