

September 3, 1963

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on September 3, 1963 at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor B.E. Ball presiding.

Present: B.E. Ball, J.C. Holcomb, Archie Woods

Absent: A.O. Umstead, J.B. Taggart

Also Present: C.F. Jester, City Manager & R.T. Winston, Attorney

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Hugh Cline appeared before council regarding state of real estate in the City of Norton. Following is a list of things he discussed with council as needing some repair and attention: #2510

1. State of repair of real estate was in the worst condition since 1953-54.
2. Property is discouraging.
3. Tenth Street dug up for six months.
4. Condition of properties on Spruce Street
5. N. & W. Railroad Station, needs painting & repairing; Interstate Depot should be repaired.
6. Doctors Building
7. Empty store buildings on main street.
8. Food line and other advertisements.

Mr. Cline stated he did not have the solution for this but he thought personal relationship would do much to remedy the situation. He also suggested work through the various civic organizations.

A group of citizens from Spring Avenue appeared before council requesting that Spring Avenue be extended. Council advised this group that the street would be completed before winter. #2511

Also Barney Buchanan of Spring Avenue appeared before council requesting a fire hydrant for that section. He was advised that the water line was too small for Spring Avenue to have a fire hydrant. #2512

Mr. Jester advised council that the option for sewage plant site at Benges Branch expires September 5, 1963. #2513

On motion by J.C. Holcomb, seconded by Archie Woods and carried by unanimous roll call vote, council authorized the mayor to sign renewal of the option.

Mr. Jester brought to council's attention the request of Mr. Carl McAfee to pipe ditch across his property next to Lee-Norse in Ramsey. Council instructed the City Manager and City Attorney to look into this matter #2514

Mr. Jester gave a report on status of Graham and Flower houses. #2515

Mr. Jester presented the fire department report for the month of August, 1963 #2516

Mr. Jester gave a report of the delinquent tax collections and of the open accounts for month of August, 1963. #2517

Mr. Jester advised council that the sewer project is being #2518 advertised to call for bids on September 26th at 2:00 P.M. in the Municipal Court Room.

On motion by J.C. Holcomb, seconded by Archie Woods and #2519 carried by unanimous vote, council instructed the City Manager to have Old Dominion Power Company install a street light on Ridge Avenue at Kibler Alley.

Council instructed the City Manager to check the new light #2520 which has been recently installed on the Terrace to see what can be done regarding moving of light.

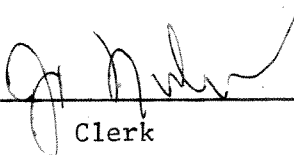
Mr. Jester reminded council of the Virginia Municipal #2521 League Meeting to be held in Roanoke Sept. 22-24th.

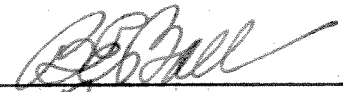
On motion by J.C. Holcomb, seconded by Archie Woods and carried by unanimous roll call vote, the following ordinance was #2522 adopted on second reading:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTON:

1. The owners of unsafe and delapidated buildings and structures in the City of Norton shall remove such buildings and structures or shall repair same and keep in a safe condition. In the event any owner or owners fails to comply with the requirements of this ordinance, the City Manager, after giving reasonable notice in writing by registered mail that such building or structure is unsafe for occupants or persons passing in the vicinity or endangers property adjoined thereto, shall have such building or structures removed by City employees, in which event the cost or expense thereof shall be charged to and paid by the owners of such property and may be collected by the City as taxes and levies are collected.

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


Clerk


Mayor