

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Tuesday, June 19, 1990, at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Cliff Daniels presiding.

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

Also Present: Fred L. Ramey, Acting City Manager and Kenneth Asbury, City Attorney

Rev. Warren Stewart, who gave the invocation at the first council meeting over which Mayor Daniels presided, gave the invocation tonight at Mayor Daniels' final council meeting. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance which was led by outgoing councilman Roy Roberts.

Upon a motion by Robert Raines, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the June 5, 1990 council meeting as presented.

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

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A public hearing was held to consider a recommendation by the Norton Industrial Development Authority for the issuance of bonds for Norton Community Hospital.

Mayor Daniels advised that Council had received a transcript of the public comments made to the Norton Industrial Development Authority.

The Mayor opened the floor for public comments.

Mr. Ralph Blevins, Virginia Avenue, N. E. spoke against the issuance of these bonds.

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There being no further public comments, Mayor Daniels declared the public hearing closed.

Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to accept the recommendation of the Norton Industrial Development Authority and approve the Issuance of Bonds for Norton Community Hospital in the amount of four million dollars. (Insert)

At this time, Mayor Daniels advised that Acting City Manager Fred Ramey was present at tonight's meeting and also advised that under Executive Session, Council would be discussing the acquisition and/or use of real property as per 2.1-344(A) (3) of the Code Of Virginia as amended.

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A public hearing was held to consider a budget amendment to the 1989-90 City General Fund Budget.

Mr. Ramey advised that anytime there is a budget amendment in excess of 1% of the total budget according to the State Code, a public hearing is to be held.

The Mayor opened the floor for public comments.

There were no public comments made during this public hearing.

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Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Robert Raines, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to accept an amendment to the 1989-90 City General Fund Budget in the amount of \$137,292.

Council had been presented in their packets An Ordinance Adopting the Budget for the City of Norton, Virginia for the Fiscal Year of July 1, 1990 thru June 30, 1991 Appropriating Funds for all Contemplated Expenses of the City for the Fiscal Year and Placing Levies upon All Real Estate, Personal Property and Bank Stock, Licenses, Fees, User Charges, and all other Levies as Previously Imposed or Modified Herein.

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The Mayor advised the public hearing on this budget was held at the last meeting and that advertising had been done in the appropriate newspapers.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by

unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to adopt An Ordinance Adopting the Budget for the City of Norton, Virginia for the Fiscal Year of July 1, 1990 thru June 30, 1991 Appropriating Funds for all Contemplated Expenses of the City For the Fiscal Year and Placing Levies Upon all Real Estate, Personal Property and Bank Stock, Licenses, Fees, User Charges, and all Other Levies As Previously Imposed or Modified Herein. (Insert)

Council had been presented with An Ordinance Increasing the Tariff on Local Telephone Service to Pay for the Operation and Maintenance of the E-911 Emergency Telephone System and An Ordinance Establishing a Board for the Management, Operation, and Maintenance of the E-911 Emergency Telephone System in their packets.

Public hearings on these ordinances was held at the June 5, 1990 council meeting.

Mayor Daniels changed the procedure before action was taken by Council and sought public comments from the audience.

There were no public comments during this allotted time.

The Mayor advised there was an impasse at this time on the passage of these ordinances by the local governing bodies involved and he asked Council to take some action tonight on these two ordinances.

Vice Mayor Raines spoke on the E-911 Project and identified two concerns he has found regarding it. These being a lack of information as to how the 911 system will work and the cost involved. He suggested the development of an information packet that will explain in detail what E-911 is and how it will work. He also felt that a comparison should be made with an area of comparable size to determine their utilization, manpower, and expense incurred in operating a system such as this. He further stated he was in support of E-911 raising the tariff to a maximum increase of up to \$1.50. 14807

Councilman Wallace stated he was in favor of this project.

