

December 6, 1955

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room 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.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

H. G. Toohey appeared before council asking that he be recommended as Justice of Peace for City of Norton to fill the unexpired term of R. H. Fink. Matter tabled until December 20th meeting. #665

On motion by Sol Cury, seconded by A. O. Umstead and carried by unanimous vote, permission was granted for the issuance of an on-off premise beer license to Lottie Hatfield, T/A Kozy Nook. #666

On motion by Sol Cury, seconded by Fred H. King, carried by unanimous vote, it was moved that the Holston Valley Distributing Company be granted a wholesale beer license in the City of Norton. #667

The City Manager reported that the Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Company of Virginia was asking the State Corporation Commission permission to add license taxes levied by cities, towns and counties to be added to the bills of the subscribers in such localities. Also that this was a follow up of the recent decision in favor of the C. & P. in which they were permitted to add utility taxes based on gross receipts to the subscriber's bill. He recommended that no action be taken since it was the opinion of the League of Virginia Municipality Legal Staff that this action would be permitted since its counter part had already been adopted and that no action was being taken by the League as a group. #668

On motion by Fred King, seconded by A. O. Umstead, the amendments to the Merchant's License Tax Ordinance were passed on first reading and a public hearing was scheduled for next regular meeting on December 20th. All those present voted AYE except Sol Cury - not voting. #669

Mr. Walker presented request of Rev. Gordon Freeman for consideration as Justice of Peace for City of Norton. No action taken. #670

On a motion by Fred H. King, seconded by Sol Cury and carried by unanimous roll call vote, the City Manager was instructed to issue a supplemental check to each city employee in the amount of 3% of his earnings for the period of January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955. #671

There being no further business before the council same adjourned.



Mayor



Clerk