

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on Tuesday, March 19, 1996 at 7:30 p.m. 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 Joe Pippin, City Attorney

The invocation was given by the City Manager which was followed by the pledge of allegiance led by the Chief of Police, Sam Mongle.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the March 5, 1996 meeting as presented.

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During the Mayor's call for visitors, Mr. Eddie Lovell of Gardner Hollow Road, spoke to Council on behalf of the 18-19 families who live in this area regarding very low water pressure. They are serviced by a 1-1/2" main water line. Also there is no fire hydrant in this area and the one lane road needs to be widened and a drainage pipe needs to be installed in the ditch. He asked that Council study the options and possibly put this water project in the Capital Improvement Projects if the money is not available at the present time.

Also speaking on this was Richard Sowdon III speaking on behalf of his parents. He also advised that in times of drought they were put on PSA water.

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Mr. Ward advised he had talked with the Public Works Director regarding the installation of a drain pipe and possibly widening the road. Nothing can be done about the PSA water at this time and the lack of a fire hydrant is due to the inadequate size of the water line.

An update on the Benges Rock Project was given to Council by Mr. Dink Shackelford of the Norton Kiwanis Club.

He advised that they would like to submit a grant application to the Coalfield Regional Tourism Authority for a \$5,000 matching grant if Council agreed to appropriate the \$5,000 matching dollars.

Also speaking on behalf of the project was Mr. Rick Feree and Mr. Chris Jones.

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Following a lengthy discussion and upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by William Mays, and passed by the following roll call vote: Roberts, Mays, McCall, Raines - YES, Wallace - ABSTAIN (due to the fact he is member of the Norton Kiwanis Club), Council voted to support the Benges Rock Project of the Norton Kiwanis Club and they will support the grant application up to \$5,000 if the Norton Kiwanis Club receives a \$5,000 matching grant from the Coalfield Regional Tourism Authority. Said funds will not be in this year's appropriation.

Council had been supplied with information regarding the City's application for a Local Government Challenge Grant which is a annual item. These funds go to the Pro-Art Association and they have requested a increase from \$3,200 to \$3,500.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed

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by unanimous roll call vote, Council authorized the City Manager to make application for a Local Government Challenge Grant for the Pro-Art Association. Said funds will come out of the '96-'97 budget.

Mr. Ward presented to Council the list of streets to be paved in 1996 and discussed this with Council seeking their approval to advertise for a paving contract.

Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to accept the paving schedule as recommended by the City Manger.

Council had in their packets a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Endorsing the Request of the Wise County Firefighters' Association for Additional Funding.

Mr. Ward advised the Wise County Firefighters Association, of which the City is a member, is requesting funding from the Wise County Board of Supervisors and the City has been asked to adopt a resolution showing their support of the Association and for the funding amounts they are requesting. If adopted, a copy of this resolution will be forwarded to the President of the Wise County Firefighters' Association. Information covering the amounts had been included in Council's packets and includes \$7,500 for the City of Norton Fire Department.

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Mr. Ward presented to Council a map showing our fire coverage area and the area that the City of Norton covers from a fire protection standpoint. The City Manager advised that approximately 50% of the fires that our department covers are outside the City limits and that he recommends favorable consideration.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Endorsing the Request of the Wise County Firefighters' Association for Additional Funding Department. (Insert) Councilman McCall suggested that we attach the map to the resolution and this will be done.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to go into Executive Session to discuss the disposition of real property as per 2.1-344(A) (3) of the Code of Virginia, as amended.

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Mayor Raines declared the meeting in Executive Session.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Ron McCall, 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 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 Jack Wallace, seconded by Roy Roberts, 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 that there was no action taken tonight as to the disposition of publicly held property.

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There were no comments from the City Manager or Council.

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

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA

B. Robert Raines

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ATTEST:

Mary A. Brown

Clerk