

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Council Chambers on November 1, 1988 at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor Daniels presiding.

Present: Roy Roberts, Jack Wallace, Cliff Daniels, Roberts Raines

Absent: William Mays

Also Present: E.W. Ward, City Manager & Kenneth Asbury, City Attorney

Invocation was given by Rev. Warren Stewart, followed with Pledge of Allegiance led by Shelly Knox. 14288

On motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Jack Wallace and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that minutes of October 18, 1988 be approved as presented. 14289

Mayor Daniels stated he would like to welcome everybody here and that he sees the Hon. Jack Kennedy in the audience and believes he would like to enlighten the council on a few things.

Mr. Kennedy advised he would like to present three issues - 1st he had invited the Transportation Board of Commissioners to hold their pre-allocation hearing in the City of Norton. He stated he hoped Council would see fit to pass resolution asking that the pre-allocation hearing be held here in Norton. 14290
 2. He also addressed the subject of 58 Super Highway. Along with this subject he touched on a possible gasoline tax to help with funding.
 3. Proposal of Del. E. Richard Cranwell to do away with cities of our size. He expressed his appreciation to the City for their efforts in this matter.

The Mayor advised there would be an addition to the agenda under new business - 1A Ratification of check in amount over \$100,000.00. 14291

Public Hearing to consider Financial Encumbrances for the 1987-88 Fiscal year, \$200,170.34 for the Norton School Board, and \$78,853.15 for the City. 14292
 On motion by Robert Raines, seconded by Roy Roberts and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to approve Financial Encumbrances for the 1987-88 Fiscal year, \$200,170.34 for the Norton School Board, and \$78,853.15 for the City.

Discussion of Water Reserves - Mayor Announced the City Manager had given a report of this morning of 61 M.G. of water in reservoirs. The City Manager addressed this subject and advised they thought it necessary to cut the pumps back on and start pumping again. The Mayor ask again that the people conserve water. 14293

Update on the 11th Street overpass - The City Manager advised the contractors were 15% ahead of schedule. Project is to be completed on time for Christmas. 14294

Approval of check in amount of \$160,000.00 to City of Norton Schools.
 On motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Jack Wallace and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to ratify check in the amount of \$160,000.00 to City of Norton School Board. 14295

Discussion of possible donation of a railway caboos by Norfolk Southern Corporation. City Manager Ward introduced this subject and advised we had the City Recreation Director here tonight and also Mr. Armsey of the Chamber of Commerce. Shelly Knox spoke briefly on possible location and use of caboos. Mr. Armsey also spoke on location and use of caboos - he thought it would be a good thing for Tourism group of the chamber. Council discussed this matter briefly and it was agreed to hold decision until next council meeting after more investigation of cost could be made. 14296

Permission to sign an agreement with the Department of Transportation as Pertains to the Route 23 Connector Project. City Manager Ward addressed this subject. Council briefly discussed this matter.

On motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Robert Raines and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that City Manager be authorized to sign an agreement between City of Norton and Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Transportation for Adjustment of Water and Sanitary Sewer. 14297

Discussion of Veterans Day and Thanksgiving Holiday. The City Manager brought to council's attention the matter of exchanging holidays from Veterans Day to Friday after Thanksgiving. Council was in agreement for this to be done. This is to be an automatic change in future with the administrative head. 14298

Mayor Daniels advised audience the City had received 8 applications for Down Town Store Front Improvements. He addressed this matter briefly. 14299

On motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Robert Raines and carried 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, as Amended and Legal Matters as Per 2.1-344 (A) (6) of the Code of Virginia, as Amended, more particularly in relationship to obtaining City right of Way and potential user contracts. 14300

On motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Jack Wallace and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved to go back into regular session.

The Mayor declared council back in regular session.

The Mayor advised that in regard to personnel both appointments had been postponed until next meeting.

No announcement as to the legal question of obtaining right of way. In regard to water users contract meeting will be continued until Monday at 5:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers, executive session. 14301

Comments by the City Manager - The City Manager stated he had three remarks -
 1st - Halloween was very quiet and he would like to take this opportunity to commend the police dept., Fire Dept. and Public Works Dept. for the way things were carried out.
 2. Annual audit will be presented at next council meeting.
 3. Election will be in a few days - everyone come out to vote. 14302

On motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Jack Wallace and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved to continue this meeting until Monday, Nov. 7th at 5:00 P.M. 14303

Cliff Daniels
 Mayor

J. M. Ward
 Clerk