Ralph Blevins, Virginia Avenue, N. E. also spoke in favor of E-911. Mayor Daniels spoke on this project stating he supported the concept and idea and it is another area of enhancing the life of our area's citizens.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Robert Raines, and passed by the following roll call vote: AYE - Councilman Wallace, Mayor Daniels, Vice Mayor Raines, who specified that this increase was due to administrative costs and not an increase by the C. & P. Telephone Company, and Councilman Mays. ABSTAINING (both from comments and vote) - Councilman Roberts, Council moved to adopt An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Amending An Ordinance Levying A Tax on the Purchase of Local Telephone Service to Pay the Operation and Maintenance Costs of An Enhanced 911 Telephone Emergency System in this Municipality increasing the levy from 26 cents to \$1.50 per month per local telephone subscriber. (Insert)

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Robert Raines, and passed by the following roll call vote. AYE - Councilman Wallace, Mayor Daniels, Vice Mayor Raines, and Councilman Mays. ABSTAINING (from both comments and vote) Councilman Roberts. (Insert)

Mayor Daniels advised that both these ordinances are only effective upon the passage by the Wise County Board of Supervisors, and the Town Councils of the Towns of Appalachia, Big Stone Gap, Coeburn, Pound, St. Paul, and Wise.

Council had been presented with A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton Adopting a Five Year Capital Improvements Program. 14808

Mayor Daniels presented a brief summary covering this Plan and upon a motion by Robert Raines, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton Adopting a Five Year Capital Improvements Program. (Insert)

Council discussed the meeting date and time for the organization meeting and scheduled same for Monday, July 2, 1990 at 8:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers.

Acting Manager Ramey sought Council's approval for the City Manager to

execute a contract for the purchase of property which is between Cohens and the old Ray's TV on Park Avenue which is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Ron Prater.

Mayor Daniels advised this parcel of land is one of those that is discussed in our Downtown Revitalization Program. Negotiations have been done with the Praters for a sale price of \$65,000 and the structure will be demolished.

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Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, the City Manager was given permission to execute a contract to buy this property in the amount of \$65,000 upon approval of the legal instruments by the City Attorney with said funds coming from the Non-Departmental Fund of the current City budget.

Council was presented with a copy of a check in the amount of \$150,000 payable to the Norton City Schools.

Upon a motion by Robert Raines, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to approve a check in the amount of \$150,000 made payable to the Norton City Schools.

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Upon a motion by Robert Raines, 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) (6) of the Code of Virginia, As Amended and the acquisition and/or use of real property as per 2.1-344(A) (3) of the Code of Virginia, As Amended.

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Mayor Daniels declared the meeting in Executive Session.

Upon a motion by Robert Raines, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to go back into 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 the entire Resolution of the Certification of Executive Meeting.

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Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the Certification of Executive Meeting. (Insert)

Mayor Daniels advised the appointment to the Private Industry Council would be tabled until the next meeting.

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Mayor Daniels opened the floor for two nominations to the Norton School for three year terms and one nomination for the unexpired term of Mr. Ron McCall.

Robert Raines nominated Mrs. Joyce Smith and Mrs. Yvonne Elmore for the two three year terms and nominated Dr. Marty Prince to the unexpired term of Mr. Ron McCall.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved that the nominations cease.

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Mayor Daniels declared Mrs. Joyce Smith and Mrs. Yvonne Elmore reappointed to the City of Norton School Board for three year terms with said terms to expire June 30, 1993 and Dr. Marty Prince appointed to the unexpired term of Mr. Ron McCall which will expire June 30, 1991.

In his comments, the Acting City Manager advised the City had not received a Community Development Block Grant for which we had applied for the purpose of installing a sewer line in the Josephine Community. Mr. Ramey, on behalf of the City Administration, and City staff, expressed gratitude to Mayor Daniels and Councilman Roberts for their past work for the City and wished them best of luck in the future.

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Mayor Daniels advised Council had received copies of a report from the Department of Housing and Urban Development which had been sent to Mrs. Dot Graham, Chairman of the Norton Redevelopment and Housing Authority, advising no findings or areas of concern and that HUD was well pleased with the local authority's management and operation. Mayor Daniels expressed pleasure on the receipt of this report.

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Mayor Daniels also thanked those who participated in the Best Friend Festival held this past week-end.

Vice Mayor Raines stated the good report received by the Housing Authority exemplifies the good people who dedicate their time serving on committees and he would like to commend them. He also expressed appreciation to Mayor Daniels and Councilman Roberts.

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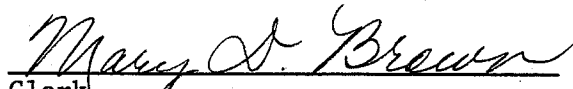
Mayor Daniels advised that both he and Councilman Roberts had enjoyed serving with Council, the City Attorney, and the City Administration and felt that they had participated in areas that had led to the betterment of the community and that both stand ready to help in the future.

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

  
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Robert Raines, Vice Mayor

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Clerk