

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Norton City Council was held on Tuesday, June 6, 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 and Bill Bradshaw, City Attorney

Prior to the invocation and due to today being the anniversary of the invasion of Europe during World War II, Mayor Raines asked that we have a moment of silence in memory of those who lost their lives in order that we might have freedom. The invocation was then given by the City Manager and was followed by the pledge of allegiance, which was led by Councilman Jack Wallace, who is a military retiree.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the May 16, 2000 meeting as presented.

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Mayor Raines expressed appreciation to the family and friends of Mr. Hugh Stallard who were present tonight. Mayor Raines advised that Mr. Stallard, a native of Norton, has over forty years of service in the telecommunications business and recently retired as the President and Chief Executive Officer of Bell Atlantic-Virginia. Mr. Stallard has always remembered Norton and Southwest Virginia and contributed to the establishment of a Bell Atlantic Directory Assistance Center in Norton in 1988, the expansion of that center in 1999, and service as a member of the Advisory Board for the Coalfield Economic Development Authority.

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Mayor Raines presented Mr. Stallard with a proclamation, read by the City Manager declaring June 6, 2000 as Hugh R. Stallard Day in Norton, a City of Norton shirt, and a matted and framed picture of Flag Rock.

Mr. Stallard spoke briefly to Council expressing his appreciation to them. He stated that he would continue to work for Norton and Southwest Virginia.

Following this presentation, a five minute recess was held in order that Mr. Stallard and his family could leave.

Mayor Raines declared Council back in session.

A public hearing was held on A Resolution of the Norton City Council Authorizing the Transfer of Property to the Wise County Industrial Development Authority.

Mayor Raines advised that this had been discussed at the last meeting and the public hearing was duly advertised.

The City Attorney advised this is a routine matter. He stated that the City holds 16% of the land to be transferred and he is assisting the Wise County Industrial Development Authority on this and will prepare the deed if Council approves this transaction.

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There being 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.

Upon a motion by Joseph Hunnicutt, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by the following unanimous roll call vote: Hunnicutt, Wallace, Mays, Fawbush, Raines - YES; NO - None; ABSENT - None, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the Norton City Council Authorizing the Transfer of Property to the Wise County Industrial Development Authority. (Insert)

Upon a motion by Joseph Hunnicutt, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council authorized the Mayor to sign all documents pertaining to the transfer of this property.

Council had in their packets An Ordinance Adopting the Budget for the City of Norton, Virginia for the Fiscal Year of July 1, 2000 Thru June 30, 2001 Appropriating Funds for all Contemplated Expenses of the City for the Fiscal Year and Placing Levies Upon All Real Estate, Personal Property and Bank Stock, Licenses, Fees, User Charges, and All Other Levies as Previously Imposed or Modified Herein.

Mr. Ward gave Council a brief synopsis of the budget totals in each fund and advised that no increases were included in this budget.

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Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Joseph Hunnicutt, and passed by the following unanimous roll call vote: Hunnicutt, Wallace, Mays, Fawbush, Raines - YES; NO - None, ABSENT - None, Council moved to adopt An Ordinance Adopting the Budget for the City of Norton, Virginia for the Fiscal Year of July 1, 2000 Thru June 30, 2001 Appropriating Funds for All Contemplated Expenses of the City for the Fiscal Year and Placing Levies Upon All Real Estate, Personal Property and Bank Stock, Licenses, Fees, User Charges, and All Other Levies as Previously Imposed or Modified Herein. (Insert)

Council had been presented with A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton Adopting A Five Year Capital Improvements Program.

Mr. Ward advised that this was another part of the budget process and that Council, by adoption of this resolution, was only committing to the first year of this program. Years two through five are for planning purposes.

There were no questions or comments from Council.

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Upon a motion by Joseph Fawbush, seconded by Joseph Hunnicutt, and passed by the following unanimous roll call vote: Hunnicutt, Wallace, Mays, Fawbush, Raines - YES; NO - None; ABSENT - None, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton Adopting a Five Year Capital Improvements Program. (Insert)

Council had in their packets A Resolution Authorizing the City of Norton to Participate In the Virginia Community Crime Control Act.

Mayor Raines advised that this is a resolution which is adopted on an annual basis.

