

October 16, 1956

The regular meeting of the City Council was held on the above date at 7:30 P. M. in the Municipal Court Room 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.

Mr. Frank Sturgill appeared before council regarding sewage from his trailer in Ramsey Section. #890

Mr. R. E. Owens appeared before council requesting improvement of that section on Spruce Street west of 11th Street. Referred to City Manager. #891

Mr. Jerry Bernhardt appeared before council regarding street in front of his property on East Park Avenue. Referred to City Manager. #892

A group of citizens from Saw Mill Hollow section in Ramsey were present regarding water line to their property. This matter was deferred until such time as City Would know whether or not they would have to use the pipe which they have laid at Dorchester. #893

Mr. Davis reported to council that the thirty day notice to property owner at Ramsey next to Church of God was up. #894

On motion by A. O. Umstead, seconded by Sol Cury and carried by unanimous vote, the Mayor and City Manager were instructed to proceed with condemnation under whatever legal rights that the City may have.

After the discussion of traffic light at intersection of Park Ave. and 11th Street, the City Manager was instructed to investigate and report back to next council meeting. #895

The resignation of Mrs. C. P. MacDonald as member of City Welfare Board was read to Council. #896

On motion by A. O. Umstead, seconded by Fred H. King and carried by unanimous roll call vote, the City Manager was instructed to secure comparative bids on 500' of 1 1/2" fire hose and 500' of 2 1/2" fire hose and the purchase be made from lowest and best bid. #897

On motion by Sol Cury, seconded by Fred H. King and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved that \$1650.00 be transferred from the contingency fund to fire department for purchase of hose. #898

Mr. Davis advised council that the advisory committee to the Planning Commission would be presented at the next council meeting. #899

On motion by Fred H. King, seconded by A. O. Umstead and carried by the following votes, King, Cury, Hamner & Umstead voting YEA, Ball not voting; the resolution regarding the abandonment of passenger service between Petersburg, Virginia, and Richmond, Virginia, by the Atlantic Coast Line Railway Company was passed. #900

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Council of the City of Norton that the Atlantic Coast Line Railway Company proposes to abandon its passenger train operating between the cities of Petersburg and Richmond, Virginia; and,

WHEREAS, the abandonment of this service will make it impossible for the people of Southwestern Virginia to travel by pullman from Southwestern Virginia to Richmond, Virginia; and,

WHEREAS, this pullman service is largely used by the citizens of Norton and other citizens of this section of Virginia in traveling to and from the capitol city of the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Norton does hereby oppose the abandonment of the passenger service between Petersburg, Virginia, and Richmond, Virginia, by the Atlantic Coast Line Railway Company and does hereby request the State Corporation Commission of Virginia to require the Atlantic Coast Line Railway Company to continue to furnish this passenger service in order that the people of Southwestern Virginia might be furnished with pullman service to their capitol city.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and a copy of same be mailed to the State Corporation Commission of Virginia.

On motion by A. O. Umstead, seconded by Sol Cury, the following resolution was passed: #901

RESOLVED that the legal department be instructed to proceed with the rezoning request in the manner and fashion that is customarily followed by the City of Norton and to advertise for public hearing on November 20th. Ball, Cury, Umstead, Voting YEA - King and Hamner, voting NAY.

The resignation of Tom Cassell as Justice of Peace for City of Norton, #902 effective November 1st, was read to council.

On motion by A. O. Umstead, seconded by Sol Cury and carried by unanimous vote, the resignation of Tom Cassell as Justice of Peace for City of Norton was accepted.

Mr. Davis read a letter from Virginia Highway Department regarding highway conference to be held in Lexington on November 14th, 15th and 16th. #903

On motion by Sol Cury, seconded by W. R. Hamner and carried by unanimous vote, the City Manager, Fred Greear and Fred King were authorized to attend the highway meeting at Lexington on November 14th, 15th and 16th.

On motion by W. R. Hamner, seconded by Sol Cury and carried by unanimous roll call vote, the City Manager was authorized to pay from the contingency fund the balance due on Workman's Compensation in the amount of \$270.08.

#904

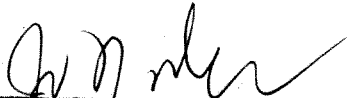
A letter from Mr. Fred B. Greear was read to council regarding the city's participation in the purchase of a 350 acre tract of land for the establishment of a commercial airport on Wise Mountain. Council expressed their interest in this matter but no definite action was taken.

#905

On motion by Fred H. King, seconded by W. R. Hamner and carried by unanimous roll call vote, the City Manager was authorized to pay \$250.00 to L. J. Reese in full settlement to damages to real estate on Kentucky Avenue and 11th Street. Said money to be taken from general fund.

#906

There being no further business before the council adjourned.


Clerk


Mayor