

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held on Tuesday, December 16, 1997 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 Sheriff Elect, Carlos Noaks.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the December 2, 1997 meeting as presented.

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

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Present at tonight's meeting were Bruce and Loretta Rose. Sheriff Rose is retiring on December 31st after 33 years with the City. Mayor Raines went over the history of Mr. Rose's career along with his civic activities and volunteer work with J. I. Burton athletics.

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Mayor Raines asked Sheriff Rose to come forward. Mayor Raines presented him with a plaque for his 33 years of service and also a Proclamation declaring him Chief Emeritus of the Norton Police Department.

Mayor Raines advised the Sheriff that the City appreciated both he and Mrs. Rose for their years of dedication. Sheriff Rose was given a standing ovation by those present.

Mr. Ramey, Assistant City Manager, and Kevin Edwards, Geographic Information Systems Coordinator/Planner for the City, were present at tonight's meeting and gave Council a preview of the City's Web Page. After going through several of the categories on this web page, Mayor Raines on behalf of Council commended Mr. Edwards and Mr. Ramey for their hard work on this project. It was the consensus of Council to accept the web page for the City of Norton as presented.

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Council had in their packets copies of two checks over \$100,000 to be approved.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to approve a check made payable to Corte Construction Company in the amount of \$109,528.08.

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Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to approve a check made payable to the Norton City Schools in the amount of \$100,000.00.

The City Manager advised Council that he had been informed by the Chief of Police that we are not in compliance with the 1997 Code of Virginia regarding the fee for parking violations, specifically unlawful parking in spaces reserved for the handicapped. Our Code Section 13-68 of the City Code has a fee of \$25.00 while the State Code sets a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500.

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Following a brief discussion and a recommendation by the City Attorney that we amend our ordinance, a motion was made by Roy Roberts, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote to authorize the City Manager to advertise a public hearing to amend the ordinance on Sec. 13-68 of the City Code and to come into compliance with the State Code.

Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to go into Executive Session to discuss a prospective business where no previous announcement has been made as per 2.1-344(A) (5) of the Code of Virginia, as amended.

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Mayor Raines declared the meeting in Executive Session.

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

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Mayor Raines declared the meeting back in regular session.

The Clerk then polled each member as to the Certification of Executive Meeting with each answering yes. The Clerk then read the entire Resolution of the Certification of Executive Meeting. Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the Certification of Executive Meeting. (Insert)

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Mayor Raines advised there was no announcement to come from the Executive Session.

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In his comments, the City Manager wished to the members of Council a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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The City Attorney shared the same sentiments of the City Manager for Council for the holiday season.

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Mayor Raines expressed appreciation to Michele Knox and other City employees for the work done on the Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony.

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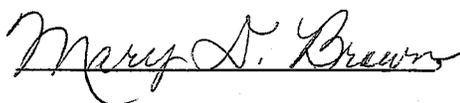
There were no comments from Council and no further business to come before them; therefore the meeting was adjourned.

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA



B. Robert Raines
Mayor

ATTEST:

 Clerk