The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Tuesday, October 3, 1989, at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Daniels presiding.

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

Also Present: E. W. Ward, City Manager

Absent: Robert Raines and Kenneth Asbury, City Attorney

The invocation was given by City Manager Ward followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Bill Stokes.

Mayor Daniels advised there was a change in the agenda under Executive Session to add Legal as per 2.1-344 (A) (3) of the Code of Virginia as amended to discuss the acquisition and/or use of real property.

Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved that the minutes of the September 19, 1989 meeting be approved as presented.

During the Mayor's call for visitors, Ms. Anna Boatright of Guest River spoke to Council regarding the Bolling property located within the corporate limits on Guest River.

Mr. Ward advised this suit has been refiled and is in litigation at this time. Mr. Ward advised he would consult with the City Attorney tomorrow and find out what the status is on this suit and will advise Ms. Boatright.

Mayor Daniels advised Ms. Boatright that the City was actively pursuing this problem and would continue to do so.

Mr. Dencil Bohnert, Shawnee Avenue, spoke to Council as to when the City will have the new water line to his home installed. Mr. Ward advised this had been scheduled for the last week of September; however due to the emergency situation on Chestnut Street both the City crew and the contractor were pulled to this location. At this time, Mr. Ward was not able to advise Mr. Bohnert when work would begin on this water line, but will advise him once the City has been advised by the contractor.

Council was presented with a copy of the new Code Codification and also held a public hearing on An Ordinance Adopting and Enacting a New Code for the City; Providing for the Repeal of Certain Ordinances Not Included Therein; Providing a Penalty for the Violation Thereof; Providing for the Manner of Amending Such Code and Providing When Such Code and this Ordinance Shall Become Effective.

The City Manager advised that the City Attorney has concurred that the new Code is in order and has approved the ordinance to adopt same.

There were no public comments from the audience during this public hearing. Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to table the adoption of this ordinance in order that they may first review it.

There was no one present from Case Enterprises, Inc. to discuss the possibility of a natural gas franchise in the City.

Council had been presented with a copy of a check in the amount of \$238,173.62 to the Norton City Schools covering capital improvements to be confirmed.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to confirm a check to the Norton City Schools in the amount of \$238,173.62 for capital improvements.

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Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel as per 2.1-344 (A) (1) and legal as per 2.1-344 (A) (3) of the Code of Virginia as amended.

Mayor Daniels declared the meeting in Executive Session.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to go back into regular session.

The Clerk then polled each member of Council as to the Certification of Executive Session with each member answering aye. The Clerk then read the Resolution of the City of Norton Certification of Executive Meeting.

Upon a a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to adopt a Resolution of the City of Norton Certification of Executive Meeting. (Insert)

The Mayor opened the floor for nominations to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a term to expire June 2, 1991.

Jack Wallace nominated Mr. Ken Adams.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by of unanimous vote, Council moved that the nominations cease.

Mayor Daniels declared Ken Adams nominated to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a term to expire June 2, 1991.

Regarding real property, the City Manager advised that the Norton Industrial Development Authority had received a letter from the Norfolk Southern Corporation wherein they have tentatively agreed to the sale of the old Piggly Wiggly Building on Park Avenue at a price of \$220,000.

The City Manager asked Council to accept the offer and deed and to authorize him to sign the necessary papers.

Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to accept the offer of the Norfolk Southern Corporation, turn the proposed property over to the Norton Industrial Development Authority, and to authorize the City Manager to execute all documents subject to the approval of the City Attorney.

During the City Manager's comments, Mr. Ward advised that the Virginia Municipal League Conference will be held October 15 thru October 17 and that he, Councilman Mays, Chief Mongle, and Bill Stokes will be out of town from October 14 thru October 18.

Councilman Roberts spoke to the City's need to enforce the restrictions on the slide on Chestnut Street and asked the press to help during this dangerous situation.

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

Cliff Daniels, Mayor

ATTEST:

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