

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on October 5, 1965 at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor Holcomb presiding.

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Present: J.C. Holcomb, Archie Woods, V.O. Flanary, C.W. Bryant, R.L. Collins

Also Present: David B. Norman, City Manager

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Father Gardner, representing the Ministerial Association, appeared before Council requesting that Halloween be observed on Saturday night, October 30th, instead of Sunday, October 31st. Mayor Holcomb asked that a proclamation be published advising the public of change in day of celebration. Father Gardner also advised council that the churches were conducting the UNICEF Program on Saturday night. Council advised that the same Policy as enacted last year would be in effect this year. 2535

Bill Hendrick, in behalf of Carroll Tate, requested permission for merchants to place their goods on the sidewalk during the city wide sale of October 29-30th. Permission was granted by Council. 2536

A street light request of Mrs. Nell Bolling for installation of light in middle of block on Virginia Avenue between 11th & 12th Streets was referred to city manager. 2537

Mr. Norman presented letter to council from bonding company regarding repairs to city hall roof. Council instructed the city manager to advise the bonding company that the city desires that the roof be repaired in good condition for the next three years for the term of the bond. They also ask that he bring to the attention of the bonding company the damage already done to the building from leakage. 2538

Mr. Norman presented to council proposed street paving and repair program for the fall of 1965. He also presented Progress report for month of September. Council discussed these reports briefly and commended Mr. Norman and Mr. Pedneau on the progress they were making on the streets. 2539

Mayor Holcomb brought to council's attention a request of Mr. Kidd, Manager of Cohen's Dept. Store for something to be done to stop water running into back of store when it rains. Matter referred to City Manager. 3540

On motion by Archie Woods, seconded by R.L. Collins and carried by unanimous vote the following ordinance was passed: 3541

Be It Ordained by the Council of the City of Norton that Section 8-10 of the Code of the City of Norton be amended so that the Motor Vehicles required to be licensed under said Code Section shall include the owner of any motor driven vehicle residing in or having a place of business within the City shall obtain a license for the said vehicle if the said owner or any one with his permission operates the same within the City of Norton or parks the said vehicle on any street or public alley in the City of Norton.

The Council finds that an emergency exists and this ordinance shall be effective from date of its passage.

Council deferred appointment of Justice of Peace until a later date. 3542

Mr. Norman advised council of the change in stop signs on Virginia Avenue and 8th Street. 3543

Mr. Norman, recommended to council that on a trial basis the alley (Federal Street) be made a one-way street. Council agreed to this recommendation. 3544

Mr. Norman gave a report on the following: Campaign on cars without stickers; abandoned vehicles on streets; enforcement of vagrancy ordinance; enforcement of mowing vacant lots, Ramsey treatment plant' Health Dept. follow-up on sewer complaints; soliciting on the streets. 3445

Mayor Holcomb brought to council's attention letter from Surety Bonding Company asking that a bank be designated by council as city depository.

On motion made and duly seconded council named the Wise Council National Bank as depository for the city funds. 3446

Council authorized the city manager to contact bank officials and request that bank put up securities to cover deposits of city.

Councilman Flanary reported that Mrs. Wilfred Phillips had called him regarding the tearing down of house on back of lot owned by Mrs. J.M. Allen. She stated they did not want to tear down the house since her mother's housekeeper lived in same. 3447

Councilman Woods brought to council's attention the request for condemnation of house at 107 Locust Street. Council agreed that necessary proceedings should be taken. 3448

Councilman Flanary brought to council's attention request of Hadley Clark for replacement of hard-top surface dug up by sewer contractors. 3449

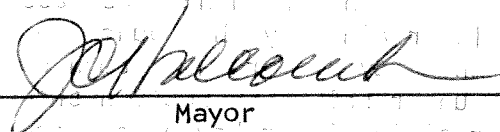
Mr. Norman discussed briefly with council the infiltration from storm drains in the Ramsey filter plant. 3450

Mr. Norman advised council that the Health Department was continuing their proceedings on 9th & 10th Street storm drain problem. He also stated that he advised the health department to give two months notice to property owners. 3451

Councilman Flanary advised council that at the Virginia Municipal League he had talked with Mr. Grange, who advised him that government help might be secured on Urban Streets. He stated that up to as much as 75% could be secured. 3452

Mr. Norman advised council that the Group Insurance of City of Norton was having a premium raise effective November 1, 1965. The premium will be \$24.28. 3453

There being no further business to come before the council same adjourned.

  
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Clerk