

An emergency called meeting of the Norton City Council was held on Monday, October 10, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. in Council Chambers with Mayor Robert Raines presiding.

Present: Joseph Hunnicutt, Jack Wallace, Robert Raines, William Mays, and Joseph Fawbush

Also Present: E. W. Ward, City Manager

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

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Mayor Raines advised that City Council, at their regularly scheduled meeting of October 4th, had been asked by the Town of Big Stone Gap to help them during this drought situation by supplying water to them. At this meeting, the City Administration was directed to work with the necessary agencies and devise a plan wherein the City can supply Big Stone Gap with water.

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Mr. Ward advised that he would like to thank everyone who had helped in this process, especially Bobby Lane of Lane Engineering, Thompson and Litton, Assistant City Manager Fred Ramey, Water Plant Superintendent Tommy Roberts, and other City staff for the work done on this plan. He further advised that this was a very complex issue.

The City Manager gave Council an update of the City's reservoir capacity. As of today, the City had 47.98 million gallons. The City is purchasing 600,000 gallons per day from the Wise County Public Service Authority and this water is feeding the 11th Street tank and is serving the City up to 11th Street.

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As of today, Big Stone Gap has 11.6 million gallons of water in their reservoir, which is an eight day supply. They are purchasing some water from the Lee and Scott County Public Service Authorities and have one mobile plant set up and by the end of the week, another mobile plant will be delivered.

Mr. Ward then presented Council with a slide and power point presentation on the City's plan to provide Big Stone Gap with water. The proposed plan is as follows:

1. Provide up to 200,000 gallons per day (during a 24 hour period).
2. This plan is to be evaluated by the City Administration on a weekly basis due to the City's water situation.
3. Big Stone Gap is to install a Pressure Relief Valve at the D -Nor area.
4. Big Stone Gap is to install a meter and a Pressure Restraining Valve in the West Norton area.
5. The rate to be charged for this water is \$3.50 per thousand gallons, which is the rate that the City pays for Wise County PSA water.

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Mr. Ward further advised that according to the City Administration and the staff of the Water Treatment Plant, the City can supply this amount of water for the duration of two weeks.

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Mr. Ward advised that he will be keeping Council updated on this item at each council meeting as an agenda item and will be setting up weekly meetings with all key participants. He asked for Council's support of this plan so that the City can proceed with supplying Big Stone Gap with water.

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Mayor Raines advised that should anything happen wherein Council would need to be advised, a special called meeting can be held. He further advised that a lot of work had gone into this plan.

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Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Joseph Hunnicutt, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to approve the plan presented to them today by the City Manager to provide the Town of Big Stone Gap with up to 200,000 gallons of water per day with the stipulations as listed above.

At this time, Bobby Lane of Lane Engineering expressed his appreciation to City Council and the City Administration for moving forward to find a way to help the citizens and Town of Big Stone Gap. Also Mr. George Polly, Town Manager of Big Stone Gap, spoke briefly to Council and thanked the City for everything done to supply them with water.

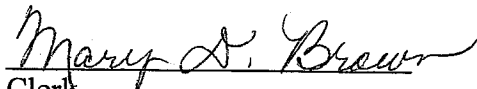
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There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned.

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA


B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:


Clerk