

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held on Tuesday, April 20, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers with Mayor Robert Raines presiding.

Present: Joseph Hunnicutt, Robert Raines, and Joseph Fawbush

Absent: Jack Wallace and William Mays

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

Vice Mayor Mays took his seat prior to the invocation.

The invocation was given by Father Joe Facura and was followed by the pledge of allegiance led by Police Chief Sam Mongle.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the April 6, 1999 meeting as presented.

19298

At this time, Mayor Raines recognized former Council member Ron McCall, who was in attendance at tonight's meeting. Mayor Raines expressed Council's appreciation to Jeff Lester of the Coalfield Progress and Steven Igo of the Kingsport Times News for their coverage of our meetings and also to the Ministerial Association for their participation in providing us with a minister at each meeting for an invocation.

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

19300

Council had in their packets a change to Section 25-52 of the City Code which had been drafted by the City Attorney. This was discussed at our last meeting and covers the payment due date on water and sewer bills. The change incorporates the due date as the first regular business day thereafter if the fifteenth falls on a week-end or a state or federal holiday. Mr. Ward advised we have had some confusion when the Constitutional Offices are closed and the City offices are open on these holidays.

19301

Upon a motion by Joseph Hunnicutt, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by unanimous vote, Council authorized the City Manager to schedule a public hearing on May 18, 1999 for the purpose of changing Section 25-52 of the Norton City Code to stipulate that the due date on water and sewer bills will be the first regular business day thereafter if the fifteenth falls on a week-end or a state or federal holiday.

Council had in their packets A Resolution Providing Workers Compensation Coverage to Members of the Norton City Council for their consideration.

Mr. Ward advised that Workers Compensation is now available to members of Council and covers them when they are performing official duties. In order to provide this, a resolution must be adopted by the governing body.

19302

Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Joseph Hunnicutt, seconded by William Mays, and passed by the following unanimous roll call vote: Hunnicutt, Mays,

Fawbush, Raines - YES, NO - None, Wallace - ABSENT, Council moved to adopt A Resolution Providing Workers Compensation Coverage to Members of the Norton City Council. (Insert)

Council had a request for a water tap for Mr. Joe W. Brickey, 6041 West Norton Road, which is in the Josephine area. The City Manager advised that water is available.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by unanimous vote, Council approved a water tap for Mr. Joe W. Brickey.

19303

Council had a request for a water and sewer tap for Audrey Short Stapleton, 7920 Hunter Road, in Esserville. Mr. Ward advised that both water and sewer is available.

Upon a motion by Joseph Fawbush, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council approved a water and sewer tap for Audrey Short Stapleton.

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Council had a request for a sewer tap for Ms. Terri M. Roop of 5326-C Esserville Road and Ms. Joan G. Hamilton of 5326-B Esserville Road. Mr. Ward advised sewer is available.

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Upon a motion by Joseph Hunnicutt, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by unanimous vote, Council approved sewer taps for Ms. Terri M. Roop and Ms. Joan G. Hamilton.

Upon a motion by Joseph Fawbush, seconded by Joseph Hunnicutt, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel as per Section 2.1-344(A) (1) of the Code of Virginia, as amended.

19306

Mayor Raines declared the meeting in Executive Session.

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

19307

Mayor Raines declared the meeting back in regular session.

The Clerk then polled each member of Council as to the Certification of Executive Meeting with each answering aye. The Clerk then read the entire Resolution of the Certification of Executive Meeting. Upon a motion by Joseph Hunnicutt, seconded by William Mays, and passed by the following unanimous vote: Hunnicutt, Mays, Fawbush, Raines - YES, NO - None, Wallace - ABSENT, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the Certification of Executive Meeting. (Insert)

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Mayor Raines advised no action came from the Executive Session.

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There were no comments from either the City Manager or the City Attorney.

The meeting adjourned into a work session on the 1999-2000 City of Norton
Municipal Budget.

City of Norton, Virginia

B. Robert Raines

B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary J. Brown