

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Tuesday, September 19, 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 P. Asbury, City Attorney

The invocation was given by Vice Mayor Raines followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Police Chief Sam Mongle.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Robert Raines, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved that the minutes of the September 5, 1989 meeting be approved as presented. 14582

There was no response to the Mayor's call for visitors. 14583

Council had been presented in their packets A Resolution Adopting the Update to the City's Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Ward advised that during the work session held September 14, 1989, two questions had come up that needed to be researched and that he had done so. These items were when the Comprehensive Plan had been adopted and this was done in 1982 and if Laurel Tree Sub-Division had been rezoned. This had been done in February 1986.

Jon Rockett, Chairman of the Planning Commission, was present and participated in this discussion as did Mr. Bill J. Sturgill and Mr. Don Green. 14584

After much discussion and upon a motion by Robert Raines, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution Adopting the Update to the City's Comprehensive Plan. Vice Mayor Raines also commended the Planning Commission for their excellent work done on the Comprehensive Plan and also the work done by the consultants, Balzer and Associates. (Insert)

Council had been presented A Resolution Providing for the Issuance and Sale of \$650,000 School Bonds, Series of 1989B, of the City of Norton, Virginia, Heretofore Authorized, and Providing for the Form, Details and Payment Thereof in draft form. Mr. Ward had received today the final resolution which contained two changes from the draft. These changes were discussed with Council and the City Attorney.

After a brief discussion and upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution Providing for the Issuance and Sale of \$650,000 School Bonds, Series of 1989B, of the City of Norton, Virginia, Heretofore Authorized, and Providing for the Form, Details and Payment Thereof and authorizing the City Manager to sign the necessary documents contained in the resolution subject to the approval of the City Attorney after he reviews the final resolution. (Insert) 14585

Mr. Ward further advised another resolution pertaining to these bonds has to be ratified between October 20th and November 7th. With November 7th being our normal Council meeting date and Election Day, Council changed the meeting date for the first meeting in November to Monday, November 6th.

The City Manager advised Council that he had attended two meetings last week with reference to the Commission on Local Government Structures and Relationships and that information coming from the Grayson Committee is changing very rapidly. The impact of this legislation on the City of Norton could be significant. At

the meeting in Charlottesville which was attended by city managers and governing bodies of more than 30 cities, it was the consensus of opinion that the legislation has a very good chance of getting through the General Assembly in some form within the next two sessions. One of the biggest areas of concern is the complete abolishment of annexation and the targets of this legislation are cities with a population of 25,000 or less.

Mr. Ward presented Council with a copy of A Resolution of the City of Norton, Virginia Requesting the Commission on Local Government Structures and Relationships to Review and Amend Proposed Legislation as Pertains to Independent Cities. After much discussion during which Delegate Jack Kennedy spoke to Council and upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Robert Raines, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Requesting the Commission on Local Government Structures and Relationships to Review and Amend Proposed Legislation as Pertains to Independent Cities. Mr. Ward is to attend the public hearing to be held in Roanoke by the Grayson Committee on September 25th to present this resolution. (Insert)

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The municipalities represented at the Charlottesville meeting also agreed to hire the law firm of Mays and Valentine as counsel to represent them. The cost of this would be twenty-five cents per capita or a minimum cost of \$1,000.00. The approximate cost and one time fee for Norton would be \$1,200.00.

Upon a motion by Robert Raines, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council authorized the City Manager to expend approximately \$1,200 to be taken from the current budget to pay Norton's share of the legal fees to be paid to Mays and Valentine.

Mayor Daniels advised that a Highway Sub-Committee Meeting on Route 58 will be held in Duffield at 7:30 on Thursday, September 28th, and advised all members of Council to join himself and Mr. Ward.

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Upon a motion by Robert Raines, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to into Executive Session to discuss personnel as per 2.1-344(A) (1) of the Code of Virginia as amended.

The Mayor 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 in to regular session.

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The Mayor declared the meeting back in regular session.

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

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

The Mayor announced there were no nominations to be made on the appointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

14590

The Mayor opened the floor for nominations to the Wise County/City of Norton Health Advisory Board for a four year term to expire September 30, 1993.

William Mays nominated Imogene Emershaw.

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

14591

Mayor Daniels declared Imogene Emershaw appointed to a four year term on the Wise County/City of Norton Health Advisory Board with said term to expire September 30, 1993.

The Mayor opened the floor for nominations to the Wise County/City of Norton

Youth Services Board for an unexpired term running to May 2, 1992.

Robert Raines nominated Ms. Leola Yeary.

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

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Mayor Daniels declared Ms. Leola Yeary appointed to the Wise County/City of North Youth Services Board for a term which will expire May 2, 1992.

There were no comments from the City Manager or the City Attorney.

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Councilman Roberts asked Mr. Sturgill and Mr. Green to explain to him the situation regarding the Black Diamond Bank site on Park Avenue and Virginia Avenue properties. Both Mr. Sturgill and Mr. Green advised of the zoning problems they have been experiencing for sometime at these sites.

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



Cliff Daniels, Mayor

ATTEST:



Clerk