

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Council Chambers on January 3, 1989 at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor Daniels presiding.

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

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

The invocation was given by Vice Mayor Raines, followed with Pledge of Allegiance led by Marty Hagy.

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Mayor Daniels announced one amendment to agenda - under Section F - amend Executive Session to include legal.

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On motion by Robert Raines, seconded by William Mays and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that minutes of December 6, 1988 be approved as presented.

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Public Hearing on Consideration of the Issuance of Special Use permits to participate in the Downtown Store Front Improvement Progress.

Jenny Stokes, as member of Downtown Store Front Improvement Committee addressed this subject. She advised the four (4) special permits they were requesting were Hagy Funeral Home, Dave's Dept. Store, Friendly Floral and Sonny Armistead. The Mayor opened discussion by audience - no response. He opened discussion by council.

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On motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Roy Roberts and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that the four requests for special use permits for the downtown store front improvement program be granted. - Hagy Funeral Home, Dave's Dept. Store, Friendly Floral and Sonny Armistead.

Presentation by the City of Norton School Board as pertains to Capital Improvements was presented by Ron McCall, member of Norton School Board. Mr. McCall presented an overall picture of what had been done at schools and also what needed to be done. He stated there was five points that needed to allow school to do.

1. Before April 1st, 1989 authorize or appropriate to encumber \$962,500.
  2. Like to apply for a literary loan of \$300,000 that we can qualify under out project.
  3. Vehicle replacement schedule is not part of this capital improvement budget. We have a number of vehicles which needs replacing from time to time.
  4. Approval for \$31,500 to keep on schedule with our architect.
  5. Authorization for \$6,000.00 for asbestos removal.
- The total of this would add to the million dollars.

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Council discussed parts of these requests with Mr. McCall.

After a brief discussion the Mayor stated he thought the first thing to address would be the literary loan.

On motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Robert Raines and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved that the following resolution authorizing the City of Norton School Board to apply for a Literary Loan in amount of \$300,000.00 be passed. (Insert)

Mayor Daniels advised that on next two items of additional funds for Architect and Industrial Hygiene, he thought Council would be having their capital planning session in the next two weeks, at this time council council consider these approvals.

A Resolution recognizing Mountain Empire Older Citizens as the Public Transportation Authority for the City of Norton. City Manager Ward introduced this subject. Marilynn Maxwell, representing the Mountain Empire Older Citizens addressed this subject in detail, followed with brief comments by Michael Henson, Treansportation Director. Council briefly discussed this matter.

On motion by William Mays, seconded by Roy Roberts and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that "Recognizing Mountain Empire Older Citizens as the Public Transportation Authority for the City of Norton" be passed. (Insert) 14438

A Resolution of Support for the Proposed Construction of Superhighway 58. Council briefly discussed this resolution. 14439

On motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Robert Raines and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that a "Resolution of Support for the Proposed Construction of Superhighway 58" be passed. (Insert)

A Resolution to officially enroll in the State Community Certification Program. The City Manager briefly addressed this resolution. 14440

On motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by William Mays and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that a "Resolution of Participation" be passed. (Insert)

Confirmation of check in an amount in excess of \$100,000.

On motion by Robert Raines, seconded by Roy Roberts and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved that check in amount of \$170,000.00 to City of Norton School Fund be approved. 14441

On motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Robert Raines and carried 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 Legal Matters as Per. 2.1-344 (1) (6) of the Code of Virginia, As Amended. 14442

On motion by William Mays, seconded by Jack Wallace and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved to go back into regular session.

The Mayor declared council back in regular session.

The Mayor advised that as to appointment to C-N-W Regional Wastewater Authority said appointment was postponed again. 14443

As for legal, we received several updates on current problems from City Attorney. The City Attorney has received employment contract for employing Mr. Ward for two year term beginning Jan. 1, 1989, at a salary approved in the budget. I would now request a motion to approve that contract authorizing the Mayor to sign it. 14444

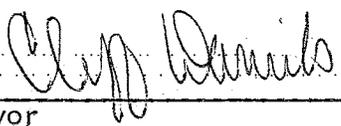
On motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Robert Raines and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved that Mayor be authorized to sign an employment contract for two year period for Mr. Ward as City Manager.

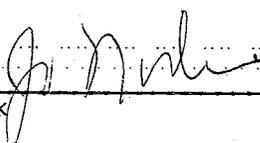
The Mayor advised the City Attorney had reviewed the Grayson Commission report on Local Government Structures and it was the consensus of council that the City Manager be authorized to contact by telephone tomorrow Mr. Grayson and express lack of confidence in report and ask that action be postponed and further studied, this to be followed with written comments.

Comments By City Manager - No comments. 14445

Mayor Daniels stated he would like to have the City Manager issue a letter to Leland Branham of Highway Department commending them for their help in getting the Viaduct open in a timely fashion and also express thanks to contractors. 14446

There being no further business to come before the council same adjourned.

  
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 Mayor

  
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 Clerk