

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Tuesday, November 21, 1989, at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor Daniels presiding.

Present: Cliff Daniels, Robert Raines, and William Mays

Absent: Roy Roberts, Jack Wallace, Kenneth Asbury, City Attorney

Also Present: E. W. Ward City Manager

The invocation was given by Vice Mayor Robert Raines which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Fred Ramey.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Robert Raines, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved that the minutes of the November 6, 1989 meeting be approved as presented.

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Mayor Daniels announced there would be minor amendments to the agenda. Under Item 6-C, there will be a second request for a refund on taxes and during the Audience for Visitors, Council will entertain discussion for a bingo permit for the Wise County Women's Bowling Association.

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Mayor Daniels extended the congratulations of both the City Council and the City of Norton to the John I. Burton Raiders Football Team for their participation in the regional competition which was the first time since 1972 that they had participated in tournament competition. Also the John I. Burton High School Pace Team won the district competition and Mayor Daniels extended best wishes to them for their participation in the upcoming tournament.

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During the Mayor's call for visitors, Ms. Brenda Peaks, President of the Wise County Women's Bowling Association, spoke to Council regarding their application for the Bingo Permit. She advised it was for one time only and was to raise funds for their treasury for specific projects they wished to do.

Following a brief discussion, the City Manager was instructed to check with the City Attorney to see if this organization fits the definition in the ordinance which states that it is to be a City group. Following the findings of the City Attorney, Mr. Ward is to bring this permit back to Council.

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Mr. Ward advised Council that the City would soon be eligible to apply for another Community Development Block Grant for as much as \$700,000. After discussion with the staff of Lenowisco and the administration's staff, the decision was made that the most affordable program for the grant would be a connector sewer system for the Josephine area. A survey was conducted by City employees and out of 101 households surveyed, approximately 72% to 73% conveyed they would be willing to participate.

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Mr. Ward advised that a preliminary engineering report would cost less than \$5,000 and needs to be done prior to submission of a grant.

Upon a motion by Robert Raines, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council authorized the City Manager to expend \$5,000 from Contingency for a preliminary engineering report and to authorize the City Manager to solicit proposals and award the contract for same.

Mr. Ward advised Council that the Planning Commission at their meeting of October 12, 1989 asked the City Manager to contact Balzer and Associates to rewrite the zoning ordinance. Mr. Ward did so and solicited a proposal of what the anticipated costs would be to rewrite this ordinance.

Balzer recommended that another work session be held with Council and the Planning Commission in attendance to get a scope of the work that should be done and at that time they would be in a position to give us a quote.

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In talking with the City Attorney, Mr. Asbury advised that this ordinance should be rewritten by professionals.

Due to the fact that Balzer will be charging \$1,750.00 for their preparation for this meeting, Council instructed the City Manager to check with Balzer as to how the meeting will be handled and also advise the City with more detail of the charge for their time. Mr. Ward is also to make the same request of other planners on the rewriting of this ordinance.

Council had been presented with a request from the City Treasurer for refunds to Mr. Robert D. Clark in the amount of \$45.00 and Mr. Jack T. Fields in the amount of \$46.25 for taxes paid which have been abated by the Commissioner of Revenue.

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Upon a motion by Robert Raines, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council authorized refunds to Mr. Robert D. Clark in the amount of \$45.00 and to Mr. Jack T. Fields in the amount of \$46.25.

Council had been presented in their packets a request from Mr. W. P. Armistead for permission to utilize City right-of-way on the 600 block of Park Avenue in order to put awnings on the new buildings he is constructing there.

Mr. Ward advised that the Administration favors this request and that the awnings meet the guidelines of the Down Town Storefront Committee.

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Upon a motion by Robert Raines, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council authorized Mr. Armistead a Special Use Permit for the awnings at 600 Park Avenue.

Council had been presented with a copy of a check payable to Dominion Bank in the amount of \$714,838.54 which is the proceeds from the Virginia Public School Authority to pay off the Bond Anticipation Note at Dominion Bank as per instructions from our bond counsel.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Robert Raines, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to approve a check in the amount of \$714,838.54 made payable to Dominion Bank to pay off the Bond Anticipation Note.

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Upon a motion by Robert Raines, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to go into Executive Session to discuss disposition of publicly held property as per 2.1-344 (A) (3) of the Code of Virginia, As Amended.

Mayor Daniels declared the meeting in Executive Session.

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

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Mayor Daniels declared the meeting back in regular session.

The Clerk then polled each member of Council as to the Certification of Executive 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 William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the City of Norton Certification of Executive Meeting. (Insert)

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Mayor Daniels reported that Council is requesting additional information and took no action tonight.

Mr. Ward advised Council that the Christmas Parade would be held on Saturday, December 2nd at 6:00 p.m. and that Council had been invited to ride in the parade and sit on the Judge's Viewing Stand during the parade. A car will be provided for Council and they are to meet in the area of McDonalds just prior to

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600 p.m. Following the parade the City's Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held at the Norton City Park with Mayor Daniels presiding at approximately 7:30 p.m.

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

Cliff Daniels

Cliff Daniels, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary S. Brown

Clerk