

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held on Tuesday, April 21, 1998 at the Municipal Council Chambers with Mayor Robert Raines presiding.

Present: Roy Roberts, Jack Wallace, William Mays, Ron McCall, and Robert Raines

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 Fire Chief, David Mullins.

Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the April 7, 1998 meeting as presented.

18094

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

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At this time, Mayor Raines advised that the representatives from Evan Energy were unable to attend tonight's meeting due to a conflict. They were to discuss a support resolution for natural gas service in the City. Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to table this item until the representatives can be present.

18096

Council had a proclamation in their packets declaring May 1 and 2, 1998 as Lions White Cane Days. Several members of the Norton Lions Club were in attendance and speaking on their behalf was Mr. R. L. Whitehorn, Chairman of the White Cane Days. Mayor Raines asked the Clerk to read the proclamation.

18097

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous vote, Council authorized the Mayor to sign a Proclamation Declaring May 1 and 2, 1998 to be Lions White Cane Days. (Insert)

In their packets, Council had A Resolution Authorizing Participation in the Virginia Juvenile Community Crime Control Act.

The City Manager briefly discussed the conditions of this Act with Council.

18098

Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution Authorizing Participation in the Virginia Juvenile Community Crime Control Act. (Insert)

A request from the City Treasurer asking for a \$58.80 refund for taxes that were erroneously assessed to Mr. Fred Absher was presented to Council.

Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council authorized a refund in the amount of \$58.80 to Mr. Fred Absher for an erroneous tax assessment.

18099

The City Treasurer had made a recommendation to the Council that they adopt an ordinance authorizing him to refund up to \$1,000 as per Title 58.1-3981 of the Code of Virginia. This would eliminate having to bring these requests to Council for approval.

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Following a brief discussion, it was the consensus of Council that due to the small number of requests for refunds it would not be necessary to authorize the Treasurer to issue them.

Since the first Tuesday in May is Election Day, the City Manager discussed with Council when to hold the first meeting in May.

Following a brief discussion, it was the consensus of Council to hold our May Council Meetings on the first and third Thursdays in May (May 7<sup>th</sup> and May 21<sup>st</sup>) rather than the first and third Tuesdays of the month at the regular time of 7:30 p.m.

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

19002

Mayor Raines declared the meeting in Executive Session.

Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to go back into regular session.

Mayor Raines declared the meeting in regular session.

19003

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 William Mays, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the Certification of Executive Meeting. (Insert)

19004

Mayor Raines advised there was no action to be announced from the Executive Session.

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In his comments, the City Manager advised:

Legion Park is now open. Appreciation was extended to the City crews for the work done to get this park opened.

Flag Rock will open on May 1st.

19006

A new garbage compactor recently purchased is parked beside Council Chambers for Council's viewing.

In comments from the City Attorney, Mr. Bradshaw advised that the City is about to complete another tax sale with the City Treasurer and also advised that the City is free of litigation.

19007

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

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA



B. Robert Raines

Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Clerk