

April 16, 1957

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on the above date at 7:30 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. J. T. Caruso and Mr. H. H. Phelps appeared before council requesting permission for a dance hall permit. #1038

On motion by Sol Cury, seconded by W. R. Hamner and carried by unanimous roll call vote, permission was granted J. T. Caruso and H. H. Phelps to operate a dance hall.

The City Manager recommended to council that Mr. Hunnicutt be permitted to use the alley between the L. & N. right of way and old ice plant. #1039

On motion by W. R. Hamner, seconded by Fred H. King and carried by unanimous vote, the request of Mr. Hunnicutt to use the alley and to construct a concrete slab was granted.

On motion by Sol Cury, seconded by Fred H. King and carried by unanimous roll call vote, council moved that the sidewalk, curb & gutter, and street be relocated on Ridge Avenue between 9th and 10th Streets. #1040

Mr. Davis presented a letter from Mr. Smith, Urban Engineer of the State Highway Department regarding survey by the state forces of Alternate 58 from intersection of Kentucky Avenue to Park Avenue. #1041

On motion by Sol Cury, seconded by Fred King and carried by unanimous vote, the following resolution regarding highways was passed:

The City Council of the City of Norton has noted with approval the tentative allocation of funds for construction work on U. S. Highway 23 west of Norton and on U. S. Highway 58 east of Norton; and does hereby express to the Virginia State Highway Commission its thanks for said appropriation.

WHEREAS, this City Council has given serious consideration to the future development of the highway system of Wise County, it is

(A) RESOLVED, that the State Highway Commission of Virginia be, and it is hereby, requested to transfer secondary route 610 from Big Stone Gap, Virginia, to Norton, Virginia, from the secondary system of highways to the primary system and designate said road as Alternate U. S. Route 58.

(B) That secondary Route 646 leading from Coeburn, Virginia, to Wise, Virginia, be transferred from the secondary highway system to the primary highway system and that the reconstruction of both of these said highways may be scheduled with early appropriation.

(C) That the bridge over Guest River on primary Route 72 south of Coeburn may be reconstructed.

It appearing that due to the nature of the terrain in Wise County, more money is required for the construction of highways than is ordinarily needed throughout the State. IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Highway Commission of Virginia be, and it is hereby, requested to allocate to Wise County for highway construction such sum from the anticipated equalization funds as to the Commission shall seem appropriate under the Circumstances.

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 Honorable Samuel B. May, Tazewell, Virginia; Honorable M. B. Morecock, District Engineer, Bristol, Virginia; Honorable H. B. Tatum, Resident Engineer, Wise, Virginia; and General James A. Anderson, State Highway Commissioner, Richmond, Virginia. "

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Clerk of City Council

Mr. Davis presented to council a traffic display board as proposed by the Norton Lion's Club. Matter tabled for further investigation. #1042

Mr. Davis presented application for sewage disposal plant and sewer extension plan. #1043

On motion by A. O. Umstead, seconded by Sol Cury and carried by unanimous roll call vote, the following resolution was adopted and that the application be completed and forwarded to the necessary parties:

"WHEREAS, the City of Norton, Virginia herein called the "Applicant" after thorough consideration of the various aspects of the problem and study of available data has hereby determined that the construction of certain public works, generally described as sewer system of City of Norton with sewage treatment and disposal plant, sanitary sewer and drainage system, is desirable and in the public interest and to that end it is necessary that action preliminary to the construction of said works be taken immediately; and

WHEREAS, under the terms of Public Law 560, 83rd Congress, as amended, the United States of America has authorized the making of advances to public bodies to aid in financing the cost of engineering and architectural surveys, designs, plans, working drawings, specifications or other action preliminary to and in preparation for the construction of public works; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant has examined and duly considered such Act and the Applicant considers it to be in the public interest and to its benefit to file an application under said Act and to authorize other action in connection therewith;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the Council of the City of Norton, Virginia, the governing body of said Applicant, as follows:

1. That the construction of said public works is essential to and is to the best interest of the Applicant, and to the end that such public works may be provided as promptly as practicable it is desirable that action preliminary to the construction thereof be undertaken immediately;
2. That Philip P. Davis, City Manager, be hereby authorized to file in behalf of the Applicant an application (in form required by the United States and in conformity with said Act) for an advance to be made by the United States to the Applicant to aid in defraying the cost of plan preparation for the above described public works, which shall consist generally of the work necessary to be done is the surveying of the location of the outfall sewer lines and trunk lines showing the depth of excavation and size of pipe required, also designing the sewage disposal plant for primary treatment to be constructed soon and secondary treatment to be constructed in the future.
3. That if such advance be made, the Applicant shall provide or make necessary arrangements to provide such funds, in addition to the advance, as may be required to defray the cost of the plan preparation of such public works;
4. The said Philip P. Davis, City Manager is hereby authorized to furnish such information and take such other action as may be necessary to enable the Applicant to qualify for the advance;
5. That the officer designated in the preceding paragraph is hereby designated as the authorized representative of the Applicant for the purpose of furnishing to the United States such information, data, and documents pertaining to the application for an advance as may be required; and otherwise to act as the authorized representative of the Applicant in connection with this application.
6. That certified copies of this resolution be included as part of the application for an advance to be submitted to the United States."

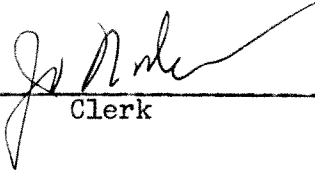
Council instructed the City Manager to enforce the collections of all delinquent taxes. #1044

Mr. Davis presented request of Ramsey Ball Club for use of the athletic field for their home games. Council instructed Mr. Davis to notify the Ramsey Ball Club that they could use the field free of charge but they would have to maintain the grounds themselves and would have to see that their games were not in conflict with the local school nor the Clinch Valley College. #1045

Mr. Davis presented a letter from Ray Wells asking consideration of a retirement fund for the City Employees. Matter referred to City Manager for further investigation.

#1046

On motion by Fred H. King, seconded by Sol Cury and carried by unanimous vote, council adjourned to meet again on April 30th at 7:30 P. M.



Clerk



Mayor