

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held on Tuesday, April 16, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers with Mayor Robert Raines presiding.

Present: Jack Wallace, Robert Raines, and William Mays

Absent: Joseph Hunnicutt and Joseph Fawbush

Also Present: E. W. Ward, City Manager and Bill Bradshaw, City Attorney

The invocation was given by the City Manager and was followed by the pledge of allegiance, which was led by the Superintendent of Norton City Schools, Dr. John Sessoms.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the April 2, 2002 meeting as presented. 20155

Mayor Raines welcomed Ms. Juanita Rutherford and Ms. Jan Maloney, employees of Norton Community Hospital, who are members of the Forward Wise County Class, and also recognized members of the Norton City School Board. 20156

At this time, Mayor Raines amended the agenda to include Item No. 6-D - A Resolution Authorizing the Submission of an Application to the Virginia Department of Health for Funding of a Water Line Replacement Project. 20157

There was no response to the Mayor's call for visitors. 20158

Dr. John Sessoms, Superintendent of the Norton City Schools, presented Council with a brief summary of their 2002-2003 budget. This budget totals \$5,586,932 and is based on level funding from the City of \$1,554,920.

Mr. Ron McCall, member of the Norton City School Board, spoke briefly to Council concerning the new gymnasium and cafeteria. He gave Council a brief synopsis on what had been done on this project to date and advised that the next step would be to hire an engineering firm and architect for a formal plan. They estimate this to cost approximately \$100,000. Mr. McCall advised that the School Board is asking City Council for \$50,000 and a reappropriation of their surplus, which they estimate to be approximately \$75,000, to fund this part of the project. This formal plan has to be done before they can apply for a Literary Loan to cover the cost of the project. 20159

There were no questions from Council and Mayor Raines thanked both Dr. Sessoms and Mr. McCall for their presentation of the budget.

Council had a request from the Norton City Schools to amend their 2001-2002 budget in the amount of \$32,451.00 to be used for purchasing equipment, supplies, and training covering funds received from a Community Health Services Grant. 20160

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to amend the 2001-2002 budget of the Norton City Schools in the amount of \$32,451.00 to cover equipment, supplies, and training.

Council had been presented in their packets A Proclamation Declaring May 3rd and 4th, 2002 as Lion White Cane Days for the Norton Lions Club.

Following the Clerk's reading of this proclamation and upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Proclamation Declaring May 3rd and 4th, 2002 to be Lions White Cane Days.

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Council had been presented with A Resolution Authorizing the Submission of an Application to the Virginia Department of Health for Funding of a Water Line Replacement Project.

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Mr. Ward advised this area of 21st Street in the West Norton area of the City is one that has been targeted in our Water Line Replacement Project. The City Administration would like to apply for a grant from the Virginia Department of Health to replace this water line. In order to apply for this grant, the governing body must endorse this application.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by the following unanimous vote: YES – Wallace, Mays, Raines, NO – None, ABSENT – Hunnicutt, Fawbush, Council moved to adopt A Resolution Authorizing the Submission of an Application to the Virginia Department of Health for Funding of a Water Line Replacement Project. (Insert)

In comments from the City Manager, Mr. Ward advised that:

Work is continuing on the renewal of the cable franchise with Adelphia. The consultant hired by the committee recommends that all entities adopt a Cable Enabling Ordinance. He has tonight given the City Attorney a draft of this ordinance for review. He is seeking a consensus from Council to advertise a public hearing to be held at our next regular council meeting on this ordinance.

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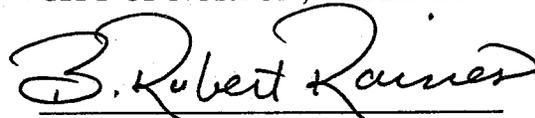
It was the consensus of Council for Mr. Ward to advertise this public hearing for our next regularly scheduled council meeting.

In comments from the City Attorney, Mr. Bradshaw advised that he would review the proposed Cable Enabling Ordinance and would be prepared for the public hearing.

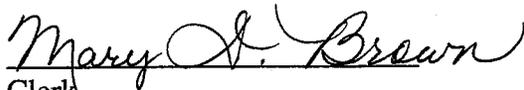
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There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned with Council going into a budget work session on the City of Norton 2002-2003 budget.

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA


B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:


Clerk