

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Tuesday, August 15, 1989, at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Daniels presiding.

Present: Jack Wallace, Cliff Daniels, Robert Raines

Absent: Roy Roberts, William Mays

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

The invocation was given by Vice Mayor Robert Raines followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Fred Ramey.

Upon a motion by Robert Raines, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved that the minutes of the August 1, 1989 meeting be approved as presented.

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During the Mayor's call for visitors, Ms. Lelia Maude Richmond, representing the First Presbyterian Church, came forward and advised Council that the Church would like to help in the beautification of the City by planting trees on Park Avenue. Mayor Daniels thanked Ms. Richmond and advised that Council was hesitant to start this program due to the traffic on Park Avenue.

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Mr. Dencil Bohnert of Shawnee Avenue came before Council requesting information as to when his new water line will be installed. The City Manager advised that work on this new line should begin within the next two weeks.

Mayor Daniels asked the City to notify Mr. Bohnert when they begin to work on this line.

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A public hearing was held on a Request to Rezone From Residential B to General Business Two Parcels of Property Located Near the U. S. 23 West Corporate Limits and Further Described as Section 25, Block 1, Lots 4 and 9.

Mr. Jim Chambers of Stafford Communications spoke to Council advising that they wished to install billboards on this adjoining two pieces of property belonging to BoCo and Mr. Zackie Wakin of Big Stone Gap.

Mrs. Linda Sturgill, 1703 West Main Avenue, also spoke to Council regarding this rezoning.

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Mr. Ward advised Council that the Planning Commission had held a public hearing on June 3, 1989 and had voted unanimously to deny this request as it would not be compatible with the Comprehensive Plan if rezoned.

Upon a motion by Robert Raines, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved that they support the recommendation of the Planning Commission and deny this request of Rezoning from Residential B to General Business Two Parcels of Property Located Near the U. S. 23 West Corporate Limits and Further Described as Section 25, Block 1, Lots 4 and 9.

A public hearing was held on a Request to Issue Special Use Permit(s) to Participant(s) in the Downtown Store Front Improvement Program.

Mr. Ward advised that Mr. W. P. Armistead has applied for a \$5000 loan for work being done at 109 - 6th Street. Included in this renovation is the use of a facade which will be encroaching the City right-of-way and for this reason, Mr. Armistead needs a Special Use Permit. To get this permit, Council needs to conduct a public hearing and give their consent.

There were no public comments during this public hearing.

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Mr. Ward advised that the Downtown Store Front Improvement Committee had reviewed this request and unanimously approved.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Robert Raines, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to approve a Special Use Permit for Mr. W. P. Armistead at 109 - 6th Street. (Insert)

A public hearing was held on A Resolution Adopting the Update to the City's Comprehensive Plan.

Mayor Daniels advised that public comments would be heard tonight; however Council will table any action on the resolution until after the September 14, 1989 work session with the Planning Commission and representatives of Balzer and Associates.

Mrs. Linda Sturgill, 1703 W. Main Avenue, spoke regarding the rezoning on West Main Avenue. Mrs. Sturgill shared with Council a memo from Mr. Rob Stalzer of Balzer and Associates to Mr. Richard K. Hurt which stated that zoning on West Main Avenue was not included in the Comprehensive Plan Update. Mrs. Sturgill wants this brought up at the September 14th meeting.

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Mayor Daniels extended an invitation to the Board of Zoning Appeals to also attend the work session to be held September 14th.

After a brief discussion, Mayor Daniels declared the public hearing closed and advised that no action would be taken until after the work session.

Mr. Ward advised that Mr. Mark Thompson of Josephine was present to answer any questions regarding a water tap he is requesting for a trailer. Mr. Ward further advised that water is available and that the City staff recommends approval of this tap.

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Upon a motion by Robert Raines, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to grant the water tap in the Josephine area to Mr. Mark Thompson.

Council had been presented in their packets an Agreement with Greater Wise, Incorporated pertaining to the emergency water line and pumping apparatus.

Mr. Ward advised Council he is seeking their authorization to execute this agreement which has been approved by the City Attorney.

Upon a motion by Robert Raines, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council authorized the City Manager to execute the Agreement with Greater Wise as Pertinent to our emergency water line and pumping apparatus.

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Mrs. Ginnie Stokes, a member of the Downtown Store Front Committee spoke to Council regarding a Sidewalk Replacement Policy for the Downtown Central Business District. This policy was devised by the Downtown Store Front Committee and members of the City staff.

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Mrs. Stokes advised that they were presenting Council with a three year plan rather than a one year plan with the hopes that additional funding will be forthcoming.

After much discussion, Council advised the Downtown Store Front Committee to proceed with their priority list for sidewalk replacement since the funds in the amount of \$50,000 have been appropriated for this project.

Mr. Ward reiterated that the second and third year plans are for planning purposes only and are subject to change depending on potential growth in the City.

The Mayor advised that the Executive Session to be held will be postponed until the next meeting.

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In his comments, Mr. Ward advised that he had received our Codes last week, but Municipal Code Corporation had omitted the Zoning Ordinance. Municipal Code has advised that they are sending the Zoning Ordinance to be added to these Code Books.

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Mr. Ward also extended an invitation from Dr. Armentrout to the members of Council for a tour of the school improvements on August 17, 1989 at 4:30 p.m.

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There being no comments from either the City Attorney or members of Council, the meeting was adjourned.

*Cliff Daniels*

Cliff Daniels, Mayor

ATTEST:

*Mary S. Brown*

Clerk