

April 2, 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.E. Ball presiding.

All members were present and answered to roll call.

Mr. W.P. Kanto appeared before council representing the Town of Norton School Board. Mr. Kanto reported that the School Board was in need of funds to meet their current expenses and that they had such funds available but invested in U.S. Government securities which at the present time were selling below par value. He, therefore, requested that town council to loan to the Town of Norton School Board such funds that could be spared up to \$30,000 repayable on or before June 30, 1953 with no interest charges.

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On motion prevailing the request of the school board was approved and the town manager and town treasurer were authorized to loan them such funds when and if they could.

A petition was presented by Mr. Cury signed by a group of residents from the East End Development sub-division requesting certain street and sewer improvements in that area.

Mr. McCord outlined the problem of that area and pointed out that the parts of that development were not dedicated to public use and therefore no improvements could be made as they would be in conflict with our sub-division ordinances. On motion duly approved the town manager was instructed to send each signer of the petition a copy of the sub-division ordinance.

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The subject of storm drainage and the possibilities of certain areas being flooded in the spring rains was discussed, particularly as concerns the 7th Street and Park Avenue intersection. This matter was then referred to the Town Manager for further report.

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The lease for the use of the athletic field by the Norton Baseball Club, Inc. was presented and approved. On motion duly approved the clerk and mayor were authorized to execute the lease.

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The agreement with Mack Massey for the use of certain property as a parking lot was read and approved and on motion duly approved the clerk and mayor were authorized to execute the lease.

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A letter was read from the Norton Baseball Club, Inc. requesting the use of the softball field for one week for the purpose of placing thereon certain amusements rides. On motion duly approved the request was approved and the rental set at the clean up expense.

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A petition for a street light on Roberts Avenue just East of S. 4th Street was presented from a group of residents. On motion duly approved the installation of this light was ordered.

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A taxi application was presented in letter from Mrs. Annette Sluss and receiving an unfavorable report from the police department and town manager the request was denied.

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A request was received from the fire department for a contribution of \$150.00 to their special fund. The request was on motion duly approved granted and the treasurer was authorized to disburse the funds.

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A paper was read concerning the distribution of ABC profits. This paper was drawn up and presented by Mr. David Goodman, Town Manager of the Town of Abingdon to the ABC Board. Mr. Goodman in his letter of transmittal requested the support of our town in this matter. On motion duly made and seconded the town manager was instructed to write the secretary of the ABC Board endorsing the distribution of ABC funds as outlined in Mr. Goodman's report.

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The plans and specifications for the new municipal building and health center were again presented to council (having been presented informally) for their final approval. On motion made and duly approved the plans and specifications of the new municipal building as drawn by Mr. Chas. McElroy were unanimously approved with the exception of the requested installation of a double door into the court room, and the town manager was further ordered to advertise invitations to bidders on this project and that the bids received be opened at 8:00 P.M., Thursday, April 29, 1953.

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The town manager announced that in 1951 a sidewalk was constructed on N. Craig Street and the owners share was \$1.25 per front foot and it was now time to consider placing the bills for this property in line for assessments. The mayor ask if there was anyone present to object to the levying of this charge and there being noone present a motion was approved that the following bills for sidewalk construction become assessments against properties concerned if not paid on or before October 15, 1953. - Jo Nosler, \$75.00; Betty N. Pétrey, \$97.50; Ray Shamblin, \$95.00; Richard Collins, \$93.75; Guy Bolling, \$111.25; Frances Reed, \$62.50; Florence Nard, \$62.50; Robert Jenkins, \$62.50; Elizabeth McPherson, \$71.25; Vivian Strength, \$62.50; James V. Dickenson, \$62.50; W.E. Dixon, \$62.50; Roy Moore, \$62.50; W.H. Dawson, \$62.50.

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The following ordinance on public address systems was read and adopted on second reading and thereby became immediately effecton. (See page 2 of office ordinance book)

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There being no further business before the council same adjourned.



 Mayor



 Clerk