

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

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

Mr. Umstead mentioned the drainage problem in the vicinity of 10th and Spruce Streets after which considerable discussion took place concerning this problem. There was no official action taken.

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A taxi application for Mr. Paul Johnston was submitted in writing by his attorney Hugh P. Cline and on favorable recommendation of the police department and town manager the application was approved.

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A taxi application of Everett Stidham was received and council was advised it was received too late for investigation, therefore, on motion prevailing the application was approved subject to investigation by the police department and town manager.

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An application for on-off premise beer license was received from Hasque Miller. On motion duly passed the request was approved.

#140

An application in writing was received from John M. James for pool room license for four tables and receiving a favorable report from the police department and town manager the application was approved.

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Mr. W.P. Kanto appeared before council representing the Town of Norton School Board and presented a resolution for adoption by the council.

On motion the resolution was duly adopted and approved by the town council, and the resolution follows herewith:

At a meeting of the Council for the Town of Norton, held in the said Town on the 7th day of May, 1953:

Whereas, The School Board for the Town of Norton School District on the 2nd day of June, 1953, presented to this Board or Council, an application addressed to the State Board of Education of Virginia for the purpose of securing State School Construction Funds in the amount of \$25,894.44 for the new school building (or for adding to or improving the present school building) at Norton, Virginia.

Resolved, that the application of the County of City School Board to the State Board of Education of Virginia for \$25,894.44 from the School Construction Fund is hereby approved.

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The Council of said City has, or will provide sufficient funds through cash appropriations and/or levy, to complete this project. If the School Board has sufficient funds on hand to complete the project, permission is hereby granted for the use of said funds, for the purpose designated in the application.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy as taken from the minutes of the Council of the City of Town of Norton, Virginia.

All resolutions and commitments applying to the original application under date of Oct. 4, 1951, and supplementary application under date of May 12, 1952, apply equally to this application.

(Signed) Jo Nosler, Clerk

May 7, 1953

Date

Board of Supervisors For The
County of _____
Council For the
City of B.E. Ball

The formal contract between the Town of Norton and E.L. Ford for construction of the new municipal building and public health clinic were submitted and approved and on motion duly adopted on roll call vote the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign the contract. #143

The mayor announced that road hearings on the highway funds were to be heard in Roanoke on May 12th, at which time our viaduct question would be submitted.

A motion then prevailed that the town manager and the attorney draw up a suitable resolution to present at that meeting. #144

The Town of Norton budget for the fiscal year 1953-54 was submitted by the town manager and the proposed expenditures were read in their entirety.

A motion then was passed adopting on first reading the proposed budget and further authorized the town manager to advertise in the Coalfield Progress and further state that there would be a public hearing at the next regular council meeting, June 4, 1953. #145

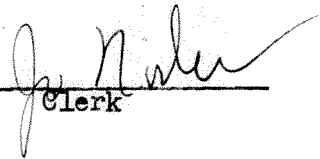
On roll call vote all members present, five in number voted YEA.

One of the recommendations of the manager in the budget message was that the town consider a study of the question "Should Norton become a City of Second Class?"

The proposal of the manager was discussed in full and the mayor thereupon was authorized to appoint a committee consisting of one member each of the following civic clubs, Kiwanis, Lions, Jr. Chamber of Commerce, Merchants Association and two members from council and the town manager to study the questions. #146

At the conclusion of the business session Mayor Ball read a letter of resignation from the town manager. On motion duly approved Mr. McCord's resignation was accepted with regret effective June 5, 1953.

There being no further business before the council same adjourned.


Clerk


Mayor