Mr. Ward advised that our commitment is \$2,060, \$1,030 goes to the Boys Group Home in Vansant and \$1,030 to the Girls Group Home in Lebanon and that Russell County will be the fiscal agent. Participating in this plan are Buchanan, Tazewell, Dickenson, Lee, Scott, Wise, and Russell counties, and the City of Norton.

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Upon a motion by Joseph Hunnicutt, seconded by William Mays, and passed by the following unanimous roll call vote: Hunnicutt, Wallace, Mays, Fawbush, Raines - YES;

NO - None, ABSENT - None, Council moved to adopt A Resolution Authorizing the City of Norton to Participate in the Virginia Community Crime Control Act. (Insert)

Council had been provided with information from the Virginia Municipal League regarding the revised Meals Tax Ordinance.

The City Attorney advised that the General Assembly had enacted revisions to the current ordinance and that these changes need to be in effect by July 1, 2000.

Mr. Ward advised he need some guidance from Council and these items were discussed.

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Following a brief discussion, Council authorized the City Manager to advertise a public hearing for the next meeting, June 20th, and adopt this ordinance as an emergency legislation with an effective date of 7/1/2000.

Upon a motion by Joseph Fawbush, seconded by Joseph Hunnicutt, 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 in open session.

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Mayor Raines declared Council back in open session.

The Clerk then polled each member of Council as to the certification of closed meeting with each answering aye. The Clerk then read the entire Resolution of the Certification of Closed Meeting. Upon a motion by Joseph Hunnicutt, seconded by William Mays, and passed by the following unanimous vote: Hunnicutt, Wallace, Mays, Fawbush, Raines - YES; NO - None, ABSENT - None, 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 Board of Zoning Appeals for five year terms which will expire on June 2, 2005.

Joseph Hunnicutt nominated Mr. William Hutchinson and Mr. Jon Rockett to be reappointed to this Board.

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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. William Hutchinson and Mr. Jon Rockett as nominees to be appointed by the Circuit Court Judge to the City of Norton Board of Zoning Appeals for a five year term which will expire on June 2, 2005.

Mayor Raines opened the floor for nominations to the ARCHS Head Start Board of Directors for a three year term which will expire on May 31, 2003.

Joseph Fawbush nominated Mr. Hoke I. Horne to be reappointed to this Board.

Upon a motion by Joseph Hunnicutt, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved that the nominations cease.

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Mayor Raines declared Mr. Hoke I. Horne reappointed to the ARCHS Head Start Board for a three year term which will expire on May 31, 2003.

Mayor Raines opened the floor for nominations to the Planning Commission for a four year term which will expire on June 30, 2004.

Jack Wallace nominated Mr. Jon Rockett to be reappointed to this Commission.

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

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Mayor Raines declared Mr. Jon Rockett reappointed to the Planning Commission for a four year term which will expire on June 30, 2004.

Mayor Raines opened the floor for nominations to the Lenowisco Board of Directors for a four year term which will expire on June 30, 2004.

William Mays nominated Mr. B. Robert Raines to be reappointed to this Board.

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

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Mayor Raines declared Mr. B. Robert Raines reappointed to the Lenowisco Board of Directors for a four year term which will expire on June 30, 2004.

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

The City is in receipt of \$5,500 from Department of Emergency Services to offset some of the costs the City incurred with the severe winter weather. Bill Stokes, our Director of Emergency Services, had worked on getting these funds.

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The Best Friend Festival will be held June 11th through 18th and Council had been given a flier with all activities listed.

In comments from the City Attorney, Mr. Bradshaw thanked Council and the City Administration for the opportunity to serve them and that upon receipt of a certified copy of the minutes recommending the appointment of the new members of the Board of Zoning Appeals, he will petition the Circuit Court for appointment. Hopefully, this will be back no later than the first meeting in July.

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In comments from Council, Councilman Mays commended City crews for the work that has been done downtown. He advised that it is looking very nice.

Mayor Raines advised that the Norton Little League is hosting the District Playoffs for 11 and 12 year olds.

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Mayor Raines also advised that he had read an article where projected revenues in the State of Virginia are down 2%. This may have an impact at some point on funds we are receiving.

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

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA

B. Robert Raines

ATTEST:

Mary D. Brown
Clerk