

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Norton City Council was held on Tuesday, May 16, 2000 at the Municipal Council Chambers at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Robert Raines presiding.

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

Also Present: E. W. Ward, City Manager

Absent: Bill Bradshaw, City Attorney

The invocation was given by the City Manager and was followed by the pledge of allegiance, which was led by Ms. Jennie Smith, a government student of Mr. Terry Roop.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the May 2, 2000 meeting as presented. 19600

Mayor Raines advised that the agenda is being amended to include under Item 7-C, Item 7-C-1 which is a Proclamation Declaring the Week of May 14 - 20, 2000 as Emergency Medical Services Week. 19601

During the audience for visitors, Mr. William Goble, representing his mother-in-law, Mrs. Fannie Hamilton of Round Town, spoke to Council regarding the dilapidated property located next door to her. He has talked with Mr. Hurt and Mr. Hurt is starting the procedure which needs to be followed in handling this problem. Mr. Goble just wanted to make Council aware of the situation. He then passed out pictures for Council's viewing. 19602

Mayor Raines thanked Mr. Goble for making them aware of this situation.

A public hearing was held to consider the municipal budget for the City of Norton for the fiscal year of July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001.

Mr. Ward advised that this public hearing had been duly advertised and gave Council the total amounts of each fund included in this budget; he further advised that there were no revenue increases of any kind. Action on this budget will take place at the next council meeting to be held on June 6, 2000. 19603

There were no questions or comments from Council prior to the public hearing.

Mayor Raines opened the public hearing.

There being no public input, Mayor Raines closed the public hearing.

Mayor Raines advised that this item will be brought back for action at the next council meeting.

Mr. Ward advised that the Norton City Schools had amended and approved their 2000-2001 budget on May 15, 2000 with a decrease of \$90,943 for a total budget amount of \$5,324,203 with level funding from the City in the amount of \$1,458,913. 19604

Upon a motion by Joseph Fawbush, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to approve the 2000-2001 budget for the Norton City Schools in the total amount of \$5,324,203.

Mr. Chris Jones, Co-Chair of the Celebrate 2000 Committee, was present tonight and gave Council a brief report on their budget and activities. He advised that they had a total budget of \$38,494 with a surplus in the amount of \$581.21. He advised Council that they would like the City to share this surplus with the Town of Wise since they played a major role in these activities. Several other members of this Committee were present as were Shelly Knox and Fred Ramey, City employees who worked with this committee.

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Mayor Raines thanked Mr. Jones and the committee members along with Ms. Knox and Mr. Ramey for the hard work done on this project and for making it the success that it was. Mayor Raines then asked Ms. Knox and Mr. Ramey to come forward and help him present plaques to the Celebrate 2000 Committee members. Present and receiving these were: Chris Jones, Joyce Payne, Yvonne Elmore, Mike Tate, and Chief D. C. Mullins of the Norton Fire Department. Members not present were Barbara Benko Collins, Hank Hankins, and Barbara Collins. Also a plaque will be presented to the Town of Wise.

Upon a motion by Joseph Hunnicutt, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to forward to the Town of Wise \$290.60 which represents one-half of the surplus funds of the Celebrate 2000 Committee.

Council had in their packets a Resolution of the Norton City Council Authorizing the Transfer of Property to the Wise County Industrial Development Authority.

Mr. Ward advised that Council had been furnished with the resolution, a map, and a letter from the Cumberland Airport Commission asking that the City consider transferring their interest in the land adjacent to the Wise County Airport to the Wise County Industrial Development Authority for the purpose of developing of the Lonesome Pine Regional Business and Technology Park. Mr. Ward advised that Mr. Ron Helton of Thompson and Litton Engineers and Mr. Carl Snodgrass, representing the Wise County Industrial Development Authority, were present at tonight's meeting.

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Mr. Helton spoke briefly to Council on this matter advising that this property had been bought jointly by the City and County in the 1950s.

Mayor Raines advised that the City Attorney states in a letter to Council that both the City and the County will have to hold public hearings before transferring this land. Mr. Snodgrass advised that the Wise County Board of Supervisors did adopt A Resolution of Intent to transfer this property. He further asked that the City hold this public hearing as soon as possible since they have a business prospect for this park.

Mayor Raines advised that this public hearing could be held on the 6<sup>th</sup> of June and that it will be duly advertised.

Council had been presented with A Proclamation Declaring the Week of May 14 - 20, 2000 as Emergency Medical Services Week.

Upon a motion by Joseph Hunnicutt, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Proclamation Declaring the Week of May 14 - 20, 2000 as Emergency Medical Services Week. (Insert)

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Council had been presented with a request for one water and sewer tap for Mr. Benjamin D. Culbertson of 6313 Josephine Road which is located in the county.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Joseph Hunnicutt, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to approve one water and one sewer tap for Mr. Benjamin D. Culbertson of 6313 Josephine Road.

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Council had in their packets A Resolution Authorizing the Submission of an Application to the Virginia Department of Health for Funding of a Water Line Replacement Project.

Mr. Ward advised that at our last meeting, Council had advised Mr. Bobby Lane and Dewberry and Davis to submit, on the City's behalf, an application to the Virginia Department of Health for funding a water line replacement project. Since that meeting, Mr. Lane has been informed that a resolution is needed.

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Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by the following unanimous vote: YES - Hunnicutt, Wallace, Mays, Fawbush, Raines; NO - None; ABSENT - None, 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)

Upon a motion by Joseph Hunnicutt, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to go into closed meeting to discuss personnel as per 2.1-344(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 Hunnicutt, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, 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 the entire Resolution of the Certification of Closed Meeting. Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by the following unanimous vote: YES - Hunnicutt, Wallace, Mays, Fawbush, Raines; NO - None, ABSENT - None, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the Certification of Closed Meeting. (Insert)

19612

Mayor Raines opened the floor for an appointment of a citizen representative to the Youth Services Board for a four year term which will expire on May 2, 2004.

Joseph Hunnicutt nominated Mrs. Becky Reed to be appointed to this Board.

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Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved that the nominations cease:

Mayor Raines declared Mrs. Becky Reed to be appointed to the Youth Services Board as a citizen representative for a four year term which will expire on May 2, 2004.

Mayor Raines opened the floor for nominations to the Community Services Board for a two year term which will expire on May 1, 2002.

Joseph Fawbush nominated Mrs. Barbara Caruso to be reappointed to this Board.  
Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Joseph Hunnicutt, and passed by  
unanimous vote, Council moved that the nominations cease.

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Mayor Raines declared Mrs. Barbara Caruso reappointed to the Community Services  
Board for a two year term which will expire on May 1, 2002.

Mayor Raines opened the floor for nominations to the Junction Center for  
Independent Living for a three year term which will expire on May 6, 2003.

William Mays nominated Mr. Jimmy Kennedy to be reappointed to this Board.

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

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Mayor Raines declared Mr. Jimmy Kennedy reappointed to the Junction Center for  
Independent Living for a three year term which will expire on May 6, 2003.

The next item brought before Council was the selection of an engineering firm for a  
Comprehensive Water Study.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Joseph Hunnicutt, and passed by  
unanimous vote, Council moved to authorize the City Manager to enter into negotiation  
with an engineering firm for the purpose of conducting a Comprehensive Water Study.

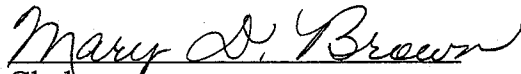
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There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was  
adjourned.

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA

  
B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Clerk