

September 16, 1954

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Building on the above date with Vice-Mayor Fred H. King presiding.

All members of council were present except B. E. Ball.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

An ordinance regulating the licensing and keeping of dogs in the City of Norton was read. #437

Upon a motion by Sol Cury, seconded by W. R. Hamner the ordinance was placed on first reading.

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

(Sec 3-1. Dog Licenses)
 Section 1. Any person who shall fail to pay a license tax prior to the first day of February of any year on any dog owned by him shall be fined not less than the amount of the license tax required by law to be paid on such dog, nor more than ten dollars, and be required to obtain a proper license forthwith; and unless the fine and license tax is immediately paid, the police justice court shall order the dog killed by the game warden or other officer, but the killing of such dog shall not relieve its owner of the fine and license tax already due. If a dog be found running and roaming at large at any time of the year without dog license tags, its owner shall pay a fine of not less than two dollars and fifty cents for the first offense and five dollars for each offense thereafter. Each day a dog runs at large shall constitute a separate offense.

Sec 3-2 Dog Pound
 Section 2. There is hereby established a dog pound for the City of Norton. The location, establishment and maintenance of the dog pound shall be under the supervision of the City Manager. Unlicensed and stray dogs shall be kept at the dog pound for a period of at least seven days. If at the end of the seven days any such dog is not claimed and licensed, then the dog may be killed or otherwise disposed of.

Sec 3-3 Hydrophobia
 Section 3. Any time the City Manager has cause to apprehend the existence of hydrophobia among the dogs in the territory over which the city has police jurisdiction, it shall be lawful for him to require by proclamation, placarded in conspicuous places, and published in a newspaper published in the city, that all dogs be confined to the lots of their owners or effectively muzzled for such time as he may prescribe. During such period the owners or keepers of all unconfined and unmuzzled dogs, if known, shall be summoned before the police justice to show cause why they shall not be fined for noncompliance with this section. The fine shall be not less than two dollars and fifty cents nor more than ten dollars for each offense. If the owner or keepers are not known, the dogs shall be caught by the police in as quiet a manner as possible and confined for seven days, at the end of which time the police

justice shall order them to be killed, if not redeemed by the owners or some other person paying such fine as may be prescribed by the civil and police justice, the fine not to exceed ten dollars in any case, plus 50¢ per day that said dog shall have been confined in the city pound. No policeman shall shoot any unmuzzled dog found at large, in the street, unless necessary to protect the public.

See 3-4. Bitches in Heat

~~Section 4.~~ No person shall permit any bitch in heat to go at large in the street, or allow her to remain on his premises to the annoyance of the neighborhood. The owner of any bitch violating the provisions of this section shall be fined not less than five dollars nor more than ten dollars, and the bitch shall be taken into custody by the police, and if not redeemed by the payment of the fine within twenty-four hours, the bitch shall be killed; but the killing of the bitch shall not exempt its owner from the fine.

Those Voting AYE: Sol Cury, Fred H. King, W. R. Hamner
Those not voting: A. O. Umstead.

An ordinance authorizing the issuance of \$550,000 of bonds of the City of Norton to finance the cost of improving and enlarging the City's water supply system and sewage disposal system, and providing for the submission of the question of issuing said bonds to the qualified voters of said City was read. (Ordinance on Page 135, Item #421)

#438

Upon a motion by Sol Cury, seconded by A. O. Umstead and carried by unanimous vote the ordinance was placed on first reading.

The City Manager reported that the firm of Chester Engineers had visited the dam site for the preparation of their preliminary report. He stated that the center line location of the dam had been moved approximately 125' down stream from the original choice and that they would prepare and submit their preliminary report as soon as possible.

#439

The City Manager presented proposals for excavation in the present dam based on rented equipment but stated that he would like to attempt the removal of this earth to determine what costs would be incurred in such work. Upon a motion by W. R. Hamner, seconded by Sol Cury and carried by unanimous vote, the City Manager was authorized to proceed with the city equipment in the excavation of earth in the present dam.

#440

Upon a motion by Sol Cury, seconded by W. R. Hamner and carried by unanimous vote, four 6,000 lumen lights and one 4,000 lumen lights were authorized for installation on the approaches to the viaduct.

#441

Upon a motion by Sol Cury, seconded by A. O. Umstead and carried by unanimous vote, the City Manager was authorized to clear the additional area necessary for the proposed dam.

#442

Upon a motion by Sol Cury, seconded by W. R. Hamner and carried by unanimous vote, the City Manager was instructed to purchase pressure filter and appurtenances necessary for a sum not to exceed \$7500.

#443

After a discussion of the water situation in which the manager presented the stage of the water level in the reservoir a motion by W. R. Hamner, seconded by A. O. Umstead and carried by unanimous vote, instructed the manager to secure all water available and feasible from the Norfolk & Western and 2th Street. #444

Upon a motion by A. O. Umstead and seconded by Sol Cury, Messrs. King, Ball and Walker were authorized to attend the League of Virginia Municipalities convention to be held in Roanoke. #445

The City Manager presented a letter from the U. M. W. expressing their appreciation for the services rendered by the city during the Labor Day celebration. #446

The City Manager brought to the attention of the council the low flow on Guest River and that Mr. H. C. Bolling had contracted him with reference to the use of that stream in cooling coke at the Hawthorne ovens. #447

The City Manager was instructed to attempt the pumping of the Norton Coal Mines to determine whether or not such pumping would materially effect the pollution of Guest River and the level of the Norton Mines.

There being no further business before the council same adjourned.



Mayor



Clerk