

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on Tuesday, April 7, 1992, at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Raines presiding.

Present: Linda Sturgill, Jack Wallace, Robert Raines, William Mays, and Ron McCall

Also Present: E. W. Ward, City Manager and Kenneth P. Asbury, City Attorney

The invocation was given by Rev. Bob Kespelher and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance which was led by Assistant City Manager Fred Ramey.

Upon a motion by Linda Sturgill, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the March 17, 1992 meeting as presented.

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During the Audience for Visitors, Mr. Freddie Bradley representing the civic organization, the Norton Jaycees, spoke briefly regarding Council's action at the last meeting regarding the Norton Rescue Squad. The Jaycees, which is no longer an active organization, had some money left in their treasury and the former officers met and distributed the money to local organizations and at this time, Mr. Bradley presented to Vice Mayor William Mays, who is the Captain of the Norton Rescue Squad, a check in the amount of \$315.00 which was also in memory of his father, Ralph Bradley. He also made this a challenge to other civic organizations.

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Vice Mayor Mays thanked Mr. Bradley for this contribution to the rescue squad.

Mayor Raines announced the agenda would be amended to add the item of 7-G under New Business which is a request by the Frizzell Construction Company on behalf of the Norton Housing Authority to build a maintenance building behind the High Rise.

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On the request from Mid-State Oil Company, Mr. Ward advised that since the last meeting, Mr. Dick King had agreed in a letter that no floor drains would be installed in this facility and also that a monitoring station would be installed in order that the City could draw samples at any time to make sure no oil was going into our sanitary sewer system. Due to this, the Administration was in favor of granting the water and sewer tap for Mid-State Oil Company at their facility located in Esserville.

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Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to grant a water and sewer tap to Mid-State Oil Company for their facility in Esserville.

Mr. Ward advised the taps would be made as soon as the tap fees are paid.

The City Manager advised the presentation of a Comprehensive Drainage Study would be tabled tonight due to the illness of Mr. Bobby Lane of Dewberry and Davis. Mr. Lane will be present at the next meeting. Copies of this study are available in the City Manager's office if anyone would like to look one over.

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The City Manager advised Council had in their packets an agreement between the City and the U. S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service which covers two bridges located on Rt. 619 wherein the Forest Service is willing to assist the City in putting in new bridges and paying a substantial portion of the cost if Council is receptive to that idea. Replacement cost on these two bridges has been estimated at approximately \$70,000. The Forestry Service has agreed to provide the City the \$70,000 on a reimbursable basis as specified in this agreement and also \$2,000 for administrative costs.

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Mr. Raoul Gagne of the Forest Service was present to answer any questions of Council.

Mr. Ward advised the City Attorney has reviewed this contract and approved same.

Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council authorized the City Manager to execute Contract No. J-4-92 and any other contracts with the Forestry Service to expedite this project.

Council had been presented in their packets a list of streets the Administration recommends to pave in the Spring of 1992 for confirmation from Council. Following a brief discussion, it was the consensus of Council for the City Manager to proceed with bids on the list submitted to them tonight.

Mayor Raines also asked that the City Manager check as to when the Pine Hills road had last been paved since it is seeing a lot of use and wear on it.

Council had in their packets a letter addressed to the Commissioner of Revenue from the State Compensation Board authorizing the transfer of funds within his department. However, the Compensation Board must have written confirmation of this approved transfer by City Council. These transferred funds are from salaries and are to be transferred to office expenses for fiscal year 1992.

Upon a motion by Linda Sturgill, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to authorize the transfer of \$3,335 from Salaries to Office Expenses for fiscal year 1992 in the Commissioner of Revenue's Department.

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Declaring the Month of April, 1992 as Keep America Beautiful Month in Norton was included in Council's packet.

The City Manager advised this is a yearly activity and that the City is sponsoring several activities during this time such as the Glad Bag-A-Thon, Clean-Up Day in Norton on Saturday, April 11th, and the free Rent-A-Trucks from April 3 - 13.

Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Declaring the Month of April, 1992 as Keep America Beautiful Month in Norton. (Insert)

A Proclamation was presented to Council Declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

After the City Manager read the Proclamation, Mayor Raines advised he would be happy to sign this proclamation on behalf of Council. (Insert)

A request was submitted to Council by Frizzell Construction wishing to do some grading and remove a few trees behind Regency Towers on Kline Avenue in order to build a new maintenance building for the Norton Housing Authority.

Mr. Ward advised this area was a paper street belonging to the City and that a revocable license would have to be issued by Council and the Administration is in favor of granting this license.

Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council authorized the issuance of a revocable license and a temporary construction easement for the site and grading work to be done in the alley behind the Regency Towers and subsequent maintenance.

Mr. Ward is to get with the City Attorney and do the necessary legal work.

In his comments, the City Manager advised the School Board would present

their budget at the next Council Meeting on April 21st.

Mr. Ward gave Council an update on the Rescue Squad property located on Kentucky Avenue. The City Attorney advises this property is deeded to the City of Norton Schools and in order for the City to sell it, the School Board will have to pass a resolution stating that have no need for this property for school purposes. The City will then have it surveyed and sell it. It was the consensus of Council to ask the School Board to prepare such a resolution.

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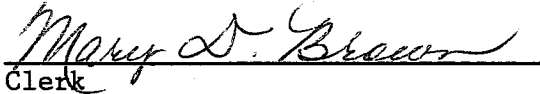
There were no comments from the City Attorney or Council.

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



B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:



Mary D. Braw  
Clerk