

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

Present: Jack Wallace, Cliff Daniels, Robert Raines, William Mays

Absent: Roy R. Roberts

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

The invocation was given by Rev. Warren Stewart followed by the Pledge of Allegiance which was also led by Rev. Stewart.

Upon a motion by Robert Raines, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved that the minutes of the December 15, 1987 meeting be approved as presented.

14010

During the Mayor's call for visitors, Ms. Linda Sturgill, 1703 W. Main Avenue, Norton, came forward to speak against the proposed landfill on Turkey Branch in Wise County. Ms. Sturgill stated this would have detrimental effects on the entire area, and asked Council, as a body, to oppose this proposed landfill for the residents of the City of Norton.

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Mrs. Denise Gabriele, Highland Avenue, Norton, also came before Council as a member of the Wise County Citizens Against Private Landfills. She requested, speaking for her group, that Council voice opposition to the proposed landfill on Turkey Branch in Wise County. Mrs. Gabriele submitted a letter to the Council in which they asked for Council's response in writing to several issues listed in the letter. She further stated that Council's response would be included in the records of the public hearing to be held on January 14, 1988, at 11:00 a.m. in the first floor Board Room of the Wise County Court House. Copies of the letter given to Council were sent to the following: Governor Gerald Baliles, Senator John Warner, Senator Paul Tribble, Congressman Rick Boucher, Director of the Environmental Protection Agency, Lee Thomas, and Region III Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency James Seay. The letter further stated that the response of Council should be mailed to Ms. Gabriele at the address on the letter with a copy to the Wise County Board of Supervisors.

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Mayor Daniels asked if this letter was given to the other Councils in the area and Ms. Gabriele advised that the group, at this time, was trying to approach each of them and that they will also be addressing the County Board of Supervisors in both Dickenson and Buchanan Counties.

The Mayor advised Council that a public hearing had been held on An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Redefining the Words "Building Accessory" Under Section 22-1 of the Norton City Code and Redefining Structures Under Section 22-14(a) of the Norton City Code.

14013

There were no comments from Council and upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Redefining the Words, "Building Accessory" Under Section 22-1 of the Norton City Code and Redefining Structures Under Section 22-14(a) of the Norton City Code on second reading. (Insert)

The Mayor advised Council that a public hearing had been held on An Ordinance to Require Positive Identification of Any Person, Persons, Firm, or Corporation Applying for Water or Sewer Service, Motor Vehicle License or Decals, Business or Professional License or Other Services of the Municipality.

14014

There were no questions by Council and upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Robert Raines, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt An Ordinance To Require Positive Identification of Any Person, Persons, Firm, or Corporation Applying for Water or Sewer Service, Motor Vehicle License or Decals, Business or Professional License or Other Services of the Municipality on second reading. (Insert)

Mayor Daniels advised as of 10:45 a.m. today we had a combined reservoir capacity of 99 million gallons which is an increase of approximately 50 million gallons.

After a brief discussion and upon a motion by Robert Raines, seconded by Jack Wallace, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved to withdraw the water emergency based on the reports of lake levels effective today.

Mayor Daniels, on behalf of the Council and the Administration, expressed gratitude to the citizens of Norton for their efforts in water conservation during the emergency.

Council then advised the City Manager to have the pipe taken up only on Virginia Avenue where it was blocked and to unblock driveways. Mayor Daniels said that he had a report of a driveway in Dorchester being blocked and to also check on it. 14015

Council further advised the City Manager that when and if he saw the need to begin pumping again he should call them regarding this.

Council was presented with A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia, Supporting the Southwest Economic and Educational Development Center.

Mr. Brown advised that this was sponsored by the Clinch Valley College of the University of Virginia in support of the Lacy Commission Report on "Forward Southwest Virginia" and asked that Council consider this resolution favorably.

Councilman Raines stated he was in support of this resolution but requested a change in the wording to read "increased educational opportunities" rather than "improve standards of education". 14016

Upon a motion by Robert Raines, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Supporting the Southwest Economic and Educational Development Center as amended. This change being from "improve standards of education" to "increased educational opportunities". (Insert)

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Robert Raines, 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 and legal as per 2.1-344 (A) (6) of the Code of Virginia. 14017

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Robert Raines, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved to go back into regular session. Mayor Daniels declared the meeting back in regular session. 14018

Mayor Daniels announced there would be no legal announcements. 14019

The Mayor opened the floor for nominations for an appointment to the Norton Redevelopment and Housing Authority for a four year term to expire January 28, 1992.

Councilman Wallace nominated Mr. John Elmore to serve a four year term on the Norton Redevelopment and Housing Authority.

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

Mayor Daniels declared Mr. John Elmore appointed to the Norton Redevelopment and Housing Authority for a four year term which will expire January 28, 1992. 14020

Mr. Brown advised Council that they wanted to schedule a work session with the Planning Commission, with input from the Board of Zoning Appeals, to discuss the Off-Street Parking Ordinance.

Mayor Daniels advised the next meeting of the Planning Commission was January 14, 1988 at 7:00 p.m. There being no conflict, the members of Council will meet at this date with the Planning Commission. The City Manager advised the material needed for this work session had been mailed out today and Council members should receive them in the following day's home mail.

Mayor Daniels advised that the letter that was presented earlier in the meeting by Ms. Gabriele on behalf of the Wise County Citizens Against Private Landfills would be put on the agenda for the January 19, 1988 meeting for action. 14022

There were no comments by the City Attorney.

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

Cliff Daniels
Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary S. Brown
Clerk