

February 7, 1961

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on the above date at 7:30 P. M. with Vice Mayor A. O. Umstead presiding.

Present: A. O. Umstead, F. W. Glass, J. C. Holcomb
Absent: B. E. Ball, W. R. Hamner

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. R. T. Winston, representing Norton Coal Company, appeared before council and presented a petition asking that the area on East Park Avenue near the Riverside Market be rezoned from "B" Residential to Industrial. Mr. Jay Thompson also spoke in the interest of the Norton Coal Company. #1812

Mr. Carl McAfee, representing a group of citizens from this area, presented a petition with 150 signers requesting that this area be left as is. Rev. Price also spoke concerning this matter.

Both petitions as presented were asked to be made a part of the minutes.

Mr. McAfee and Mr. Cline voiced their objection of one councilman voting on this matter since he had previously signed the petition stating his willingness for this area to be rezoned. They also asked that this objection be made a part of the minutes.

On motion by F. W. Glass, seconded by J. C. Holcomb and carried by unanimous roll call of those present, this matter was referred to the Planning Commission.

Mr. Hugh Cline, representing Bill Williams, appeared before council asking permission for Bill Williams to operate a taxi stand located on Park Avenue between Joe and Jim Nard property. #1813

On motion by F. W. Glass, seconded by J. C. Holcomb and carried by unanimous vote, Bill Williams was granted permission to operate a taxi stand with the understanding that if he is convicted of selling or possessing liquor, this permit will automatically be revoked.

On motion by J. C. Holcomb, seconded by F. W. Glass and carried by unanimous roll call vote, the following taxi operators permits were granted: #1814

- Tony Slaughter on Ky. Avenue near the Lonesome Pine Recapping Business.
- Bobbie Waddell at 96 Cab Company on Park Avenue (500).

There was no action taken on the application for Joe R. Gibson to operate a taxicab. #1815

Abraham Smith who lives on property owned by the Local Housing Authority appeared before council and stated that the reason for his not moving when notified was that he did not have any place to move. Council advised Mr. Smith that he must move immediately. #1816

On motion by F. W. Glass, seconded by J. C. Holcomb and carried by unanimous roll call vote, the following ordinance was passed:

The case of the City of Norton, Virginia, v. Abraham Smith, Myrtle Washington Smith and Norton Redevelopment and Housing Authority, defendants, came on to be heard by the Council of the City of Norton, Virginia, on the 7th day of February, 1961, at 7:30 p.m., pursuant to Notice in writing duly served in person and in the City of Norton, Virginia, on each of the defendants on January 24, 1961. The said written notice provided that Abraham Smith, Myrtle Washington Smith and the Norton Redevelopment and Housing Authority must appear before the Council on the aforesaid date to show cause why the buildings located on Lot No. 6, Block 94, Kentucky Avenue, Norton, Virginia, should not be declared a public nuisance and thereby abated and removed.

Abraham Smith and Myrtle Washington Smith appeared in person. Norton Redevelopment and Housing Authority did not appear.

The Council heard certain evidence and duly considered the facts and circumstances involved. Thereupon, the Council unanimously declared that the buildings located on Lot No. 6, Block 94, Kentucky Avenue, Norton, Virginia, constituted a public nuisance and directed the City Manager to abate the same. The Council further declared unanimously that should any of the defendants feel aggrieved at the action hereby taken, they must appeal the case within ten days hereof to the Circuit Court of Wise County, Virginia.

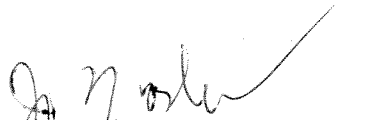
The Council briefly discussed the Industrial Commission.

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Mr. Norton advised council that there were no new developments on the census.

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There being no further business before the council same adjourned.


 Clerk


 Mayor