

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held in the Municipal Council Chambers on April 18, 1989 at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor 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 Councilman Raines which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Fire Chief Danny Still.

Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved that the minutes of the April 4, 1989 meeting be approved as presented.

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Mayor Daniels announced that before he had the Audience for Visitors there were three announcements to be made. The first of these announcements was the congratulations to Councilman Roy Roberts on being selected Wise County Citizen of the Year. Secondly, Mayor Daniels read a letter of resignation as Clerk of Council from Jo Nosler. Mayor Daniels expressed Council's regret of receiving and accepting Ms. Nosler's resignation. The Mayor's third announcement was that under New Business, Executive Session, Item 7-C will also include legal matters.

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A public hearing was held to consider the possibility of prohibiting thru truck traffic on Park Avenue and designating Kentucky Avenue as a truck route. Mayor Daniels advised that it was the intention of Council that they have the hearing tonight to hear everyone's comments regarding the proposal. No action, either pro or con, will be taken tonight.

Mr. Frank Gravely, 402 Locust Avenue, advised Council that he had taken a survey on the South Side area of Norton consisting of Kentucky Avenue, Roberts Avenue, and Maple Avenue. Seventy-five percent of the people disagree with the routing of the traffic of Park Avenue along Kentucky Avenue for various reasons given by Mr. Gravely. Other citizens speaking against the re-routing were Rudy Frye, Rick Babcock, Ann Johnson, Harold Ray McArthur, Jerry Johnson, Rudy Whitehorn, Scott Perkins representing Paramount Coal, and Tom Cassell.

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Those speaking in support of the re-routing were Leola Yeary and Kelly Willis.

After the comments from the audience, Mayor Daniels thanked everyone for their input and advised that Council would take their comments into consideration when making a decision on this proposal and that a verbatim transcript will be prepared for their future use and that any future discussions will be duly advertised.

Mayor Daniels called for a five minute adjournment in order that those who wished to leave could do so.

Mayor Daniels called the meeting back to order and stated that he had failed to acknowledge the attendance of Delegate Jack Kennedy in the audience.

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A public hearing was held to authorize the Norton City School Board to execute contract(s) for capital improvements to the school facilities for an amount not to exceed \$1,025,000.

There were no comments from the public.

Mr. Ward advised that the School Board is asking Council to appropriate funds not to exceed \$1,025,000 and also to authorize the City Manager to proceed with the financing of the project.

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Mr. Ron McCall spoke on behalf of the School Board.

After discussion and upon a motion by Robert Raines, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to authorize the City of Norton School Board to execute contract(s) for capital improvements for school facilities in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 and to authorize the City Manager to begin the exploration of means of getting the financing for these capital improvements.

Mr. McCall also advised Council that the School Board expects a surplus in the amount of \$28,000 in this operating school year and asked Council's approval for them to proceed to purchase a mandated school bus. He further advised Council that if the surplus was less than this amount, they will refer expenditures on some other line item until next year's budget.

Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council approved the Norton School Board's use of anticipated surplus of budgeted funds to purchase a mandated school bus.

Council was presented with A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Requesting Participation with Wise County for an Office on Youth Program in the City of Norton.

Mr. Ward advised Council that in March of this year they expressed an interest in joining the County's Office on Youth Program and, at that time, advised Mr. Paul Kuczko, the Director of this Program, to develop a steering committee to assess our community's youth needs. The General Assembly, through Delegate Kennedy, has appropriated \$30,000 to expand these services into the City. With the passage of this resolution, the City will formally join the county and establish the Wise County/City of Norton Youth Services Board and also commit to pay twenty-five percent of the associated cost of this expansion in the City.

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Mr. Kuczko was present along with several members of the Steering Committee to answer any questions and presented Council with some additional information.

After much discussion and upon a motion by Robert Raines, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Requesting Participation with Wise County for an Office on Youth Program in the City of Norton. (Insert)

The Mayor also asked the City Manager to include the matching funds in the preparation of the new budget.

Mr. Daniels also asked Mr. Kuczko to discuss the board positions with interested people and submit names of Norton's potential board members to Mr. Ward. He also urged that the schools be active in a very strong way in the programs sponsored by this program.

Mr. Ward asked Council to table the authorization to contract a geotechnical engineer for a preliminary investigation of the pavement condition on Park Avenue until more information is available.

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Upon a 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 to discuss legal matters specifically to obtain a legal opinion as per 2.1-344 (A) (7) of the Code of Virginia.

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Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Robert Raines, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved to go back into regular session. Mayor Daniels declared the meeting back in regular session.

Mayor Daniels announced there was no comment on legal matters and that appointments one and two on the agenda will be deferred until the next meeting.

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Mayor Daniels declared the floor open for nominations to the Coeburn-Norton-Wise Regional Wastewater Treatment Authority.

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Councilman Roberts moved to appoint William Mays to another term on this Authority.

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

Mayor Daniels declared William Mays appointed to the C-N-W Regional Wastewater Authority for another four year term which will expire May 15, 1993.

Mr. Ward advised Council that he had been approached by Larry Dingus asking that the City consider a resolution of support for the development of a golf course in Wise County. The purpose of this resolution is that the organization is in the process of forming a corporation and this takes regulatory approval. Any support from the surrounding municipalities will go a long way toward that approval. Wise County Board of Supervisors approved a resolution of support in March.

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Upon a motion by Robert Raines, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Supporting the Development of Dogwood Hills Golf Course in Wise County. (Insert)

Mr. Ward advised Council that the City budget is complete and he would like to schedule a work session following the first meeting in May. Councilman Roberts advised he may have a conflict and will get back to Mr. Ward so that, if needed, another date may be set for this work session.

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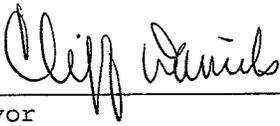
Mayor Daniels advised he had received a letter from Mr. Bruce Shifflett resigning from the City of Norton School Board effective immediately.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous vote, Council regretfully accepted the resignation of Mr. Bruce Shifflett from the City of Norton School Board effective immediately.

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The City Attorney advised Council that he hoped to have the Code finished over the week-end.

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

  
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