

February 18, 1954

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on the above date at 7:30 P. M. with Mayor B. E. Ballpresiding.

All members of council were present and answered to roll call.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Frank Horsman appeared in behalf of the following Clubs: Norton Community Center, Norton Garden Club, Green Thumb Garden Club, Norton Kiwanis Club, United Daughters of Confederacy and Beta Sigma Phi Sorority with an offer of \$1037.30 to equip the Community room with the following items: Three (3) tables, fifty (50) folding chairs, venetian blinds, metal shelving in east end, folding or partition doors, eight (8) steel captain's chairs.

#290

Upon a motion by Sol Cury, seconded by Fred H. King the following resolution was carried unanimously on roll call vote: RESOLVED that we accept this money that is offered us by these different organizations and do what they suggest and that any additional expenses will be borne by the City when funds are available to carry out these plans, with one stipulation that a calendar be kept by the City Manager and will be on a first come-first serve basis and that the City Manager will have full authority to reject any civic or commercial organizations for any reason he may think they are not qualified to use that room.

Frank Horsman also brought to the Council's attention the problem of stray cows in the West Norton Section. This matter was referred to the City Manager.

#291

Upon a motion by Fred King, seconded by W. R. Hamner and carried unanimously the application by Anthony Anderson for taxi drivers permit was denied.

#292

Upon a motion by Sol Cury, seconded by Fred H. King the following resolution was carried unanimously:

#293

WHEREAS, the Water Study Committee in its report dated February 4, 1954, to the City Council, made certain recommendations relative to conservation of existing water supplies and for providing additional supply for the City and the City Council having carefully studied this report,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council recognized the need for action on recommendations set forth in Item 1, Page 2, relative to correction of leakages in the storage basin and in the water system and, hereby instructs the City Manager to correct these losses in accordance with items (a), (b) and (c) or, in whatever manner is suitable; with the exception, however, of item (d), Page 3, relative to the construction of living quarters on the water service grounds, which matter is to be given further study by the City Manager and later reported to the Council for appropriate action. Likewise, the City Manager is hereby instructed to present to the Council plans for a small dam to be constructed below the filter plants, at the entrance gate to the water service grounds and to repair the pipe line and arrange to utilize all water possible on the Robinette Branch and any other sources for emergency use during dry seasons.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Interstate Railroad Company, the Norfolk and Western Railway Company, the Old Dominion Power Company and the Wise Coal & Coke Company be advised by City Manager Walker that the Council greatly appreciates their generosity in turning over to the City their water supplies and providing aid for the use of these water sources during the past dry and critical water shortage seasons. That it is the further sense of the Council that it will again be necessary to call upon them for the same courtesy and to make these supplies available to the City during any critical dry period, for such time as will permit the City to provide for an adequate and permanent supply elsewhere.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Manager is hereby authorized to proceed in the formulation of plans, by employment of competent engineers, by studies and by maps and estimates of storage capacity and the approximate cost of a new water reservoir, with a dam of earth-fill concrete core or of reinforced concrete, of adequate capacity, on a suitable site, preferably on Benges Branch, directly above the present existing reservoir, with the prospect of construction of such facility as soon as possible.

This resolution to be a part of the minutes of a regular meeting of the City Council on February 18, 1954 and it is directed that a copy of the resolution be forwarded to the Interstate Railroad Company, The Norfolk and Western Railway Company, the Old Dominion Power Company and the Wise Coal and Coke Company.

signed/ *[Signature]*
Mayor

signed/ Jo Nosler
Clerk

Upon a motion by Sol Cury, seconded by A. O. Umstead and carried unani- #294
mously the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, the existing possibility of the occurrence of disasters from enemy attack or natural causes, it appears advisable that this city enter into a Mutual Aid Agreement with the Commonwealth of Virginia, therefore, BE IT RESOLVED, that this body in session February 18, 1954, authorizes Mr. Ross F. Walker, City Manager, to sign the agreement hereto attached:

RESOLVED, FURTHER that this resolution be spread on the minutes of this meeting.

Upon a motion by Fred H. King, seconded by W. R. Hamner the following #295
resolution was duly introduced and adopted on roll call vote:

WHEREAS, by an order duly entered by the Circuit Court of Wise County, the Town of Norton was changed to a city of the second class as provided by law, and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Revenue and the City Treasurer for the City of Norton have been appointed by law to said constitutional offices,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that City Council of Norton does respectfully request the Compensation Board of the Commonwealth of Virginia to approve

the official salary and expense requests for the above named offices as submitted for the calenda year of 1954.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting, and attested copies of same be delivered to accompany the requests of each office.

The Mayor declared the resolution duly passed and adopted.

Upon a motion by Fred King and seconded by W. R. Hamner and carried unani- #296
mously by roll call vote the following requests for compensation and expenses for the City Treasurer and Commissioner of Revenue were approved:

City Treasurer	\$3600
Deputy Treasurer	1800
Commissioner of Revenue	3900
Deputy Commissioner	1800
Expenses for Commissioner of Revenue	360

Upon a motion by W. R. Hamner and seconded by Fred H. King and carried #297
unanimously the City Manager was authorized to have a survey made in Ramsey, West Norton and Esserville for street lighting installation.

Upon a motion by Fred King, seconded by W. R. Hamner and carried unani- #298
mously the City Manager was directed to investigate possibilities of acquiring a storage area west of the Norfolk & Western depot for town use and to investigate further the possibility of acquiring the use of 8th Stree extended for entrance into the Parking Lot.

Upon a motion by W. R. Hamner and seconded by Fred H. King and carried #299
by unanimous roll call vote the City Manager was authorized to purchase a circulating spray bar and a pavement breaker.

The City Manager reported that he had discussed the parking problem of #300
8th Street and Virginia Avenue with Mr. Collins, owner of the Super Service Garage, in an attempt to make available some off street parking in the nearby areas.

A discussion of the completion of the court room was held and the City #301
Manager was directed to work up a sketch on a layout and receive bids for presentation to the council as soon as possible.

There being no further business before the council same adjourned.



Mayor



Clerk