

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on Tuesday, July 19, 1994 at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Raines presiding.

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

Absent: Ron McCall

Also Present: E. W. Ward, City Manager and Joe Pippin, City Attorney

The invocation was given by Rev. Jim Jenkins which was followed by the pledge led by Police Chief Sam A. Mongle.

At this time, Councilman McCall took his seat on Council.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the July 5, 1994 organizational meeting as presented.

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Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the July 5, 1994 regular meeting as presented.

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

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Mr. Ward advised Council of a letter in their packets from Mr. Marty Hagy of Greater Norton, Inc. asking that the City take Greater Norton, Inc. which is the downtown merchants association, over as a committee and that any future funding for the Christmas Parade come through the City of Norton. This request is due to a loss of downtown merchants to the point that the organization ceases to exist except for this parade.

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Following a discussion, it was the consensus of Council that the City Manager check with the Centennial Committee and see if they will handle the Christmas parade this year. Also, Mr. Ward is to bring this back to Council during the budget work sessions and they will discuss putting this parade under the supervision of the Parks and Recreation Department. If the Centennial Committee does not agree to do the parade this year, Mr. Ward is to bring this back to Council as soon as possible.

Mr. Ward advised Council of the 1994 Annual Virginia Municipal League Conference which will be held October 16-18 in Norfolk. He advised he has booked five rooms for Council's use and urged all members to check their calendars and advise him who will be able to attend.

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The City Manager presented each member of Council with a copy of the Comparative Cost Report which is prepared by the Auditor of Public Accounts for their review. He further advised that it contained a lot of useful information

There were no questions or comments from Council regarding this report.

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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, Actual or Probable Litigation as per 2.1-344(A) (7) of the Code of Virginia, as amended, the Acquisition or Use of Real Property as per 2.1-344(A) (3) of the Code of Virginia, as amended.

16076

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

16078

Mayor Raines opened the floor for nominations to the City of Norton Planning Commission for a four (4) year term which will expire on May 10, 1998.

William Mays nominated Mr. Bob Isaac to be reappointed to this commission for another term.

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Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved that the nominations cease.

Mayor Raines declared Mr. Bob Isaac reappointed to another term on the City of Norton Planning Commission. This term will run for four years and will expire on May 10, 1998.

As to legal, Mayor Raines advised that the City had been negotiating with the Wise County Public Service Authority concerning modification of contract.

Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council authorized the Mayor to sign a modified agreement with the Wise County Public Service Authority to adjust the wholesale water rate to \$3.50 per 1,000 gallons effective for four years.

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In comments from the City Manager, Mr. Ward advised of a television set and VCR set up in the lobby for citizens' viewing while in the lobby. This television set constantly shows our Channel 51, the City Channel. Also, this equipment can be moved into Council Chambers for use during Council Meetings.

Mr. Ward also advised we were in receipt of a Community Development Block Grant and had 90 days to get under a contract. He had been to a couple of meetings recently and he is now asking if Council wishes to participate in the selection of engineering services.

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Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council authorized the City Manager to procure engineering services for this Community Development Block Grant.

In comments from Council, Mr. Roberts advised he was approached by members of the Fire Department regarding the \$10,000 Fish Contest they recently conducted. He wanted to know whether the City could restrict fishing on that day to just those who had the special permit.

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Following a brief discussion, the City Manager advised he would look into this prior to the next contest.

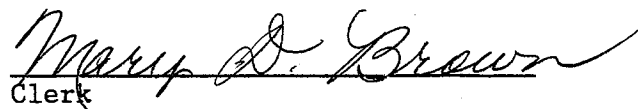
There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned.

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA



B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:



Clerk