

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on Tuesday, July 6, 1993 at 7:30 p.m. with Vice Mayor Mays presiding.

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

Absent: Robert Raines

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

The invocation was given by Rev. Bob Kespelher and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance which was led by the Director of Social Services, Bill Stokes.

Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the June 15, 1993 meeting as presented.

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During the audience for visitors, the City Manager introduced to Council Mr. Kevin Edwards of Wise who is doing an internship for the City this summer. Mr. Edwards will be working on conditional zoning and the Sub-Division Ordinance.

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Vice Mayor Mays, on behalf of Council, welcomed Mr. Edwards.

Council had received a letter from the Cricket on the Hearth Organization wishing to utilize City property on Market Street July 31st for an activity they wish to hold there.

Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous vote, Council authorized the request by the Cricket on the Hearth Organization to use Market Place on Saturday, July 31st, contingent upon the approval of the City Attorney and providing a Hold Harmless Agreement and proof of insurance to the City.

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Council had in their packets A Resolution Establishing the Planning District One Disability Services Board. This had been approved by Council in January of this year; however since that time, Lee County has opted not to participate. This leaves the following participating: Scott County with three members, Wise County with 4 members, and the City of Norton with 2 members.

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Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution Establishing the Planning District One Disability Services Board. (Insert)

Mr. Ward had provided Council with information regarding the Transportation Enhancement Program. He advised this program offers a broad range of opportunities to receive Federal funds for a variety of projects and will be administered in Virginia by the Department of Transportation. The program is divided into 10 categories of eligibility and he went over each of these with Council.

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The City Manager further advised that the administration would like to submit an application for a 3 Year Phase In Project which will cover down town revitalization. This would cover the Federal Square Project which primarily would include funding to preserve the Hotel Norton, the Streetscape Project, and placement of a tree lined median in the central core of the City and installation of angle parking. This three year phased project will cost approximately two million dollars with the City's share being approximately \$400,000. Part of this amount is already budgeted in the Capital Budget or the City could request the Highway Department to use our share of the Urban Funds for the local match money.

Mr. Ward further advised a public hearing to advertise this project needed to be held and a resolution of support needs to be adopted.

Following a brief discussion, it was the consensus of Council to schedule a public hearing at the next Council Meeting on this item.

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

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Vice Mayor Mays 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 Ron McCall, 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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Vice Mayor Mays opened the floor for nominations to the Wise County Regional Library Board for a four year term which will expire on June 30, 1997. This seat had formally been held by Mrs. Bruce (Bibbie) Fraley who has served two terms on this Board and cannot be reappointed. Mr. Mays advised Mrs. Fraley had done an excellent job and asked that a letter stating this be sent to her.

Jack Wallace nominated Ms. Leola Yeary to be appointed to the Wise County Regional Library Board.

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

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Vice Mayor Mays declared Ms. Leola Yeary appointed to the Wise County Regional Library Board for a four year term which will expire on June 30, 1997.

Vice Mayor Mays opened the floor for nominations to the Circuit Court Judge for approval as members of the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Ron McCall nominated Mr. Larry Hamilton for the five year term which will expire on June 2, 1998 and Mr. Tom Cassell to the term which will expire on June 2, 1996.

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

Vice Mayor Mays declared Mr. Larry Hamilton will be a nominee to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a five year term which will expire on June 2, 1998 and Mr. Tom Cassell as a nominee to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a term which will expire June 2, 1996.

Mr. Mays advised no action was taken on the appointment to the Planning Commission.

In his comments, the City Manager advised:

The City did not get funded for a Community Development Block Grant for the Spring Avenue/Anderson Hollow Sewer Project; however, we received notification that we will receive \$14,192.00 Federal Assistance for costs incurred in the March 1993 blizzard. We submitted an application for \$18,000 and will receive the \$14,192.00.

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We have 101 million gallons of water as of this date in our two reservoirs. Our total reservoir capacity is 124 million gallon. Both the Administration and Water Plant personnel are watching this closely.

At the last meeting, he had advised the Sign Ordinance would be brought back tonight. Since there will not be a full Council until the first meeting in August, it will be brought back at that time.

Mr. Ward advised he will be on vacation July 17 thru the 24 and Mr. Ramey

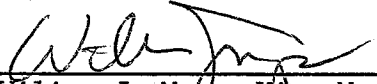
will be in charge.

On display for Council's review was an example of the type of mapping the City will be obtaining this fiscal year. This particular zoning map displayed was provided by Lenowisco.

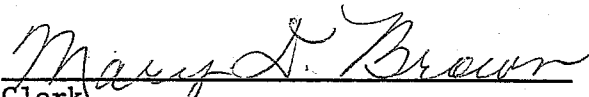
There were no comments from Council.

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

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA

  
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William J. Mays, Vice Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Clerk