

May 22, 1961

A special meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Building on the above date at 3:00 P. M. with Mayor B. E. Ball presiding.

Present: B. E. Ball, W. R. Hamner, A. O. Umstead, F. W. Glass, J. C. Holcomb.

Also Present: W. T. Bowen, Attorney and Evan Norton, City Manager.

On motion by J. C. Holcomb, seconded by F. W. Glass and carried by unanimous vote, council moved that George Hunnicutt be appointed as a member of Region I Industrial Development Commission as a representative from the City of Norton. #1900

Council discussed the report of the City Manager regarding water service to Town of Wise and the request of a meeting with the City Council and study committee of the City of Norton. Council instructed the City Manager to advise Wise Council and committee from Wise regarding water service to Wise that council would be glad to have them meet with them on June 6th at the next regular council meeting to discuss this matter. #1901

Mr. Norton gave a report to council on low water pressure on Henry Street - giving cost estimate and his recommendations on same. Council instructed the City Manager to contact the property owners effected by this to see if they were willing to help in defraying the cost of the proposed pump. #1902

On motion by A. O. Umstead, seconded by F. W. Glass and carried by unanimous vote, the following Resolution to the Virginia State Highway Commission regarding allocations for the next fiscal year was passed: #1903

THAT WHEREAS, the annual allocation meeting of the Virginia State Highway Commission will be held in Roanoke, Virginia, on May 25, 1961, and, WHEREAS the people and the officials of the City of Norton are deeply appreciative of the consideration which the officials of the Highway Department and the Highway Commission have shown for the City and Wise County during the past years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the State Highway Commission of Virginia be and is hereby requested to consider the following for allocations during the next fiscal year:

1. Additional and substantial allocations for the completion of Alt. 58 between Norton, Virginia and Banner, Virginia, appropriations for the construction of Alt. 58 continuing eastward including the section between St. Paul and Banner's Corner and the continued construction of a modern highway through Russell and Washington Counties to Abingdon, Virginia. This Highway is now becoming one of the major routes of this section and deserves all consideration possible.

2. That consideration be given to the construction of a four lane highway from Norton, Virginia corporate limits to Wise, Virginia. This two lane highway is entirely inadequate for the traffic which it is carrying at the present time and actually has the highest traffic count of any road in our area.

3. Appropriation of funds for the location and modernization of U. S. Alt. 58 between the 11th Street Viaduct and East Kentucky Avenue in the City of Norton. As an alternate project to this, the construction of an overpass is proposed across the east end of the Norfolk and Western Railway yards, connecting U. S. Alt, 58 from a point east of S. 4th Street, to U. S. 23 at a point east of North 4th Street.

4. That the Virginia State Highway Commission give serious consideration to work on Rt. 619 from the hard surface on High Knob to the foot of the mountain on the Scott County side. This highway is now being used more frequently than in the past and would be used extensively if it was brought up into a better condition.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and that a copy be mailed to the Honorable H. H. Harris, Commissioner, Virginia Department of Highways, Richmond, Virginia; the Honorable W. M. Sclater, Member of the Highway Commission, Marion, Virginia; and the Honorable J. E. Johnson, Urban Engineer, Virginia Department of Highways, Richmond, Virginia.

Mr. Ball advised council that a delegation from Norton would attend the hearing in Roanoke regarding the allocations. #1904

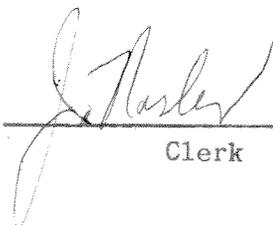
A discussion was held regarding property on corner of 7th Street and Virginia Avenue and property owned by the City of Norton on Park Avenue off 10th Street formerly owned by Norfolk & Western Railway Company. #1905

Council briefly discussed the sewer case which Mr. Norton had prepared in accordance with instructions from City Council. #1906

Mr. Norton reported on status of the East Norton slide. #1907

On motion made and duly seconded and carried by unanimous vote, council authorized the payment of \$250.00 vacation pay to Evan Norton, City Manager. #1908

There being no further business before the council same adjourned.


Clerk


Mayor