

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held in the Fire Hall of the Municipal Building on Tuesday, May 5, 1992 at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Raines presiding.

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

Absent: Linda Sturgill

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

The invocation was given by the City Manager and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance which was led by Dr. A. S. Armentrout, Superintendent of the City of Norton School Board.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the April 21, 1992 meeting as presented.

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During the audience for visitors, Bill Stokes, the City's representative on the Southwest Virginia Emergency Services Council, presented a Proclamation to Council declaring the week of May 10 - 16, 1992 as Emergency Medical Services Week in the City of Norton. Mr. Stokes read the proclamation in its entirety and on behalf of Council, Mayor Raines signed this proclamation. (Insert)

Mayor Raines commended and extended appreciation to all those involved.

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Police Chief Sam Mongle presented to Council a Proclamation declaring the week of May 10 - 16, 1992 as Police Week and also a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Supporting the Virginia Enforcement Torch Run For Special Olympics.

Chief Mongle read both the proclamation and the resolution to Council.

It was the consensus of Council for Mayor Raines to sign the Proclamation declaring the week of May 10 - 16, 1992 as National Police Week and the day of May 15th as Police Memorial Day. (Insert)

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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 Supporting the Virginia Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. (Insert)

Mayor Raines expressed the appreciation of Council of Chief Mongle and the Police Department.

A public hearing was held to consider the Norton City School Board Budget for the 1992-93 fiscal year. The budget totals \$4,045,747 with the Textbook Fund totaling \$35,000, and the local contribution amounts to \$1,117,715.

Mayor Raines opened the floor for public comments.

There was no public input and Mayor Raines closed the public hearing.

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There were no questions or comments from Council.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to adopt the City of Norton School Board Budget for the 1992-93 Fiscal Year in the amount of \$4,045,747.

Dr. A. S. Armentrout, Superintendent of Norton City Schools, expressed his appreciation to Council for their continuing support of the school system.

Council had been presented with a copy of a letter and any comments that came in regarding the blockage of the 600 and 700 blocks of Park Avenue on Saturday, June 20, 1992 for the Best Friend Festival.

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All comments that came in were supportive of the Festival and following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by William Mays, and

passed by unanimous vote, Council granted the request of the Best Friend Festival Committee and the recommendation of the City Manager to block the 600 and 700 blocks of Park Avenue on June 20, 1992 for the Best Friend Festival.

Mr. Ward is to notify the Chairperson of this Committee of Council's decision and to extend to them Council's appreciation and support.

Council had been presented a list of residential sidewalks that need to be repaired or replaced in response to a newly implemented program which will begin this spring.

Mr. Ward advised Council of the criteria used in the selection of residential sidewalk replacement and the time frame of the next three budget years.

Following a brief discussion, it was the consensus of Council to accept the Residential Sidewalk Plan as presented by the City Manager.

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

Mayor Raines declared the meeting in regular session.

The Clerk then polled each member of Council as to the certification of the 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 advised Council had discussed each of the four appointments listed for Executive Session and no action had been taken.

In his comments, Mr. Ward advised that Flag Rock had opened for the summer season on May 1st and is in good shape with the road to the lower campground having been redone. He further advised that at the next council meeting, three public hearings are scheduled for the following: City Budget, School Board Appointment, and the Bond Issue with Farmers Home Administration for the purchase of fire trucks.

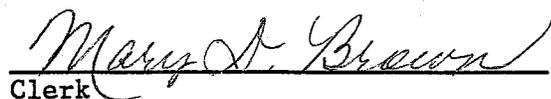
There were no comments from the City Attorney or Council.

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



B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:



Clerk