

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on Tuesday, October 3, 1995 at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Raines presiding.

Present: Roy Roberts, Jack Wallace, Robert Raines, William Mays, and Ron McCall

Also Present: E. W. Ward, City Manager and Joe Pippin, City Attorney

The invocation was given by Rev. Bob Kespelher and was followed by the pledge of allegiance which was led by the City Treasurer, Joe Stallard.

Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the September 19, 1995 meeting as presented.

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

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The City Manager gave Council an update on the Norton Upper Dam Project and passed out a report he had received today from Thompson and Litton. Mr. Ward advised there was not much to report at this time since the contractors are 14 days behind due to the rainy weather. He went over the items listed on this memorandum with Council. He had also included in Council's packet the letter received from the U. S. Corps of Engineers which he had discussed with them at the last meeting, the budget report and advised we have not incurred any expenses as far as receiving invoices as of yet, and also a letter from the Virginia Water Project, Inc. regarding our rate and fee structure. This is the project that is making available a \$25,000 grant on this project to the City to assist with engineering fees.

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Following a brief discussion, Mr. Ward advised he would keep Council advised on this project.

Council had a request from the City Treasurer and Commissioner of Revenue for the refund of taxes erroneously assessed to Delno Cowden. Mr. Cowden had been assessed for a mobile home on both personal property and real estate. This covers a period of \$35.00 per year for 10 years.

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The City Attorney advised he concurred with the recommendations of the Treasurer and Commissioner of Revenue.

Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council authorized a refund to be made to Mr. Delno Cowden for taxes erroneously assessed in the amount of \$350.00.

The City Manager advised we are in receipt of a the paper work covering the authorization of the issuance of \$800,000 General Obligation School Bonds which had been prepared by bond counsel, Harwell M. Darby, Jr. of the law firm, Glenn, Flippin, Feldmann & Darby of Roanoke, Virginia. This covers the project being done at John I. Burton High School. Council was presented with A Resolution Authorizing the issuance of Not to Exceed \$800,000.00 General

Obligation School Bonds of the City of Norton, Virginia, Series 1995, to be Sold to the Virginia Public School Authority and Providing for the Form and Details Thereof.

The City Manager gave Council a brief update on this project and funds.

The City Attorney advised he had looked over these papers and that they were all in order.

Following a discussion and after the Clerk read the heading of this resolution, a motion was made by Ron McCall, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, that Council adopt A Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$800,000.00 General Obligation School Bonds of the City of Norton, Virginia, Series 1995, to be Sold to the Virginia Public School Authority and Providing for the Form and Details Thereof. (Insert)

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council authorized the Mayor, the City Manager, and the Clerk to sign all the necessary documents pertaining to this bond sale. These documents are the Bond Sale Agreement, the Bond Resolution, the Questionnaire, and the Reimbursement Agreement.

Council had a request for a sewer tap in the Esserville section of Wise County by Mr. David Barnette.

Mr. Ward advised Mr. Barnette had water at this location and that the City Administration asked favorable consideration of this request.

Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council granted a sewer tap in Esserville to Mr. David Barnette.

Mr. Ward is to advise Mr. Barnette of Council's action.

Council had in their packets a copy of a check payable to the Norton City Schools in the amount of \$203,933.00.

Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to approve a check in the amount of \$203,933.00 made payable to the Norton City Schools.

In his comments, the City Manager advised:

That Mayor Raines, Vice Mayor Mays, and he will be out of town from Sunday, October 8th thru Wednesday, October 11th attending the Virginia Municipal League Conference in Virginia Beach.

They had taken bids on the Hawthorne Pump Station on September 28th and the low bidder was Daniels Plumbing Heating with a bid of \$105,633. He further advised that Thompson and Litton recommended that the low bidder be issued a Notice to Proceed which the City Administration has done. Council was given a copy of the four bids which had been submitted to the City on this project.

Passed out Supplement 5 of the Code which will have us current to 6/30/95.

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

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA

B. Robert Raines

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ATTEST:

Mary D. Brown

Clerk