

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held in the Municipal Council Chambers on July 5, 1988 at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Daniels presiding.

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

Absent: Robert Raines

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

The invocation was given by Rev. Warren Stewart followed by the Pledge of Allegiance which was led by Ralph (Butch) Wells.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Roy Roberts, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved to approve the minutes of the June 21, 1988 meeting as presented. 14177

During the Mayor's call for visitors, Ms. Linda Sturgill, West Main Avenue, came forward to discuss with Council the zoning on West Main Avenue, which according to her, is General Business. She further advised Council that this is an important issue that will be brought up in the near future.

Mrs. Sturgill also asked that Council look at the procedure used in getting a Building Permit and a Business License and to allow the Planning Commission to study setting up an administrative review for a business license. This request is due to the incompatibility of business and residences as being experienced on West Main Avenue. 14178

Mrs. Sturgill advised Council that due to the interpretations of the Board of Zoning Appeals, the area below the property line of the City property where the City Shop is located is the dividing line and that below that line West Main Avenue is zoned General Business.

Mayor Daniels advised Mrs. Sturgill of the discussion that took place at the previous Council Meeting as to where the line is located that separates Light Industrial and General Business zones; however, the particular business was allowed in either of the two zones. Mayor Daniels further advised that the City is under contract with Balzer and Associates to update the Comprehensive Plan.

As to the issuance of a business license, Mayor Daniels stated that these should be scrutinized and that the City should not allow a business to move into an existing structure that is not properly zoned. He further stated we should take the necessary steps to review any applicants before the business license is issued.

Dencil Bohnert, 606 Shawnee Avenue, advised Council of a water problem he is experiencing. Mayor Daniels advised Mr. Bohnert that Mr. Ward would have this checked out this week and would get back to him. 14179

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Authorizing the City Manager to Purchase Used Equipment from the Virginia Department of Transportation was presented to Council in their packets.

Mr. Ward advised Council he wished to purchase a 544 front End Loader for \$9,000 from the Highway Department. The loader the City now owns is in need of repairs in the amount of \$7,000 to \$10,000 for parts only. He further advised Council that former City Manager Brown and Fire Chief Danny Still had looked this loader over and stated it was in good condition and would sell on the market for \$16,000 to \$17,000. 14180

Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Authorizing the City Manager to Purchase Used Equipment from the Virginia Department of Transportation with said funds to come from the Revenue Sharing Budget from I & I. (Insert)

Mayor Daniels advised as of 2:00 p.m. today we had a total combined capacity of 100.6 million gallons of water in the City's reservoirs. Also for the period of 6/30/88 to 7/5/88 we recorded at the water plant .09" of rain while we had no recorded rainfall at the dam. 14181

Mayor Daniels asked the press to again stress to the public the reasonable and necessary use of water.

Mr. Ward advised Council of the progress to date on the viaduct work. Milling has been completed and chipping has begun on the western side of bridge to check the structural steel. Chipping will continue for approximately a month. Three light poles have been removed to add the extra lane and the light is on flash at the high school.

Mr. Ward also advised he was conducting an in house study of the lights at the Rt. 74 intersection.

Mayor Daniels advised he had been questioned about the walking lane for children going to school. Mr. Ward stated that one of the last things to be done was sandblasting of this sidewalk. Mr. Roberts stressed safety for the school children even if a barrier needed to be erected. Mayor Daniels asked Mr. Ward to check into having the sandblasting done prior to the start of school. 14182

Mr. Roberts asked that the City have the Highway Department look into putting an Alternate 58 route sign at the intersection of Kentucky Avenue and New 58. Mayor Daniels advised Mr. Ward we should contact the Highway Department about this intersection being so dark. He stated they need to put up some lights or some additional signs.

The City Manager advised that a monthly written report will be furnished to Council on the viaduct project.

Mayor Daniels advised there was a slight modification to the Confirmation of a Check in Excess of \$100,000 as there were two checks to be confirmed. One check is in the amount of \$109,164.00 to the Virginia Municipal Liability Pool, which is our annual payment for liability insurance and the second check is in the amount of \$105,000.00 to the City of Norton Schools. 14183

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Roy Roberts, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to confirm these two checks to the Virginia Municipal Liability Pool in the amount of \$109,164.00 and to the Norton City Schools in the amount of \$105,000.00.

Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed 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 Legal Matters as Per 2.1-344(A) (6) of the Code of Virginia, As Amended.

The Mayor declared the meeting in Executive Session. 14184

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to go back into regular session. 14185

Mayor Daniels declared the meeting back in regular session.

Mayor Daniels stated there were no comments as to legal. 14186

Mayor Daniels declared the floor open for nominations to the Head Start Board.

Councilman Mays nominated Michele Knox to serve a three year term on the Head Start Board.

Councilman Wallace moved the nominations cease and this was seconded by Councilman Roberts and passed by unanimous vote. 14187

Mayor Daniels declared Michele Knox reappointed to the Head Start Board for a three year term with said term to expire August 31, 1991.

Mr. Ward, in his closing comments to Council, advised of the success of the July 4th activities sponsored by the City and to thank all of those who volunteered to help with these activities. 14188

Mr. Ward also advised Council that he would like to schedule a photo session for Council at the next meeting. All members should be present at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Daniels also wanted to express his congratulations to the entire staff for the Fourth of July activities and the comments he had heard about the pool activities were very good. 14189

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

ATTEST:

M. A. Brown Clerk

Cliff Daniels
Cliff Daniels, Mayor