

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Tuesday, February 6, 1990, at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Cliff Daniels presiding.

Present: Roy Roberts, Jack Wallace, Cliff Daniels, Robert Raines, and William Mays

Also Present: E. W. Ward, City Manager and Kenneth Asbury, City Attorney

The invocation was given by City Manager E. W. Ward followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Police Chief Sam Mongle.

Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Robert Raines, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved that the minutes of the January 16, 1990 meeting be approved as presented. 14682

Mayor Daniels advised there would be three changes in tonight's agenda. Under New Business, we will have Item 1-A which calls for a refund request from the Commissioner of Revenue for a business license to Congo's Hallmark. Item 1-B covers Temporary Employment Approval for the Treasurer's Office, and Item C covering Executive Session be expanded to cover Acquisition And/Or Use of Real Property as per 2.1-344 (A) (3) of the Code of Virginia, As Amended. 14683

During the Mayor's call for visitors, Mr. Ralph Blevins, Virginia Avenue, N. E. discussed with Council his current water bill in the amount of \$111.00. During this time he had experienced a busted water line due to the cold weather and had let his water run during this same period. 14684

Mr. Ward advised Council that he had talked with Mr. Blevins and had given him an approximate \$45.00 adjustment for sewer on this bill; however he cannot give him an adjustment on the water as the City Code does not allow same.

Following a brief discussion, Mayor Daniels advised Mr. Blevins that the bill could not be adjusted any further than the approximate \$45.00.

Mr. Billy Robinette, Hoot Owl Hollow, spoke to Council regarding his installing a trailer in this section of the City and would like to have this area rezoned.

Mr. Ward advised that Mr. Robinette has now made a written request to the Planning Commission on this and that it is to be brought up as a discussion item at their next meeting. 14685

Mayor Daniels advised that the Planning Commission would have to make a recommendation to the Council on this rezoning.

Mr. Robinette also inquired as to when the residents of Hoot Owl might get some better roads, better drainage for roads, and street lights.

Mr. Ward advised that the City had done patching and shoulders on this road last year and that Mr. Robinette's request for street lights would be processed with the City of Norton Highway and Safety Commission.

A public hearing was held to solicit public input on local community development and housing needs in relation to a Community Development Block Grant Funding for a Project in our Community.

The City Manager advised that the City is eligible to solicit a grant of up to \$700,000. The deadline for this application is March 9, 1990 and another public hearing will be held in the future. 14686

Mayor Daniels opened the floor for public comment. There was no response from the public.

Mayor Daniels then asked for comment from the members of City Council. There was no response from the members of Council.

Mayor Daniels left this at the administration level and advised this would be heard again at another meeting.

Council had brought back from the previous meeting the renewal application for a Bingo/Raffle Permit for the City of Norton Schools.

Mr. Ward advised this application was filled out on the proper forms and recommended the approval of this application along with the waiver of the fee.

Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council approved the renewal of the Bingo/Raffle Permit and waived the permit fee.

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Council had in their packets A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Recognizing the Rural Areas Development Association, Inc. as the Community Action Agent for the City. This resolution also was brought back from the previous meeting in order that Council could read the by-laws which were given to them by Mr. Robert Parks, Executive Director of RADA, at the last meeting.

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Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Roy Roberts, who stated he had done some checking and that this organization was highly recommended, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Recognizing the Rural Areas Development Association, Inc. as the Community Action Agent for the City. (Insert)

Council had been presented with a request from the Commissioner of Revenue for the refund of a City Business License in the amount of \$162.78 to Congo's Enterprises.

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Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Robert Raines, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council authorized the refund of \$162.78 to Congo's Enterprises for their City Business License.

Mr. Ward advised Council that he had been presented with a copy of a letter received by Mr. Joe Stallard, City Treasurer, from the State Compensation Board wherein they approved, subject to Council's concurrence, an allowance in the amount of \$849 for temporary salary purposes.

