

A special called meeting of the Norton City Council was held on Monday, June 16, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers with Mayor Robert Raines presiding.

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

Absent: Joseph Hunnicutt

Also Present: E. W. Ward, City Manager

The pledge of allegiance was led by the City Manager.

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

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A public hearing was held on a proposed property tax increase resulting from a general reassessment of property which will increase the real estate tax levy from 74.8 cents per \$100 of valuation to 80 cents per \$100 of valuation.

Mr. Ward advised that public hearing must have been duly advertised and that this public hearing cannot be held at the same time as the annual budget hearing. Following this public hearing, Council can adopt the current rate of 80 cents per \$100 of valuation. He further advised that five appeals were made to the Board of Equalization resulting in two of them being successfully amended.

At this time, Mayor Raines opened the public hearing.

Mr. Steve Collins spoke briefly to Council advising that he felt that was not the time to have a tax increase with the shape of the current economy and that he had several properties with substantial increases in reassessment values.


There being no further public comment, Mayor Raines closed the public hearing

Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to set the tax rate at 80 cents per \$100 of valuation effective July 1, 2008.

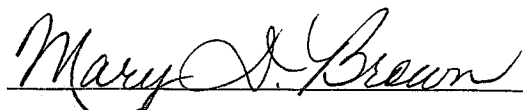
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There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned.

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA


B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:

, Clerk