

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on December 18, 1984, at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Hunnicutt presiding.

Present: Roy Roberts, Ray Salyers, George Hunnicutt, Milas Franks, and Cliff Daniels

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

On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Milas Franks and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved to accept the minutes of the December 4, 1984 meeting as presented.

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

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On motion by Milas Franks, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved that "An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia by Classifying that Territory Recently Annexed to the City of Norton, Virginia by the Circuit Court of Wise County, Virginia on April 19, 1984 by Classifying into Districts to Carry Out the Purposes of the Zoning Ordinance and Regulating, Restricting, Permitting, Prohibiting and Determining the Land Use Thereon and To Amend the Zoning Ordinance by Reclassifying and Rezoning Certain Lands Contiguous Thereto" be passed on second reading. (Insert)

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Mr. Brown discussed the current water situation with Council and advised that within two weeks we had gained one million net increase and he had instructed Lenowisco to wash the streets.

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The City Manager advised Council of a request from the City Treasurer to reimburse real estate taxes in the amount of \$1,209.60 as these taxes were paid both by the individuals and the Sovran Bank of Richmond. On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Roy Roberts, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to reimburse Dr. Elipido F. Capalad in the amount of \$903.00 and Patsy Jean Hill \$306.60 said funds to come from Revenue for the duplication of payment of 1984 real estate taxes.

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The Norton City School Board requested renewal of their Bingo and Raffle Permit for the 1985 calendar year. On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Ray Salyers, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved to renew the City of Norton School Board's Bingo and Raffle Permit for the calendar year of 1985 under the same conditions as it was issued last year.

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The City Manager advised Council of the Infiltration/Inflow Program for the City. He stated that while they had kept Abingdon advised, they had failed to keep the Enforcement Division in Richmond informed and they, therefore, thought we were behind in the Consent Order. The City has contacted them and a meeting has been scheduled January 9th in Abingdon to discuss this matter further.

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Councilman Franks asked about the status of the drying beds at the Ramsey Plant and was advised that the two end walls are complete and all materials are on-site and progress is good.

On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Milas Franks, and carried 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 as amended.

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On motion by Milas Franks, seconded by Ray Salyers, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved to go back into regular session.

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The Mayor advised that they have scheduled a session in regard to procuring professional services and this session will be held Thursday morning, December 20, 1984, at 8:30; therefore this meeting will be continued until that time. The

Mayor further advised that the City had to go ahead and move on the water project situation.

The City Manager had two comments to make to the Council. One was that the City Christmas Schedule is that the offices will be closed December 24th and 25th and New Year's Day and a schedule will be posted on the front door. 13070

The second comment was that he is in receipt of a pamphlet from Mr. William B. Spong who is Chairman of the Governor's Commission on Virginia's Future and they have completed a study as to where the Commonwealth is now and where it will be by the year 2000.

The City Manager asked Council for a work session after the first of the year possibly with the Planning Commission to discuss Norton's near-term, mid-term, and far term goals that are achievable. 13071

Councilman Daniels suggested this be put on the next agenda and include the Norton Industrial Development Authority in this work session.

Mr. Brown advised he had ordered copies of this study for each member of Council.

Councilman Daniels discussed the repair of the railroad crossing on Rt. 58 and the long traffic delays that have been experienced. He suggested that the next time this crossing is repaired, the City ask the railroad for a traffic plan at the site. 13072


Mayor Hunnicutt agreed and advised that a lot of tractor trailers are having trouble clearing the underpass at Ramsey and also at the underpass between Appalachia and Big Stone Gap. He advised that this should be investigated and requested of the State Highway Department to take action on getting these trailers in and out of Norton. 13073

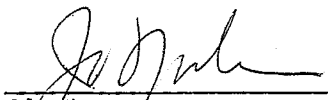
Mr. Franks suggested finding out what would be necessary to make this crossing a more permanent type crossing - steel grated type.

Mr. Brown advised that the above letters would go out within two days to the Highway Department and the Southern Railroad with copies going to our State legislators.

The Mayor suggested getting Appalachia and Big Stone also to contact the Highway Department in regard to the problem they are experiencing also.

On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to continue meeting until 8:30 a.m. Thursday, December 20, 1984. 13074


Mayor


Clerk