

A special called council meeting was held at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 31, 1990 in Council Chambers with Mayor Robert Raines presiding.

Present: Linda Sturgill, Jack Wallace, Robert Raines, William Mays, and Ron McCall

Also Present: E. W. Ward, City Manager

Mayor Raines advised the purpose of this special called council meeting was to conduct a public hearing to solicit public input on a Community Development Block Grant Application to be submitted on the Blackwood Industrial Park Sewer Project. Before opening the floor for public comments, Mayor Raines asked the City Manager to give an overview and update on the aspects of this project. 14841

Mr. Ward advised Council that the previously applied for Community Development Block Grant had been turned down and that this application was for the second round of Community Development Block Grants which has a deadline of today, July 31st. He further advised that the City had applied for an Appalachian Regional Commission grant in the amount of \$500,000 for use in this project. 14842

Mr. Ward further advised Council that the administration asks that Council authorize the submittal of this Application so that the City can provide utilities at the Blackwood site which will be an economic advantage to our area, could provide environmental clean-up of the Powell River in the Josephine Community, and that at some point in time be able to tie some of the residents in to the sewer line and get rid of the septic systems and any other systems they may have. It also continues our two year old plan for industrial development and regionalism as the County is putting in the road. Water most likely will come from Norton.

The Manager recognized Mr. Ron Flanary and Mr. Glenn Skinner of Lenowisco who were present to answer any questions which may be directed to them.

Mayor Raines opened the floor for public comments.

Ms. Darlene Wilson of Wise, who is the elected representative for low income people in Wise County to the Board of Directors of the Wise Center of Legal Services and Southwest Virginia in Clintwood, spoke opposing this proposed sewer line on behalf of the low income residents of the City of Norton who expressed an interest in having sewer service themselves. Also speaking against was Mrs. Betty Lewis of West Main Avenue. 14843

Mr. Wayne Harrison, Ridge Avenue, Norton, spoke in favor of the proposed sewer line. 14844

There were no further public comments from the audience.

Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by William Mays, and passed by the following vote: Sturgill - NO due to the fact that she is not secure in her knowledge of the project, concern for our water supply, and she would like to see some of the Coalfield Economic Development Authority money at work in Blackwood. YES - Wallace, Raines, Mays, and McCall, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Authorizing the City Manager to Make Application for a Virginia Community Development Block Grant. (Insert) 14845

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

ATTEST:

Mary J. Brown
City Clerk

B. Robert Raines
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