

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held on Tuesday, June 25, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers with Mayor Robert Raines presiding.

Present: Jack Wallace, Robert Raines, and Joseph Fawbush

Absent: Joseph Hunnicutt and William Mays

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 Director of Social Services, Bill Stokes.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the June 4, 2002 meeting as presented.

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At this time, Mayor Raines amended the agenda under New Business to include Item 6-F – A Request to Use City Property and Item 6-G – Closed Meeting as per Section 2.2-3711(A) (5) of the Code of Virginia as amended to discuss a prospective business or the expansion of an existing business where no previous announcement has been made of the business' interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community.

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

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Council had been given the 2002-2003 budget for the Norton Industrial Development Authority for consideration.

Mr. Ward gave Council a brief synopsis of this budget, which totals \$387,083. He further advised that the loan with Powell Valley National Bank has a balance of \$350,000.

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Upon a motion by Joseph Fawbush, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to approve the Norton Industrial Development Authority's budget for 2002-2003.

Council had been presented with A Resolution to Participate in the Law Enforcement Officers Supplemental (LEOS) Retirement Program.

Mr. Ward advised that this program would allow our police officers to have the same benefits as the Sheriffs Departments and the Virginia State Police and would allow full time sworn officers to retire between ages 50-60 with 25 years of service. It will further entitle a retired police officer to receive a small supplement until the age of 65 is reached. The Police Department had requested that the City Administration look at this program. This program was low in cost and was included by Council in the 2002-2003 budget.

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Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by the following unanimous roll call vote: YES – Wallace, Fawbush, Raines, NO – None, ABSENT – Hunnicutt, Mays, Council moved to adopt A Resolution to Participate in the Law Enforcement Officers Supplement (LEOS) Retirement Program. (Insert)

Council had a copy of a request from the Commissioner of Revenue to the City Treasurer for refunds to various individuals for erroneous assessments.

Upon a motion by Joseph Fawbush, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to authorize the refunds for erroneous assessments to the various individuals included in this memorandum.

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A request to amend the City of Norton 2001-2002 General Fund Budget in the amount of \$66,503 was presented to Council.

Mr. Ward advised that this was a housekeeping item and that these funds consist of the following: \$20,000 in additional funding from the Virginia Coalfield Coalition to assist with our recent housing study; \$9,999 from the Department of Criminal Justice Services to assist with additional overtime expenditures in the Police Department; and \$36,504 from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management to repair the Laurel Avenue Bridge, which was damaged in the March flood.

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Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to amend the City of Norton 2001-2002 General Fund Budget in the amount of \$66,503.

In Council's packet was a copy of a check payable to the Norton City Schools in the amount of \$205,000.

Upon a motion by Joseph Fawbush, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to approve a check in the amount of \$205,000 made payable to the Norton City Schools.

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Council had a request from Old Dominion Power Company and George Hunnicutt Real Estate to use City property located on Federal Street.

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At this time, Vice Mayor Mays took his seat on Council.

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Mr. Ward advised that the contractor for George Hunnicutt Real Estate, John Bledsoe, was present to answer any questions Council may have on this item. Old Dominion is wanting to install a transformer on the old Super Service Property that will cover new electrical for two buildings owned by Hunnicutt Real Estate and adjacent to the Hotel Norton. The primary issue is the safety factor in replacing old wiring.

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Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council authorized the issuance of a Special Use Permit for Old Dominion Power and Hunnicutt Real Estate with the stipulation that the City Administration work with Old Dominion Power and the property owners to try to find a more suitable location for this transformer if possible.

Upon a motion by Joseph Fawbush, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to go into closed session per Section 2.2-3711(A) (5) of the Code of Virginia, as amended to discuss a prospective business or the expansion of an existing business where no previous announcement has been made of the business' interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community.

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Mayor Raines declared Council in closed session.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to go back into open session.

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Mayor Raines declared Council in open session.

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 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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In comments from the City Manager, Mr. Ward passed out to Council members copies of the 2002-2003 budget.

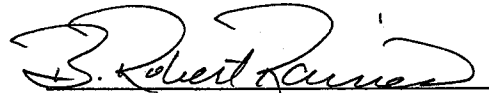
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In comments from Council, Mayor Raines advised that the next regularly scheduled meeting of City Council will be on Tuesday, July 16, 2002.

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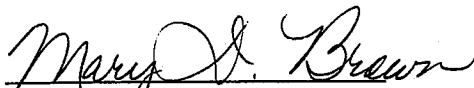
There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned.

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA



B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:



Clerk