

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on Tuesday, July 2, 1996, at 7:30 p.m. with Vice Mayor William Mays presiding.

Present: Jack Wallace, William Mays, and Ron McCall

Absent: Roy Roberts, Robert Raines, and Joe Pippin

Also Present: E. W. Ward, City Manager

Prior to the invocation, Vice Mayor Mays asked that we remember the family of Mr. Roberts in the death of his sister. The invocation was given by the City Manager which was followed by the pledge of allegiance led by Police Chief Sam Mongle.

Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the June 18, 1996 meeting as presented. 17549

There was no response to the Vice Mayor's call for visitors. 17550

A public hearing was held on An Ordinance Adopting Article 2 (Section 18.2-266 ET SEQ.) of Chapter 7 of Title 18.2 of the Code of Virginia.

The City Manager advised this ordinance is adopted annually and results from the action of the General Assembly during this past session regarding driving under the influence. With the adoption of this ordinance and a second one on tonight's agenda, we will be current with State Code. 17551

Vice Mayor Mays opened the public hearing.

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

There were no questions or comments from Council.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt An Ordinance Adopting Article 2 (Section 18.2-266 ET SEQ.) of Chapter 7 of Title 18.2 of the Code of Virginia. (Insert)

A public hearing was held on An Ordinance Adopting Title 46.2 of the Code of Virginia As Amended.

The City Manager advised this ordinance also is adopted annually and is the result from the action of the General Assembly and refers to motor vehicle laws. Once adopted, we will be current with the State Code.

The Vice Mayor opened the public hearing.

There being no public input, Vice Mayor Mays closed the public hearing.

There were no comments or questions from City Council. 17552

Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt An Ordinance Adopting Title 46.2 of the Code of Virginia As Amended. (Insert)

The City Manager advised Council that the City had been advised by Governor Allen of a \$100,000 Community Development Block Grant for the

City.

Mr. Ward advised this grant was applied for on behalf of the Micro Enterprise Loan Program with the jurisdictions of Lee, Scott, Wise and Dickinson Counties as well as the City of Norton. Each jurisdiction will get \$20,000 and all funds will go into the Revolving Loan Fund to be loaned out to small businesses wishing to start up or wishing to expand. In order to be eligible for this money, they must meet the Block Grant guidelines. BusinessStart, a division of People, Incorporated of Abingdon has handled this grant for us in the past and they will do so again. In their packets, the City Manager had given Council background information on this. Also there is a copy of an Agreement that he needs the authority to execute. This agreement is between the City and the other four counties involved and authorizes the establishment of the Revolving Loan Fund and specifies how the monies are to be dispersed and also advising who the fiscal agent will be. The City will be the fiscal agent for this grant since we were the lead applicant on the grant. The monies will pass through our budget and then dispersed.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council authorized the City Manager to execute the Agreement with the Revolving Loan Fund and the counties of Lee, Scott, Wise, and Dickinson.

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Mr. Ward further advised that within the next couple of meetings our budget would have to be amended to handle this money coming into the City Treasury and being dispersed.

Mr. Ward presented Council with the latest copy of the Comparative Report of Local Government Revenues and Expenditures. He had also given to Council in their packets a comparison of Norton and the other 40 cities in the Commonwealth and our ranking in several categories.

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There was a brief discussion on this item.

Council had two requests for water and sewer taps in the Esserville section of the County by Ms. Mary Margaret Justice of Hunter Road and the Esserville Freewill Baptist Church on Union Hall Road.

The City Administration advised both were available and that they asked for favorable consideration on both sets of taps.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous vote, Council approved water and sewer taps for Ms. Mary Margaret Justice and the Esserville Freewill Baptist Church in the Esserville section of the County.

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Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by Jack Wallace, 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.

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Vice Mayor Mays declared the meeting in Executive Session.

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

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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 Ron McCall, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the Certification of Executive Meeting. (Insert)

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Vice Mayor Mays opened the floor for nominations to the C-N-W Regional Sewer Authority for a four (4) year term which will expire on May 15, 2000.

Ron McCall nominated Mr. Jack Wallace.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved that the nominations cease.

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The Vice Mayor declared Mr. Jack Wallace appointed to the C-N-W Regional Sewer Authority for a four year term which will expire on May 15, 2000.

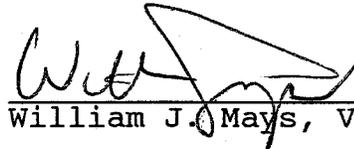
In comments from the City Manager, Mr. Ward advised that the annual fireworks will be Thursday night and will be choreographed to music with the assistance of WAXM Radio Station.

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The Parks & Recreation Department will also have activities at the swimming pool from 12:30 - 5:30 and from 7:00 - 9:45, Paradise will be playing in the park.

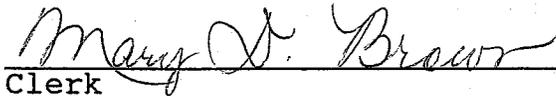
There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned.

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA



William J. Mays, Vice Mayor

ATTEST:


Clerk