

The regular scheduled meeting of the Norton City Council was held on Tuesday, December 16, 1986, at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Cliff Daniels presiding.

Present: Roy Roberts, Robert Raines, Cliff Daniels, William Mays

Absent: Milas Franks and C. R. Brown, City Manager

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

The invocation was given by Father Joseph D'Aurora which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Robert Raines.

The Mayor announced there would be a change in the agenda to add two items which had come before them today. The first was the approval of a check in excess of \$100,000 and the second being the paper work on the financing of the \$1,500,000 water bond.

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On motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Robert Raines, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that the minutes of the December 2, 1986 meeting be approved as presented.

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

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Mr. Jerry Sturgill appeared again before Council requesting to have a sign erected in the City right-of-way in front of his business, Lone Star Service Center, Park Avenue, Norton.

Planning Commission Secretary, Richard Hurt, advised Council that the Planning Commission had recommended by a 5 to 0 vote that Council permit a portable sign at a height of 7'; however Mr. Sturgill is now requesting a permanent sign at a height of 3'.

After a brief discussion and upon a motion by Roy Roberts, and based on the recommendation of the City Manager and the City Attorney, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council denied the request stating they thought it would be a dangerous precedent to set.

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The Mayor also advised Mr. Hurt that any requests that will come to Council in the future from the Planning Commission should have the paper work sent to Council when the item is first placed on the agenda. Mr. Hurt advised that the Planning Commission would comply with this request.

Mr. Ward presented Council with a check payable to Sovran Bank in the amount of \$400,000 as a transfer of funds from the General Operating Fund. On motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Robert Raines, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council approved check in the amount of \$400,000 to the Sovran Bank.

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Mr. Ward presented Council this evening with copies of the papers and resolutions for the \$1,500,000 bond closing covering water improvements.

Mr. Asbury read the two resolutions to Council and advised them that they were routine.

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On a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by William Mays, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to adopt a resolution allowing Dominion Bank to purchase the notes on the \$1,500,000 at a interest rate of 4.9%. (Insert)

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The second resolution is amending the previous resolution of July 15, 1986, in order that we are in compliance with the Tax Reform Act of 1986.

The City Attorney went over the changes and upon a motion by Robert Raines, seconded by Roy Roberts, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to adopt a Resolution Amending A Resolution Entitled "Resolution Authorizing the Issuance Sale and Award of A \$1,500,000 Water Bond Series of 1986, of the City of Norton, Virginia, Heretofore Authorized, and Providing for the Form, Details and Payment Thereof". (Insert)

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Mr. Ward advised Council that as of this afternoon, both reservoirs were full and overflowing and that the drought of 1986 is over.

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Mayor Daniels advised Mr. Ward to remind the City Manager of letters of thanks that need to be sent out to those who helped during this water crisis and the Mayor also took this time to thank the representatives of the press that were present for their help with news coverage. He also expressed thanks to the citizens of Norton for their conservation.

Council had been presented in their packets a second draft of a Letter of Agreement Between Norton City Council and the Norton City School Board on November 18, 1986. The Mayor advised this Letter of Agreement had been ratified and advised this was a draft of what was recorded. There were no corrections made to this agreement and the Mayor declared this Letter of Agreement as correct and that copies are to be added to the minutes of this meeting and also to the Council Meeting where it was ratified. (Insert)

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Mr. Ward advised that the Agreement would be retyped with a signature element and the copies added where specified.

Mr. John Taylor, Manager of Century Communication Corporation, was present to answer any questions Council might have as to the renewal of their cable television franchise. The present franchise has expired and the City Attorney is drafting a new one.

The City Attorney said both he and the City Manager recommend that a public hearing be scheduled for the approval of this franchise.

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After discussing the cable company's plans for the future, Mr. Taylor advised that effective the first of the year, Century is adding Channel 7 in Roanoke to the local cable.

Upon a motion by Robert Raines, seconded by William Mays, and carried by the following roll call vote: Roberts - ABSTAIN, Raines, Daniels, and Mays - YES, Council moved that the City Manager advertise for public hearings for the franchise renewal for Century Communications Corporation as soon as it can be scheduled, preferably January 6th and 20th or January 20th and February 3rd.

Mr. Ward advised Council that the City had been awarded a Project Grant in the amount of \$1,613.00 for the Commonwealth of Virginia Commission for the Arts.

Shelly Knox, Norton Recreation Director, advised Council that this grant was a matching grant with funds from the City and the Coalfield Progress in the total amount of \$3,226.00. This grant is to cover a mural that is to be painted on the parking lot side of the Coalfield Progress Building. A contest will be held for all residents of Wise County to submit designs for the mural. The winner will receive a \$200.00 cash prize. The mural will be painted by the William King Artists Association of Abingdon in July and August of 1987.

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Ms. Knox further advised that this building was selected because it is visible and hopefully will help down town revitalization and improve the image.

The City portion of the funds will come from monies left over in the Arts in the Parks fund.

On motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Robert Raines, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to go into Executive Session to discuss legal matters as per 2.1-344 (A) (6) of the Code of Virginia, As Amended, and Personnel as Per 2.1-344 (A) (1) of the Code of Virginia, As Amended.

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

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The Mayor announced that the Council had a letter of resignation from Dorothy G. Graham from the Norton Redevelopment and Housing Authority effective December 9, 1986. Upon a motion by Robert Raines, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to accept the resignation of Mrs. Dorothy G. Graham from the Norton Redevelopment and Housing Authority effective December 9, 1986.

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On legal matters, the Mayor advised that the City Manager and City Attorney would have to discuss this further and get back to Council on same.

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Mayor Daniels further advised that this meeting is being continued until 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 17, 1986, and an appointment may be made at that time.

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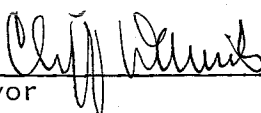
Mr. Ward had several comments for the Council. The first of these being that the Pre-Construction Conference for the Water Improvements will be held Thursday, December 18, 1986 in Lebanon at 9:30 a.m. The closing, as it is scheduled now, will be at 10:00 a.m. at the City Manager's Office on Friday, December 19th. The Christmas schedule for City employees is that the City offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, December 25th and 26th.

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Seven City water and wastewater employees took certification exams recently and Mr. Ward advised that five of the seven had passed the examination and went up a certification level.

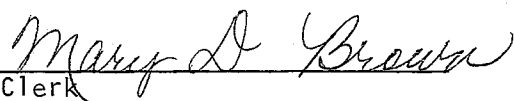
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Mayor

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