

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held on Tuesday, July 6, 2004, at 7:30 p.m. in the 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 and Bill Bradshaw, City Attorney

The invocation was given by Rev. Shawn Easterling and was followed by the pledge of allegiance, which was led by Police Chief Sam Mongle.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the June 15, 2004 meeting as presented.

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

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Mr. Ward presented to Council some pictures taken of the 11th Street Bridge showing the various areas that need renovation. He gave a brief history of the bridge, which was completely renovated in 1988 and financed through a Virginia Department of Transportation Urban Project. VDOT financed 98% of this project and the City paid the remaining 2%.

During our annual inspections of the City's bridges, Mattern and Craig, the engineering firm who conducts these annual inspections, advises that repairs should be made on this bridge within the next two years. Their estimates run from \$300,000 to \$800,000 plus depending on how much work the City chooses to do.

The \$300,000 estimate will fix the part of the bridge closest to West Main Avenue and will give it an additional five to ten years without any more work.

The \$800,000 plus estimate will completely rehab the entire bridge.

Mr. Ward advised that Mattern and Craig are already working on a complete design on the renovations at a price of \$24,000 so that we will be ready to go out for bid once financing has been obtained.

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Having met in June with Mark White, an Urban Engineer for VDOT in Richmond, Mr. Ward advised that VDOT may assist us in the financing of the renovations on this bridge. Following a lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of Council for the City Manager to continue working with VDOT on securing financing on this bridge.

The City Manager advised that he will be bringing a resolution covering this request to Council for adoption.

Council had been presented with A Resolution Approving the Planning District One Community Services Board Performance Contract. Mr. Ward advised this is an annual resolution that needs to be adopted.

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Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by the following unanimous roll call vote, YES – Wallace, Mays, Fawbush, Raines, NO – None, ABSENT – Hunnicutt, Council moved to adopt A

Resolution Approving the Planning District One Community Services Board Performance Contract. (Insert)

Mr. Ward advised that he is seeking authorization from City Council to execute all documents necessary for a contract with the Virginia Department of Health for the Frog Level Water Project. He further advised that Mr. Jeff Cochran of Lane Engineering was present to answer any questions on this project and also to update Council on the Storm Water Drainage Project.

The City Manager advised that the City had been notified on June 9th that they were the recipient of a \$50,000 grant from the Virginia Department of Health Small Project Construction Grant. He further advised this project will replace a 2" water line with a 6" water line that runs behind Prime Sirloin on 15th Street to an undeveloped area and on to Dorchester.

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Upon a motion by Joseph Fawbush, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to authorize the City Manager to execute all documents pertaining to the Virginia Department of Health Small Project Construction Grant on the Frog Level Project.

Mr. Cochran advised Council that all the data is in on the Storm Water Drainage Project and that the preliminary design should be completed by the first of August. Advertisement should be done in December and the project is moving forward.

Mr. Ward advised that the 2004 Virginia Municipal League Conference will be held in Alexandria October 3 through October 5, 2004. He asked that any member of Council who would like to attend to advise him as soon as possible in order that he can make reservations.

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Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to go into closed meeting to discuss personnel as per Section 2.2-3711(A) (1) of the Code of Virginia, as amended.

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Mayor Raines declared Council in closed meeting.

Upon a motion by Joseph Fawbush, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to go back into open meeting.

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Mayor Raines declared Council back in open meeting.

The Clerk then polled each member of Council as to the certification of closed meeting with each answering yes. The Clerk then read A Resolution of the Certification of Closed Meeting. Upon a motion by Joseph Fawbush, seconded by William Mays, and passed by the following unanimous roll call vote: Yes – Wallace, Mays, Fawbush, Raines, NO – None, ABSENT – Hunnicutt, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the Certification of Closed Meeting. (Insert)

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Mayor Raines opened the floor for nominations to the Mountain Empire Community College Board for a four year term which will expire on June 30, 2008.

Mayor Raines advised that this office has been held for eight years by Mrs. Amelia Harris, who has served the City well. By-laws of this Board stipulate that no one can serve more than two consecutive terms.

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William Mays nominated Mr. Cliff Daniels for a four year term on the Mountain Empire Community College Board, which will expire June 30, 2008.

Upon a motion by Joseph Fawbush, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved that the nominations cease.

Mayor Raines declared Mr. Cliff Daniels appointed to the Mountain Empire Community College Board for a four year term, which will expire June 30, 2008.

There were no comments from the City Manager or City Attorney.

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In comments from Council, Mayor Raines advised that the 50th Anniversary of John I. Burton High School was a success and a very good and worthwhile investment for the City. The Committee, spearheaded by Stan Wilson, did an excellent job.

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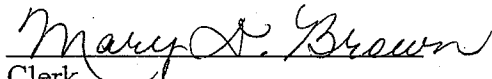
He further commented that the City's fireworks display on the 4th of July was very good and he expressed appreciation to the City crews for all of their work during the Best Friend Festival, John I. Burton 50th Anniversary, and the Fourth of July activities.

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

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA


B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:


Clerk