

March 5, 1953

The regular meeting of the Town Council convened on the above date in the temporary municipal building at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor B.B. Ball presiding.

All members of the council were present and answered to roll call.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mrs. Edith Bullion and Mr. Earl Yount appeared before council representing the Norton Baseball Club, Inc. and requested permission to use the athletic field during the coming spring and summer for their professional baseball club. #106

Considerable discussion took place concerning past uses of the athletic field, the outstanding debts resulting from past operation and for the rules and regulations concerning the continued use of the athletic field.

At the conclusion of the discussion the outstanding debt was acknowledged and compromised in the amount of \$710.00 and Mr. Cury introduced the following motion which was duly seconded and approved.

That the Town of Norton lease to the Norton Baseball Club, Inc. the Norton Municipal Stadium for the spring and summer of 1953, for a rental fee of \$15.00 per game payable monthly in advance, \$10.00 of which shall constitute current rental and \$5.00 of which shall be applied as rental on the adjusted delinquent account. The balance of which, \$410.00 is to be apportioned over the period of the lease as mutually agreed and the Mayor be authorized to appoint a committee of two or three members of the Town Council and the Town Attorney to work out a suitable lease, such lease to have the approval of the Town Council. #107

Mayor Ball then appointed Mr. Cury and Mr. Umstead to meet with Mr. Greear to compile a suitable lease for the rental of the athletic field.

Mr. J.J. Stump appeared before council relative to the entrance to his repair shop and this matter was referred to the town manager. #108

Prof. J.I. Burton and Mr. J.J. Stump member of the Town of Norton School Board appeared before council and presented the Town of Norton School Board Budget for the fiscal year 1953-54 in a total amount of \$168,607.75. The council examined the school budget and approved the same and authorized the town manager to notify the Board of Supervisors of the County of Wise of their actions and recommended that the budget be adopted in the amount specified. #109

Mr. McCord reported that the following officers had been elected to the Norton Fire Department for the year 1953. Chief, Earl Yount, Asst. Chief, Emory Provence, Captain, Earl Brown, Lt. P.C. Addison, Pres. Jim Godwin, V. Pres. J.C. Brown, Sec'y, Frank Caruso, Treas. Jack Sturgill. Such appointments were then duly approved by the town council. #110

The following ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading with all members on roll call voted, voting YEa. (Ordinance appears on Page 2 of the Town of Norton Ordinance Book. #111

A petition from the residents of the north side of Spring Avenue was read concerning parking in front of the homes after which a motion prevailed that the matter be tabled. #112

An application from Thomas Stidham to operate a taxi which had received the approval of the town manager and police department was on motion duly approved by the town council. #113

Mr. Jack Sluss appeared before council relative to the matter of his taxi application which had been denied by the town manager in accordance with the instructions of the February meeting. The town manager restated his reason for denying Mr. Sluss's request and on motion duly approved the application was denied by council.

#114

A letter from Mr. Hugh P. Cline representing Mrs. Annie Coleman was read in which Mrs. Coleman applied for an on-off premise beer license for her business located on Kentucky Avenue. There was some matters concerning this license which the town manager was authorized to convey to Mr. Cline.

#115

A motion prevailed however, that Mrs. Coleman be authorized an on-off premise beer license. All members King, Ball, Cury & Hamner, voting Yea, Umstead No.

A letter from the Junior Chamber of Commerce was read requesting use of the athletic field for April 23rd for the appearance of a circus.

#116

On motion duly approved the request was favorably received the license fee of the circus waived and a rental was set at \$15.00 and clean-up costs.

Mr. McCord called attention to a temporary situation existing at the Clark & Sherard Service Station and discussed the matter with council after which he was authorized to eliminate the first parking stall on the south side of Park Avenue west of the service station approach and also further authorized to install on-hand parking meters in that area.

#117

Mr. Greear reported that the 11th Street right of way was being delayed by the Highway Department who had advised him that they were consulting the Bureau of Public Roads relative to this matter.

#118

Mr. McCord reported that he had contacted the engineers of our fire siren and was awaiting a reply from them. He further reported that Mr. E.H. Ruehl was having a geologist examine the rock structures as exposed by the test holes dug in the proposed dam site in the reservoir area.

#119

It was then noted by Mr. McCord that he had received word from Mr. Almack of the Virginia Public Health Service and Congressman W.C. Wampler of the approval of funds for the construction of our public health center in conjunction with the new municipal building.

#120

Mr. Fred King advised that the negotiations by Mr. Mack Massey for the Flanary property for use as a parking lot had fallen down and that there was a possibility that this property would not be leased for purpose stated.

#121

Mr. McCord advised that the school board wished the town council to accompany them on a visitation to the new high school on March 17th at 1 o'clock.

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There being no further business before the council same adjourned.



 Mayor



 Clerk