

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Norton City Council was held on January 19, 1988 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers with Mayor Daniels presiding.

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

Absent: Robert Raines

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

The invocation was given by Rev. Wayne Harrison followed by the Pledge of Allegiance which was led by Mrs. Jenay Rockett.

The Mayor advised there would be two modifications to the agenda. Under the item of New Business, there will be Item C - Refund of 1987 Taxes and Item D - Executive Session to Discuss Legal as Per 2.1-344 (A) (6) of the Code of Virginia added to the agenda.

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Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved that the minutes of the January 5, 1988 meeting be approved as presented.

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During the Mayor's call for visitors, Mr. Ralph Blevins of Virginia Avenue, N. E. came forward to discuss the cost of electricity from Old Dominion Power Company. He stated he felt an investigation should be made into the prices being charged to their customers.

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Mayor Daniels advised Mr. Blevins that Old Dominion had applied for reduced rates from the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Council had been presented with A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Supporting the Wise County Board of Supervisors in Their Opposition to Be A Proposed Balefill Operation.

After a brief discussion and upon a motion by Roy Roberts, 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 Wise County Board of Supervisors in Their Opposition to Be A Proposed Balefill Operation with copies to be sent to the Wise County Board of Supervisors, Governor Gerald Baliles, Senator John Buchanan, Delegate Jack Kennedy, and the Department of Waste Management. (Insert)

After the passage of this resolution, Mrs. Linda Sturgill, 1703 W. Main Avenue advised Council that many citizens of Norton have felt that the Norton City Council let them down by not taking any action against the proposed balefill in Wise County during the previous council meeting of January 5, 1988 and prior to the public hearing.

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Mayor Daniels advised Mrs. Sturgill that he had personally contacted the County Administrator advising the Norton City Council was against this balefill and that he was advised that they, the Wise County Board of Supervisors, wanted to take action first. Mayor Daniels stated the City acted in response to and support of the Wise County Board of Supervisors.

Council had been submitted a request of funds in the amount of \$5,000 to join the Town of Wise in their bus service and provide certain stops in Norton. Assistant City Manager Ernie Ward advised Council that due to uncertainties that still exist and remain unsolved, he recommended that this item be tabled to a future date. The Mayor advised that this item would be tabled at the request of Mr. Ward.

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Mr. Ward advised Council he was furnished with a memorandum from the Deputy Treasurer requesting two refunds for 1987 taxes to be approved by Council.

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Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council approved a refund in the amount of \$59.50 for 1987 real estate taxes to Wharton Land and Mineral Company which was an overpayment.

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Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council approved a refund in the amount of \$38.85 to Thomas Jonathan Hunnicutt for 1987 personal property tax which was abated by the Commissioner of Revenue.

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Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to go into Executive Session to discuss legal matters as per 2.1-344 (A) (6) of the Code of Virginia.

The Mayor declared the meeting in Executive Session.

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

Mayor Daniels declared the meeting back in regular session.

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Mayor Daniels announced there were no announcements pertaining to legal matters. 14033

There were no comments by the Assistant City Manager, the City Attorney, or Council.

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

*Clegg Daniels*

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Mayor

ATTEST:

*Mary D. Brown*  
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