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Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Robert Raines, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council concurred with the with the State Compensation Board's approval for an allowance in the amount of \$849 for temporary salary purposes for the Treasurer's Office and authorized the City Manager to advise the State Compensation Board of Council's agreement on this item.

Council had been presented with An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Regulating the Discharge of Industrial Waste Into the Public Sanitary Sewer System, Providing Charges for Services and Prescribing Penalties for Violations Thereof.

Mr. Ward advised this was a draft ordinance and that no action would be taken tonight. This ordinance, which has been sent to the Planning Commission for a work session and a public hearing, has also been looked over by the City Attorney who made some changes. If Council has no changes, then Mr. Ward would like their permission to advertise for a public hearing in order to get this ordinance adopted and on the books.

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Following a brief discussion, Council, by concurrence, authorized the City Manager to schedule a public hearing for the first meeting in March on this ordinance.

The City Manager advised that he had the Wise County/City of Norton Certification Video for Council's view tonight. Mayor Daniels advised the video was very impressive and would like to thank the committees who are working on this Certification Project. Two members of Council, Robert Raines and Roy Roberts are among those individuals.

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Mayor Daniels further advised that he would like for Mr. Ramey to advise all City civic groups that this video is available for their use and to make an effort to get it out to the public.

Mr. Ward advised a copy would be kept at City Hall.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Robert Raines, and passed by

unanimous vote, Council moved to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel as per 2.1-344 (A) (1) of the Code of Virginia, As Amended, and Discussion as Relates to Contracts as per 2.1-344 (A) (7) of the Code of Virginia, As Amended, and the discussion of acquisition and/or use of real property as per 2.1-344 (A) (3) of the Code of Virginia, as amended. 14693

Mayor Daniels declared the meeting in Executive Session.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to go back into regular session. 14694

Mayor Daniels declared the meeting back in regular session.

The Clerk then polled each member of Council as to the Certification of Execution Session with each member answering aye. The Clerk then read a Resolution of the City of Norton Certification of Executive Meeting.

Upon a motion by Robert Raines, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the City of Norton Certification of Executive Meeting. (Insert) 14695

Mayor Daniels advised as to discussion of contracts, acquisition and/or use of real property, there were no announcements to be made. He also advised the appointment to the Housing Appeals Board will be tabled until the next meeting. 14696

Mayor Daniels advised the floor was open for nominations to the Norton Redevelopment and Housing Authority for a four year term to expire January 28, 1994.

William Mays nominated Frank Fischer. 14697

Upon a motion by Robert Raines, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved that the nominations cease.

Mayor Daniels declared Frank Fischer reappointed to a four year term on the Norton Redevelopment and Housing Authority with said term to expire January 28, 1994.


Mr. Ward advised Council of House Bill 1155 which covers Drinking Water Protection Fund. This bill states all plants must pay ten cents per 1,000 gallons of water produced and would cost the City of Norton \$36,500 per year. 14698
Mr. Ward further advised he was against this bill as it promoted poor management and non-maintenance of systems. Revenues collected from this bill will go into a special fund to be loaned out to municipalities for upkeep of their water systems. Mr. Ward asked Council for their permission for him to write to our delegate of Council's wishes to oppose this bill.

Following a brief discussion, Council informed Mr. Ward to proceed with his letter to the City's delegate in opposition of House Bill 1155.

Mr. Ward reminded Council of the Capital Improvement Project's meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 8th, at the Holiday Inn at 1:00 p.m. 14699

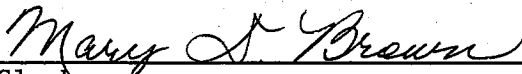
The City Attorney advised he had two inquiries at the last meeting regarding tax exemptions for the handicapped and on vicious dogs, namely pitt bulls. 14700
He will have information in the next packet for Council's discussion.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned.



Cliff Daniels, Mayor

ATTEST:



Clerk