

March 21, 1961.

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on March 21, 1961 at 7:30 P. M. with Mayor B. E. Ball presiding.

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

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The City Manager presented report of committee appointed to study Water to Wise. #1836

On motion by A. O. Umstead, seconded by F. W. Glass and carried by unanimous roll call vote, council moved that this matter be tabled until such time as the present losses as shown by the report are corrected and the committee is to give council more detail information as to the total cash outlay that will be required by the City of Norton and compensation to be paid by the Town of Wise for water furnished.

A group of colored citizens from Roberts Avenue, with D. Goode as spokesman, appeared before council requesting the following: #1837

- 1. Would like to have East end of Roberts Avenue paved.
- 2. Install drains and fix open drain in front of 317 Roberts Avenue.
- 3. Install street light on East end of Roberts Avenue near the Hale property.

A petition with signers from Roberts Avenue was filed with the Clerk of the Council.

On motion by J. C. Holcomb, seconded by W. R. Hamner carried by unanimous roll call vote, council moved that a street light be installed on the East end of Roberts Avenue as soon as location can be determined and arrangements made for installation with Old Dominion Power Company. #1838

The City Manager was instructed to prepare an estimate of cost of paving Roberts Avenue and report back to council. #1839

Mr. Harold Jenkins, County Librarian, appeared before council and presented his budget for 1961-62 with the request from the City of Norton for \$3,295.50 for their 13% share. #1840

On motion by J. C. Holcomb, seconded by A. O. Umstead and carried by unanimous roll call vote, council moved that the City go along with 13% of what the county appropriates not to exceed \$3,295.50.

On motion by W. R. Hamner, seconded by F. W. Glass and carried by unanimous roll call vote, council moved that the City of Norton donate to the Rescue Squad a sum equal to the cost of 12 city automobile license tags and that the same shall be delivered to the members of the rescue squad and used on their automobiles so long as they remain members of the Rescue Squad, should their membership with the Rescue Squad terminate their tags should be returned to the City. #1841

Mr. Ab Still, representing the Chamber of Commerce, appeared before council to request endorsement for the improvements to be made on the High Knob recreation park. #1842

Council instructed the City Manager to write letters concerning this matter to Rep. Pat Jennings, Forest Service Supervisor, Mr. Merrill of the local Forest Service, Mr. Lee Hurst of the Roanoke Forest office and other people concerned with this matter.

Mr. W. P. Kanto, representing the Norton Industrial Development Corporation, appeared before council to request \$300.00 for incidental expense of the Norton Industrial Development Corporation. #1843

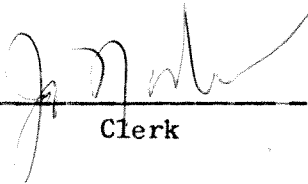
On motion by J. C. Holcomb, seconded by A. O. Umstead and carried by unanimous roll call vote, the City Manager was authorized to appropriate \$300.00 to the Norton Industrial Development Corporation.

Mr. Norton read a letter from State Water Control Board. #1844

The City Manager's report and the Treasurer's report were reviewed. #1845

The Council stated that they would like to go on record as endorsing the Forest Service Program referred to above. #1846

There being no further business before the council same adjourned.


Clerk


Mayor