

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on Tuesday, October 5, 1993 at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Raines presiding.

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

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

Mayor Raines advised he was delighted to see so many people in attendance. Part of those attending represent the Fire Department, whose working officers are to be confirmed at tonight's meeting, and who also brought two of their new vehicles for Council to see. Prior to the invocation tonight, a moment of silence was held for Danny Still, the City's Fire Chief, who passed away in July and who had put in a lot of time and work on getting these new trucks for the City.

The invocation was given by Rev. Bob Kespelher and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance which was led by Parks and Recreation Director Michele Knox.

Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the September 21, 1993 meeting as presented. 15810

There was no response to the Mayor's call for visitors. 15811

A public hearing was held to consider the reissuance of a Public Dance Hall Permit to the Holiday Inn and Mosby's Restaurant.

Mr. Ward advised that Chapter 3 of the Norton City Code, Article 2, regulates public dance halls and provides several rules and regulations prior to the issuance of any permit for the operation of a dance hall. The City Administration seeks favorable consideration for the reissuance of these permits. Mayor Raines opened the public hearing.

There being no public comment, Mayor Raines closed the public hearing.

There was a brief discussion on whether these permits needed to be reissued on a yearly basis. The City Attorney advised this could be changed by amending the current ordinance. A brief discussion was held on this. Councilman Roberts asked a question regarding the closing of hours as written in Section 3-36. Closure hours are 1:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. of each day. His concern was what conflict this would have with the extension of the sale of alcoholic beverages recently passed. The City Attorney advised there was definitely a conflict. Following a brief discussion, it was the consensus of Council for the City Administration and the City Attorney to work on the changes of the whole ordinance and bring same back to Council. 15812

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to reissue Dance Hall Permits for the Holiday Inn and Mosby's Restaurant. Mr. Ward is to advise them of the reissuance of their permits.

Ms. Michele Knox, Parks and Recreation Director, gave Council a report on the swimming pool, Flag Rock, and the Community Center. She further advised of repairs, new equipment, and new projects being planned by her department. She also gave a brief report on recycling and advised that another expansion of the Curbside Recycling Project is being planned. 15813

Mr. Ward advised that there have been vast improvements in our parks as to upkeep and this is a reflection on the job being done by our Parks and Recreation Department.

Mayor Raines advised Ms. Knox that Council appreciated her efforts.

Mr. Ward advised Section A38 of the City Code states that working officers of the Fire Department are to be appointed by City Council following the Fire De-

partment's annual reorganizational meeting. Council, in their packets, had a letter from outgoing President, Fred Ramey, listing the following working officers: David Mullins, Assistant Chief, Gerald Lawson, Captain, Marty Hagy and Mike Ball, Lieutenants, Jeff Bays and Mike Lintz, Engineers, and Joe Fawbush, Training Officer.

Mr. Ward asked for favorable consideration of these appointments.

Assistant Chief David Mullins advised Council that they appreciated all the help Council had given to them and that they had some good, safe, and updated equipment.

Mayor Raines asked the members of the Fire Department to stand up and they received a round of applause. The Mayor further expressed Council's appreciation to them for the protection given to the community by them.

Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to approve the working officers as listed above for the Norton Fire Department for the year 1993-94.

Council had in their packets A Resolution Requesting the Department of Transportation to Add a Fourth Loop to the U. S. 23/58A Interchange in Norton. Mr. Ward advised that Council, at its last meeting, had instructed him to contact VDOT regarding the addition of this loop and the discrepancy in the number of vehicles who would be using this loop.

Mr. Ward advised he had talked with the Resident Engineer for VDOT, Mr. Leland Branham, and he suggested the City adopt a resolution requesting this loop. Mr. Ward incorporated in this resolution that they reconsider the construction of this additional loop and immediately incorporate it into their existing project or expedite it in the Six Year Improvement Plan.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution Requesting the Department of Transportation to Add a Fourth Loop to the U. S. 23/58A Interchange in Norton. (Insert). Copies of this resolution are to be sent to the members of the Commonwealth Transportation Board and to our representatives in the General Assembly.

Due to the Virginia Municipal League Conference being held the week of our next regularly scheduled council meeting on October 19th, Council discussed when the next meeting should be held. It was the consensus of Council to hold this meeting on October 26th. With Election Day being the day of the first meeting in November, we will meet only once in November on the third Tuesday which will be November 16th.

Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by William Mays, 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.

Mayor Raines 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 in regular session.

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

Mayor Raines opened the floor for nominations to the Southwest Virginia Emergency Medical Services Council for a three year term which will expire September 30, 1996.

Roy Roberts nominated Mr. William Mays to be reappointed to this Council.

Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by

unanimous vote, Council moved that the nominations cease.

Mayor Raines declared Mr. William Mays reappointed to the Southwest Emergency Medical Services Council for a three year term which will expire September 30, 1996.

Mayor Raines opened the floor for nominations to the Mountain Empire Older Citizens Advisory Board for a two year term which will expire on September 15, 1995.

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Jack Wallace nominated Ms. Michele Knox to be reappointed to this Board.

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

Mayor Raines declared Ms. Michele Knox reappointed to the Mountain Empire Older Citizens Advisory Board for a two year term which will expire on September 15, 1995.

Mayor Raines opened the floor for nominations to the Wise County/City of Norton Health Advisory Board for a two year term which will expire September 30, 1995.

William Mays nominated Ms. Imogene Calhoun to be reappointed to this Board.

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

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Mayor Raines declared Ms. Imogene Calhoun reappointed to the Wise County/City of Norton Health Advisory Board for a two year term which will expire on September 30, 1995.

Mayor Raines advised no action was taken on an appointment to the Head Start Board.

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In his comments, the City Manager advised that the City will begin the renovation of the parking lot between the Coalfield Progress and the Chamber of Commerce. Work will be done on the median, decorative lighting installed, landscaping, and replacement of the City sign.

Mr. Ward advised he and Mr. Ramey would like to replace the wording on the sign which now says, "Park and Shop". They were thinking on the lines of putting "100 Years and Still Growing" which would be going with the Centennial theme. Council advised they liked the idea of a change and for the City Administration to work on this and bring their suggestions back to Council.


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Councilman Roberts asked about the parking lot located across from the Fire Department. Mr. Ramey advised funds for repaving and landscaping that lot are in the budget for this year.

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA


B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:


Clerk