

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held on March 21, 1989 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers with Mayor Daniels presiding.

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

Absent: Robert Raines and Kenneth Asbury, City Attorney

Also Present: E. W. Ward, City Attorney

The invocation was given by Rev. John Bucchi followed by the Pledge of Allegiance which was led by Police Chief Sam Mongle.

On motion by William Mays, seconded by Roy Roberts, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that the minutes of the March 7, 1989 meeting be approved as presented. 14497

There was no response to the Mayor's call for visitors. 14498

The Mayor advised that a public hearing was being held on An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$20,703.47 General Obligation School Bonds to Finance the Purchase of Equipment Through the Governor's Educational Technology Initiative Procurement and Financing Program.

The City Manager advised that this ordinance is a follow-up to the resolution passed by Council on September 20, 1988, authorizing the school system to participate in the Governor's Education Technology Program. This will enable them to purchase eight computers, a printer, and a satellite dish. The bond program has a five year payback period and the State will pay one year of these bonds. Mr. Ward further advised he had talked with the City Attorney about these documents and he had concurred that they are in order as to form and that he saw no problem. Mr. Ward asked Council to give this ordinance their favorable consideration.

There were no questions from the audience during this public hearing. 14499

After a brief discussion and upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Jack Wallace, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved that "An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$20,703.47 General Obligation School Bonds, Educational Technology Series, of the City of Norton, Virginia, To Be Sold To The Virginia Public School Authority and Setting Forth the Form and Details Thereof and Authorizing Participation in the State Non-Arbitrage Program." (Insert)

The City Manager advised that a certified copy of this ordinance has to be filed with the Wise County Circuit Court Clerk's Office on Wednesday, March 22, 1989.

The City Manager provided Council an update on the Code codification stating that several hours had been spent by himself and his staff on proofing. The Code contains the Charter, 25 chapters, the Appendix, and the Sub-Division Ordinance. The Charter, 9 chapters, and the Sub-Division Ordinance have been proofed. Also, Mr. Ramey is gathering any ordinances that have been passed since last April to include with the proofed copy to be incorporated into the final draft of the Code. Mr. Ward stated he felt the staff review would be completed in two weeks and these findings would be sent to the City Attorney for his review. After that, everything will go back to Municipal Code. 14500

Mr. Ward advised Council that the Zoning Ordinance was omitted and he was advised by Municipal Code that they understood it was to be left out as it was going to be revised. After checking with various City employees and the City Attorney, he found no reason for this and Municipal Code will incorporate the Zoning Ordinance into the Code.

Mayor Daniels advised the City Manager to keep this on a priority basis.

Council was presented with A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia, Requesting that the Virginia Department of Transportation Include the Construction of the U. S. 23 By-Pass Through the City of Norton, Virginia, In the Next Six Year Improvement Program. 14501

After a brief discussion and upon a resolution by William Mays, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved that A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia, Requesting that the Virginia Department of Transportation Include the Construction of the U. S. 23 By-Pass Through the City of Norton, Virginia, In the Next Six Year Improvement Program with copies to go to each member of the Transportation Board and each of our sister municipalities. Mr. Ward further advised that Lenowisco is backing this resolution. (Insert)

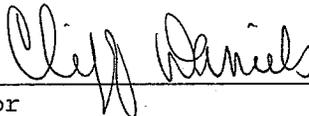
The City Manager advised that the Pre-Allocation Hearing will be held in Abingdon at Virginia Highlands Community College on April 3, 1989 and asked that any member of Council that will be attending to notify him. Mayor Daniels will not be able to attend this year; however, Councilman Roberts will be. Mayor Daniels advised that this resolution should be presented at that time.

Mr. Ward advised that Councilman Raines is out of the hospital and is improving. 14502

Mayor Daniels advised that the second meeting with the Downtown Merchants had been held and one of the major problems discussed is the traffic on Park Avenue, and that he would like for the City to have a public hearing scheduled to discuss the relocation of truck traffic to Kentucky Avenue.

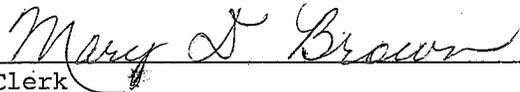
After a brief discussion, the City Manager was advised to advertise a public hearing to be held on April 18, 1989, and that the advertising should be heavy with letters sent to those that the City is aware who regularly use this route. 14503

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned and Council went into a work session on the discussion of a Proposed User Agreement with the C-N-W Wastewater Authority.



 Mayor

ATTEST:



 Clerk