

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Tuesday, January 2, 1990, at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Daniels presiding.

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

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

The invocation was given by Rev. William Watson followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by John Litton.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Robert Raines, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved that the minutes of the December 5, 1989 regular meeting be approved as presented. 14656

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Robert Raines, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved that the minutes of the December 15, 1989 special called meeting be approved as presented.

Mayor Daniels recognized Mr. Joe Stallard, the new City Treasurer. The Mayor welcomed Mr. Stallard and advised that Council was looking forward to working with him. 14657

There was no response to the Mayor's call for visitors. 14658

A public hearing was held on An Ordinance of the City Council to Vacate an Undeveloped Portion of Walnut Street, Pursuant to Section 15.1-364 of the Code of Virginia.

The Mayor opened the floor for public comments.

Rev. William Watson, 415 Chestnut Street, owns Lots 5 and 6, presented Council with a letter specifying his reasons for opposition to the vacating of this alley.

Others speaking in opposition of this were Mr. Roger Shea, an attorney from Wise representing Mr. Richard Dollard, Mr. Allen Jones, and Mr. John Litton.

Other property owners speaking during this public hearing were Mr. Albert S. Armentrout and Mr. Bill Stokes representing his Mother, Mrs. Ann Stokes. Both Mr. Armentrout and Mr. Stokes asked if this alley were vacated that the City please try to do something about the drainage problem already in this area.

Mr. Elsey Harris, attorney of Norton, spoke representing Mr. and Mr. W. C. Witt, Jr. and Mr. Witt also spoke to Council. 14659

Following much discussion, the matter of passing this Ordinance died due to a lack of a motion and the alley will not be vacated. Mayor Daniels advised Mr. and Mrs. Witt that both Council and the City are willing to discuss and work with them on this matter that will be beneficial to everyone.

A public hearing was held for a budget amendment to the 1989-90 Municipal Budget in the amount of \$1,134,381.82 for encumbrances of June 30, 1989.

Mr. Ward advised that this was a housekeeping matter which required a public hearing.

Mayor Daniels opened the floor for public comment. 14660

Dr. Albert S. Armentrout, Superintendent of Norton City Schools, was present to answer any questions.

Mr. Stallard inquired as to why this was not included in the budget and was advised by the Mayor that it had been, but had not been spent by 6/30/89 and therefore had to be carried over.

Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to amend the 1989-90 Municipal Budget in the amount of \$1,134,381.82.

Council had been presented with a request from the City of Norton Schools to

amend a Literary Loan Application from \$300,000.00 to \$400,000.00.

Dr. Armentrout spoke to Council regarding this.

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After a brief discussion and upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Roy with Roberts, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to approve a request from the City of Norton Schools to amend a Literary Loan Application from \$300,000.00 to \$400,000.00.

Council had been requested by the City of Norton Schools for the amount of \$3,000 from Contingency to be used to finance the J. I. Burton High School Bank on their trip to Richmond to participate in the Inaugural Parade.

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Upon a motion by Robert Raines, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to grant the request of the Norton City Schools for \$3,000 to be taken from Contingency for expenses incurred by the J. I. Burton Band on their trip to Richmond.

Council had been presented with A Resolution Defining Signature and Access Requirements for Various City Accounts, Investments, and Certificate Storage.

Mr. Ward advised Council that this resolution is the same as has been used in the past and is necessary due to the new City Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer coming into office.

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Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution Defining Signature and Access Requirements for Various City Accounts, Investments and Certificate Storage. (Insert)

Council had been presented with a request from the Treasurer's Office for a refund of an overpayment in real estate taxes to Horne Properties.

Upon a motion by Robert Raines, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council approved a request to reimburse Horne Properties in the amount of \$284.70 for overpayment of taxes.

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Council had been presented with a check in the amount of \$105,000.00 made payable to the Norton City Schools.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to approve a check in the amount of \$105,000 made payable to the Norton City Schools.

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Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by William Mays, 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 the Acquisition and/or disposition of real property as per 2.1-344 (A) (3) of the Code of Virginia, as amended.

Mayor Daniels declared the meeting in Executive Session.

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

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The Mayor 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.

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Upon a motion by Robert Raines, seconded by Robert Raines, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the City Of Norton Certification of Executive Meeting. (Insert)

Mayor Daniels there were no comments to be made from the Executive Session.

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Mayor Daniels advised that Mrs. Ruby Edwards came to the meeting late and missed the Audience for Visitors and wanted to speak with Council.

Mrs. Edwards spoke to Council regarding the issuance of building permits, contractors who are permitted to work in the City, and inspections made by the

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Building Inspector.

Mayor Daniels advised Mrs. Edwards that the City Manager will talk with the City Attorney and get back to her in relation to our Codes.

In his comments, the City Manager expressed his appreciation and commended the City of Norton Rescue Squad, Police Department, Fire Department, and Bill Stokes, our Civil Defense Coordinator for their assistance in the cold weather and power outages experienced last week. He also stressed to the press to print a small article advising the public to run a small stream of water in case of another cold snap such as the one just experienced. 14671

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

Cliff Daniels

Cliff Daniels, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary D. Brown
Clerk