

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on December 17, 1985 at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Hunnicutt presiding.

Present: Robert Raines, George Hunnicutt, Milas Franks, Cliff Daniels

Absent: Roy Roberts

Also Present: C. R. Brown, City Manager and Kenneth Asbury, City Attorney

The invocation was given by Sister Kathleen Clarke.

On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Milas Franks, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that the minutes of the November 6, 1985 regular meeting be approved as presented.

On motion by Robert Raines, seconded by Cliff Daniels, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that the minutes of the November 19, 1985 regular meeting be approved as presented. 13341

On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Milas Franks, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that the minutes of the called meeting of November 26, 1985 be approved as presented.

On motion by Milas Franks, seconded by Robert Raines, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of December 3, 1985 be approved as presented.

A public hearing was held on the request by the Copper Kettle Restaurant for the renewal of their Dance Hall License for one year.

Mr. Ralph Blevins objected to the issuance of this license due to the fact that the establishment sold alcoholic beverages. After being advised by the Mayor that this had nothing to do with the Dance Hall License, Mr. Blevins stated he still objected to the renewal of this license. 13342

After a brief discussion and upon a motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Robert Raines, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved to honor the request of the Copper Kettle Restaurant to renew their Dance Hall License for one year due to the fact that they have complied with our ordinance covering this.

The City Manager gave a presentation on the zoning of West Main Avenue and displayed three official zoning maps of the City - one from 1954, one from 1972, and one from 1977. On each of these maps as well as literature and ordinances, this area in question has been zoned business. Mr. Brown advised he had minutes and ordinances available to those who requested them covering this zoning from 1954 forward. Copies of these were later requested by Eileen Brickey and Evelyn Mills. 13343

Eileen Brickey, Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert Mills, and Mrs. Betty Lewis were present and spoke on the above zoning.

The City Manager presented a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Supporting the Tri-County Natural Gas Corporation in Making Natural Gas Distribution Available in Norton, Virginia. 13344

After a brief discussion and upon a motion by Milas Franks, seconded by Robert Raines, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia, Supporting the Tri-County Natural Gas Corporation in Making Natural Gas Distribution Available in Norton, Virginia. (Insert)

The City Manager presented Council with a request for Funds from Capital Outlay, not to exceed \$5,000 to purchase a new welder and pipe thawing equipment. Mr. Brown advised that the welder the City now owns isn't working and an estimate of repairs on it amounts to \$3,000.00. After a brief discussion and upon a motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Milas Franks, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to approve the purchase and/or repair of welding equipment in funds from Capital Outlay not to exceed \$5,000. 13345

The City Manager presented Council with a copy of a letter from Farmers Home Administration relative to Interest Rates. After a brief discussion and upon a motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Milas Franks, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved to table this item until January.

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The next item to come before Council was the consideration of a revised Consent Decree for the City of Norton and Town of Wise. The Mayor advised that due to possible litigation, Council should go into Executive Session. Upon motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Robert Raines, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to go into Executive Session per Code of Virginia Section 2.1-344 (A) (6).

On motion by Milas Franks, seconded by Robert Raines, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved to back into regular session.

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On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Milas Franks, and carried by unanimous vote, Council moved to the following:

1. Authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to request a hearing before the full State Water Control Board at the next regular meeting or at a special called meeting of the Board.
2. The City Manager is to be instructed to continue to formulate plans with the Town of Wise for us to comply with the Clean Water Act of 1972.
3. Authorize the City Attorney to review avenues for charter revisions concerning borrowing limitations of City Council.

The City Manager advised Council of the City Christmas Dinner Wednesday evening, December 18, 1985 at the cafeteria of J. I. Burton High School. Also the EMS grant in the amount of \$9,500 - \$9,600 has been approved and more information will be provided Council in January.

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On motion by Cliff Daniels, seconded by Robert Raines, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to have resolutions drawn up to be sent to the Powell Valley Vikings, the Town of Big Stone Gap, and Wise County for the Vikings' victory as State Champions in football. A resolution also is to be drawn up for the John I. Burton Pace Team for their victory.

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



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Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary D. Brown  
Clerk