

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Norton City Council was held on Tuesday, June 20, 2000 at the Municipal Council Chambers at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Robert Raines presiding.

Present: Jack Wallace, Robert Raines, and William Mays

Absent: Joseph Hunnicutt, Joseph Fawbush

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

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

At this time, Councilman Fawbush took his seat on Council.

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Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the June 6, 2000 meeting as presented.

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Mayor Raines advised that there will be a change on tonight's agenda. The item of closed meeting will be omitted and will be rescheduled for the next Council meeting.

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

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A public hearing was held on An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Adopting a Meals Tax Ordinance.

Mr. Ward advised that this had been discussed at the last meeting and that Council had instructed him to advertise a public hearing for the emergency adoption of this ordinance. This new ordinance incorporates some of the changes that were adopted by the General Assembly and needs to be in effect by July 1, 2000.

The City Attorney also spoke briefly on this ordinance.

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

Mayor Raines opened the public hearing.

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

Mr. Ward advised that copies of the ordinance and a letter would be hand delivered to those businesses that required them on Wednesday.

At this time, Councilman Hunnicutt took his seat on Council.

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Upon a motion by Joseph Fawbush, seconded by Joseph Hunnicutt, and passed by the following unanimous roll call vote: YES - Hunnicutt, Wallace, Mays, Fawbush, Raines, NO - None, ABSENT - None, Council moved to adopt An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Adopting a Meals Tax Ordinance. (Insert)

Council had in their packets guidelines for the existing and upcoming year of facade applications as recommended by the Facade Committee.

Mr. Ramey, Assistant City Manager, discussed these guidelines with Council and advised that there would be a total of \$90,000 for these projects through June 30, 2001.

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Following a brief discussion, it was the consensus of Council for the Facade Committee to proceed with the processing of applications per the guidelines presented to and discussed with Council tonight.

Council had been supplied with a copy of the 2000-2001 budget for the Norton Industrial Development Authority for approval. This is a qualification for the NIDA's loan with Powell Valley National Bank.

Mr. Ward advised that the proposed budget for year 2000 is \$308,823 and for year 2001 it is \$309,233. The largest expense they have is debt service. He sought Council's favorable approval of this budget.

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Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to adopt the Norton Industrial Development Authority's 2000-2001 budget as presented.

Mayor Raines advised that the first regularly scheduled Council Meeting for July is Tuesday, July 4th.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Joseph Hunnicutt, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to cancel the July 4th regularly scheduled Council Meeting.

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Council also set the organizational meeting for 12:00 Noon on Monday, July 3rd in Council Chambers.

Council had a request from the City Manager for the transfer of \$150,000 from the General Fund to the Water/Sewer Fund. This amount will cover the estimated cash shortfall for the year, primarily due to the large amount of water the City had to purchase from the Wise County Public Service Authority.

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Upon a motion by Joseph Hunnicutt, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to approve the transfer of \$150,000 from the General Fund to the Water/Sewer Fund.

Council had a request to amend the City of Norton Police Department Budget in the amount of \$7,964.00. This covers grant funds received from the Department of Criminal Justice Services which go toward overtime.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to amend the City of Norton Police Department Budget in the amount of \$7,964.00

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Council had been presented with a request from the Police Department to participate in a Criminal History Records Improvement Program.

Police Chief Sam Mongle advised that the City was one of 15 localities in the state asked to participate in this program. He advised this program is a two-phase grant which will run two or three years. The City's local match on this grant for the first year is \$5,834.00, and he asked Council's favorable consideration on this request.

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Upon a motion by Joseph Hunnicutt, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council approved the request of \$5,834.00 for the Police

Department's participation in a Criminal History Records Improvement Program with said funds to come from the 2000-2001 budget of the Police Department.

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

On Tuesday, July 4th, City offices will be closed. Fireworks and activities in the City Park and City Swimming Pool will be taking place. Also, the Governor has given State employees Monday and Tuesday off; therefore, the Treasurer, Commissioner of Revenue, and Sheriff's offices will be closed both days.

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He will be taking his annual vacation beginning Friday, June 23rd and will return to the office on Monday, July 3rd.

In comments from the City Attorney, Mr. Bradshaw advised that:

At the last meeting, nominations were made to the Board of Zoning Appeals and he has submitted petitions to the Circuit Court for these appointments. At this time, he has not heard from them.

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At the last meeting, Council authorized the Mayor to sign the deed for the transfer of land to the Wise County Public Service Authority and Mayor Raines had done so. However, a new deed will have to be made in order to add a small section of land to it and Mayor Raines will need to sign the new deed within the next few days.

In comments from Council:

Mayor Raines advised that the Best Friend Festival had gone well and everyone working with the festival is to be commended.

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Councilman Fawbush advised that the July 4th parade will begin at 8:00 p.m. with fireworks to follow.

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

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA


B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:

, Clerk