

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chambers on April 15, 1988 at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor Daniels presiding.

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

Absent: Roy R. Roberts

Also Present: C.R. Brown, City Manager & Kenneth Asbury, Attorney

Invocation was given by Rev. Wayne Harrison, followed with Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman William Mays. 14100

On motion by Robert Raines, seconded by William Mays and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that minutes of April 5, 1988 be approved with correction to Paragraph 14088 to read rerouted instead of recruited and delete rest of sentence after Kentucky Avenue. 14101

The Mayor called for audience for visitors. No response. 14102

The Mayor announced a Public Hearing on Request to Rezone Lots 24, 25, 26, A, B, C of Block 5 Located at the Intersection of 5th Street, N.W. and Virginia Avenue. This request is to rezone from Residential B (Multi Family) to B-2 (Central Business)

The Mayor advised that he had tonight received a letter that was delivered to City Manager today regarding this request. He read the letter from Four Seasons Properties, Inc. stating they would like to withdraw their application for this rezoning. Mayor Daniels advised that due to this letter there would be no need for a public hearing. 14103

The Mayor announced the next item on the agenda was "An Ordinance Imposing a Tax on Consumers and Purchase of Utility Services in the City of Norton, Virginia Provided by any Heat, Light and Power Company and Telephone and Telegraph Company of 20% of the amount charged to the Consumer of the Utility Services and Establishing the Effective Date Thereof. The Mayor allowed a short time for any one from audience to speak on this matter since the Public Hearing was held last meeting. Mr. G.F. Tolbert of 200-6th Street requested that the elderly and disabled be considered on the telephone tax.

On motion by Robert Raines, seconded by William Mays and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved that "An Ordinance Imposing a Tax on Consumers and Purchase of Utility Services in the City of Norton, Virginia Provided by any Heat, Light and Power Company and Telephone or Telegraph Company of 20% of the amount charged to the Consumer of the Utility Service and Establishing the Effective Date Thereof, be passed on second reading. (Insert) 14104

Consideration of "An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Imposing a Tax on Meals Pursuant to Section 58.1-3480 of the Code of Virginia and Imposing Penalties Therefor and Exemptions."

Miles Bolling of 211-13th Street, inquired as to where the money received from this tax was to be spent. The Mayor advised that all this was explained at Public Hearing on April 5, 1988. 14105

On motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Robert Raines and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved that "An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Imposing a Tax on Meals Pursuant to Section 58.1-3480 of the Code of Virginia and Imposing Penalties Therefor and Exemptions be passed on second reading. (Insert)

An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Imposing a Tax on Transient Occupancy on Hotels, Motels, and Boarding Houses Pursuant to Section 58.1-3840 of the Code of Virginia and Providing Penalties for Violations Thereof." 14106

On motion by William Mays, seconded by Jack Wallace and carried by unanimous roll call vote, the Ordinance Imposing a Tax on Transient Occupancy on Hotels, Motels, and Boarding Houses Pursuant to Section 58.1-3840 of the Code of Virginia and Providing Penalties for Violations thereof was passed on second reading. (Insert)

Request for Permission to Sign an Agreement with Greater Wise, Inc.

The Mayor stated that before he turned this matter over to the City Manager, he would like to say that for some months now, Council has been engaged through Mr. Brown, City Manager and Council/^{man}Raines in some negotiations to clear up a long standing problem of 14th & 15th Streets which have kept Norton from being able to accept those streets into their system and therefore have been streets for no one to maintain or do any work on. He also stated he would like to commend Mr. Brown and Mr. Raines for their diligence in this matter.

Vice Mayor Raines addressed this subject - Only thing I was concerned with was we talk about long range planning, down-town renovation but yet when we approached certain pockets of the City, 14th & 15th Streets being one of them, it was certainly a disgrace. We did not try to throw blame on anyone - there is enough blame for everyone to share. We tried to reach an agreement that will resolve the problem with a solution that will allow the City to take 14th & 15th Streets into road system.

The City Manager addressed this subject, advising he had met with representatives of Greater Wise, Inc., Community Hospital & Fletcher Bright & Associates. He stated his office is asking for permission to sign the agreement. He also advised that work should be started soon on this project. 14107

Tag Davidson, Lynda Bolling & Quinn Brooks spoke. They spoke on personal problems, such as drainage into their basement, traffic on street in front of their property and inquired as to whether the City is planning to take part of their property.

On motion by Robert Raines, seconded by William Mays and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved that Charles Brown, City Manager be authorized to sign Memorandum Agreement with Greater Wise, Inc., dated March 10, 1988.

Request for Permission to sign an Agreement with Wise County as Pertains to Decal Enforcement. Council briefly discussed this matter.

On motion by Robert Raines, seconded by Jack Wallace and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that the City Manager be Authorized to sign an Agreement with Wise County as pertains to decal enforcement with an amended correction to refer to it for one year period. 14108

On motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by William Mays 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. 14109

On motion by William Mays, seconded by Robert Raines and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved they go back into regular session.

The Mayor declared council back in regular session.

Results of executive session will become evident - first item is appointment to Norton Industrial Development Authority for a 4 year term, currently Mr. Charlie Daniels and Mr. Harold Armsey. Mayor Daniels received a letter from Mr. Armsey stating he did not wish to be nominated this time due to his extensive activity with the Chamber of Commerce. 14110

Robert Raines nominated Charlie Daniels for reappointment to Norton Industrial Development Authority for four year term, said term to expire May 10, 1992.

On motion by William Mays, seconded by Jack Wallace, council moved nominations cease.

The Mayor declared Charlie Daniels reappointed for four year term on Norton Industrial Development Authority, said term to expire 5-10-92.

William Mays nominated Charlie Daniels for reappointment to Regional Waste water Authority for a four year term, said term to expire May 15, 1992.

On motion by Robert Raines, seconded by Jack Wallace, Council moved that nominations cease.

The Mayor declared Charlie Daniels reappointed to Regional Wastewater Authority for a 4 year term, said term to expire 5-15-92.

Nominations to Private Industry Council for a 3 year term -

Jack Wallace nominated Roy Robert & Bibbie Fraley for recommendation to the Governor for appoitmnet on Private Industry Council for three year term, said term to expire 6-30-91. 14111

On motion by Robert Raines, seconded by William Mays, Council moved nominations cease.

The Mayor declared Roy Roberts & Bibbie Fraley nominees to present to the Governor for appointment on Private Industry Council for a 3 year term, said term to expire 6-30-91.

Comments by City Manager - we have been working with the firm that does the milling of the asphalt. At this time, weather permitting, they will be in here the first week of May milling and paving road from Hamburger Hill to Druthers. 14112
Mr. Brown advised council he was talking in round figures of \$50,000 for this work.

On May 3rd there will be three public hearings - 1. Receiving nominations for Members of School Board. 2. Public Hearing on Approving School Board Budget. 3. Additional Appropriations as has been discussed for the boiler work, steam trap work and school bus.

Councilman Raines spoke briefly on need for City to be aware of some of the assets we have - advise people of recreational facilities, such as Flag Rock, Y.M.C.A. As a means of doing this, placing signs at entrance to City advertising the many facilities. He also stated he would like to challenge one of the garden clubs to help with this advertising. 14113

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

Cliff Daniels
Mayor

J. Nash
Clerk