

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Tuesday, February 20, 1990, at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Cliff Daniels presiding.

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

Absent: William Mays

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

The invocation was given by Rev. Wayne Harrison followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Fred Ramey.

Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved that the minutes of the February 6, 1990 meeting be approved as presented.

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

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A public hearing was held to solicit input on a proposed Community Development Block Grant Application for a sewer collection system in the Josephine Community.

The City Manager advised that the City is eligible for a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$700,000 and would like to apply for same for a sewer collection system in the Josephine area. Dewberry and Davis just finished a preliminary engineering report covering this project. Mr. Ward fully discussed this with those present and went over several maps covering this entire area. He further advised that the staff of Lenowisco is working on the application which must be submitted by March 9th.

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Mayor Daniels opened the floor for public comments.

Mrs. Linda Sturgill, West Main Avenue, asked if this area was incorporated and was advised it was not; however City water serves 94 of the 107 households.

Others briefly speaking during this public hearing were Mr. Larry Carter and Rev. Wayne Harrison.

There were no comments from the members of Council.

Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Robert Raines, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to pass A Resolution Authorizing Submittal of a Community Development Block Grant Application authorizing the City Manager to sign and submit the appropriate documents for this application. (Insert)

The City Manager introduced Dr. Joanna Owens, the new Director of the Lenowisco Health District.

Dr. Owens briefly talked to Council advising she was glad to be back home and looked forward to working with Council as they had always been supportive of public health. Dr. Owens presented the City Manager and members of Council with a report from the State Health Department.

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Mayor Daniels advised Dr. Owens that Council was looking forward to working with her.

Mr. Bud Stewart, Band Director of the J. I. Burton Band, spoke briefly to Council advising them of the appreciation everyone had for Council's support of financing the band's trip to Richmond to participate in Governor Wilder's Inaugural Parade. Mr. Stewart called forward Ms. Amber Godsey, Drum Major, and Mr. Larry Carter, President of the Band Boosters, and together they presented Council with a plaque of appreciation.

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Mayor Daniels accepted this award on behalf of the City Council and instructed the City Manager to hang same in the Lobby of the Municipal Building.

Council had been presented with a request for refund of Merchants License Tax by the Commissioner of Revenue for Eckerd Drug. This license tax had been paid twice.

14706

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Robert Raines, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to approve the request for a refund of Merchants License Tax in the amount of \$1,607.18.

Mayor Daniels announced that the Executive Session scheduled for tonight would be tabled.

In his comments, the City Manager announced that the Grayson Commission legislation has been delayed for a year in the General Assembly and that he was happy with the efforts of the Coalition on Local Government, in which the City had participated, and with the Virginia Municipal League.

There were no comments from the City Attorney.

Mayor Daniels advised that he had met with a representative of the Census Bureau and that there were approximately 16 part-time positions available in the City of Norton and that application could be made through the Virginia Employment Commission.

Mayor Daniels issued a formal invitation to Wise County tonight to join with the City in negotiations that will keep both the City and County from falling into activities that neither desire and asked that the City Manager convey this to the County Administrator and attempt to set up some meetings as quickly as possible, if they wish, so that we will know what to do between now and next year.

Council briefly discussed this item.

Mayor Daniels further advised that it was important that both the City and County recognize the limitations of this legislation and see if there isn't some way that both of us can structure an agreement that would allow us to co-exist similarly in the manner that we are and keep this legislation from having major impact both on County and City residents.

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

*Cliff Daniels*

Cliff Daniels, Mayor

ATTEST:

*Mary S. Brown*  
Clerk