

December 15, 1959

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. Ball presiding.

Present: B.E. Ball, Fred King, Sol Cury, W.R. Hamner & F. W. Glass

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Fred Mefford, Jr., as spokesman for a group of citizens from Liberty Avenue appeared before council to request that something be done to the street. Referred to City Manager. #1586

Mr. Montie Meeks, attorney, representing the Norton Redevelopment and Housing Authority appeared before council to request the closing of an alley on the land to be used for Housing Project. #1587

On motion by Sol Cury, seconded by W. R. Hamner and carried by unanimous roll call/vote, the following resolution was passed:

(SEE ATTACHMENTS)

Mr. Pakis Kennedy appeared before council to request that a building permit be issued to the Kennedy Piggly Wiggly Store to enlarge their present Piggly Wiggly Building on Park Avenue to extend their building 26 feet forward or even with the sidewalk. This being contrary to the Zoning Ordinance the following motion prevailed: #1588

On motion by Sol Cury, seconded by F. W. Glass and carried by majority vote of those present, the above matter was referred to Norton Planning Commission for their recommendation as soon as possible. King Not Voting.

After a brief discussion on fluoridation and upon motion by Sol Cury, seconded by F. W. Glass and carried by unanimous vote, the following ordinance was passed on first reading: #1589

AN ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO DIRECTING THE CITY'S WATER DEPARTMENT TO INTRODUCE FLUORINE INTO THE CITY'S WATER SYSTEM

WHEREAS, it appears to be the consensus of scientific medical and dental opinion that the presence of fluoride in drinking water is a deterrent to tooth decay; and

WHEREAS, such chemical element is not found in the natural supply of water distributed to the citizens of the City of Norton; and

WHEREAS, it appears that fluorine can be introduced to the same and into water as furnished to the users, and as a measure to promote the public health and welfare,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTON does ordain as follows:

I.

Upon receiving a permit from the State Dept. of Health and until further direction of the City Council, the water Dept. is hereby authorized and directed to provide the means and to proceed with the introduction

of sodium fluoride or other suitable salt or acid of fluorine into the water supply in such quantities as are required to maintain throughout the pipe distribution system a fluoridation concentration of approximately one part per million.

## II.

The Water Dept. shall keep an accurate daily record showing for each supply the number of gallons treated, the fluoridation concentration of the water before and after treatment. Said dept. shall also determine the fluoridation concentration in the distribution system as such points and at such intervals as may be directed by the State Health Department.

## III.

The State Health Department shall have general supervision over treatments of the public water supply with fluoride and the water Dept. is directed to furnish to the said Health Dept. copies of records specified under Paragraph 2, as daily, weekly, and monthly intervals as may be required by the State Health Dept.

On motion by Sol Cury, seconded by Fred H. King and carried by unanimous roll call vote, the City Manager was authorized to pay to the city employees a bonus based on the same procedure as the last two years. #1590

On motion by Fred H. King, seconded by W. R. Hamner and carried by unanimous vote, taxi driver permits were granted to Luther Williams and James Doby. #1591

On motion by W. R. Hamner, seconded by Sol Cury and carried by Unanimous vote, council accepted the recommendation of the Norton Planning Commission to rezone Starnes property on East Park Avenue from B Residential to General Business. #1592

On motion by Sol Cury, seconded by Fred H. King, and carried by unanimous vote, Frank Caruso, Jr., was granted privilege to operate a pool room at 508 Park Avenue. #1593

Mr. Norton presented a letter from the League of Virginia Municipalities regarding Sales Tax. #1594

On motion by Fred H. King, seconded by F. W. Glass and carried by unanimous vote, the following resolution was passed:

THAT WHEREAS, Governor J. Lindsay Almond has proposed a sale tax for the Commonwealth of Virginia;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Norton does approve the enactment of a statute imposing a three (3%) per cent sales tax on retail sales in the Commonwealth of Virginia, provided fifty (50%) per cent of the net receipts from such sales tax shall be returned to the local Governmental units on a population basis, without any direction from the Legislature as to the use of such monies by the local governing bodies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting, and a copy of same mailed to J. Lindsay Almond, Governor of Virginia, and to each member of the Virginia Legislature representing Wise County and the City of Norton.

A copy teste.

S/ Jo Nosler  
Clerk of Council

On motion by Fred H. King, seconded by Sol Cury and carried by unani- #1595  
mous vote, Ed Spears was appointed as Justice of the Peace from December 15th  
until January 1st during the absence of Tom Cassell.

Mr. Ball gave a report on the American Municipal League Meeting. #1596

There being no further business before the council same adjourned.

Jo Nosler  
Clerk

[Signature]  
Mayor