

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on Tuesday, June 2, 1992 at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Raines presiding.

Present: Jack Wallace, Robert Raines, Ron McCall

Absent: Linda Sturgill and William Mays

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

Prior to the invocation, Mayor Raines welcomed Boy Scout Troop #173 and advised it was a privilege to have them present.

The invocation was given by the City Manager and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mitch Estep, a member of Boy Scout Troop #173.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the May 19, 1992 meeting as corrected. The expiration of Mr. McCall's appointment to the C-N-W Regional Sewer Authority should have been 5/15/96 rather than 5/15/92.

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During the Mayor's call for visitors, Mr. Paul Kuczko, representing the Wise County Chamber of Commerce, presented Council with a Raffle Application for that organization to be held during the Best Friend Festival later this month. Mr. Kuczko advised all proceeds from this raffle would go toward purchasing new brochures for the Chamber.

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Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council granted the Raffle Application to the Wise County Chamber of Commerce and waived the \$25.00 application fee. Mayor Raines thanked Mr. Kuczko and the Chamber for their work on the Best Friend Festival.

Mr. Kuczko thanked Council for their consideration on this application and presented them with two 8x10 copies of a picture of the Norton Town Hall which was destroyed by fire in the early 1950s. Council accepted the pictures and expressed their thanks to Mr. Kuczko.

Mrs. Pam Honeycutt, Assistant Leader of Boy Scout Troop #173, spoke to Council expressing her appreciation to Council and Mr. Ward for their support for the Boy Scouts in doing some Eagle Scout Projects. This troop has had 7 Eagle Scouts to date and has 5 more working toward that goal and the City has been very helpful.

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The Mayor commended the efforts of the leaders of this group, Mrs. Honeycutt and Mr. Inns, and again expressed appreciation of their being present at tonight's meeting.

Council had been presented in their packet An Ordinance Adopting the Budget for the City of Norton, Virginia for the Fiscal Year of July 1, 1992 Thru June 30, 1993 Appropriating Funds for All Contemplated Expenses of the City For the Fiscal Year and Placing Levies Upon All Real Estate, Personal Property, and Bank Stock, Licenses, Fees, User Charges, and All Other Levies as Previously Imposed or Modified Herein.

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Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to adopt An Ordinance Adopting the Budget for the City of Norton, Virginia for the Fiscal Year of July 1, 1992 thru June 30, 1993 Appropriating Funds for All Contemplated Expenses of the City for the Fiscal Year and Placing Levies Upon All Real Estate, Personal Property and Bank Stock, Licenses, Fees, User Charges, and All Other Levies as Previously Imposed or Modified Herein. (Insert)

Mr. Joe Fischer, who is celebrating his 50th anniversary as a member of the City of Norton Fire Department, was asked to come forward and Mayor Raines read A Certificate of Recognition in honor of him. Mayor Raines spoke highly of Mr. Fischer's years with the Fire Department and commended him for his service and the example he has put forth to younger members of the Department and the community.

Mr. Fischer thanked Council for this Certificate of Recognition and Mayor Raines advised that the City would have it framed and then given to him.

Council had been presented with A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton Adopting a Five Year Capital Improvements Program.

Mr. Ward spoke briefly on this resolution and asked Council's favorable consideration on its passage.

Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton Adopting a Five Year Capital Improvements Program. (Insert)

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Ron McCall, 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, the consideration of use of real property as per 2.1-344(A) (3) of the Code of Virginia as amended, and legal matters as pertains to dilapidated properties as per 2.1-344(A) (7) of the Code of Virginia as amended.

Mayor Raines declared the meeting in Executive Session.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to go back into 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 Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt a Resolution of the Certification of Executive Meeting. (Insert)

Mayor Raines announced there was no action on the use of real property. On the item of dilapidated properties, Council directed the City Manager and the Building Inspector to start identifying and taking legal action as necessary on these condemned properties and to start action for corrections.

The Mayor opened the floor for nominations to the City of Norton School Board for a three year term which will expire on June 30, 1995.

Ron McCall nominated Mr. Marty Hagy to be reappointed to the City of Norton School Board for a three year term which will expire on June 30, 1995.

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

Mayor Raines declared Mr. Marty Hagy reappointed to the City of Norton School Board for a three year term which will expire on June 30, 1995.

There was no action taken on the appointments to the City of Norton Planning Commission or the Mountain Empire College Board.

In his comments, the City Manager advised the following:

The City Swimming Pool was opened today.

He had met on May 20, 1992 with Mr. Jim McAden of Blazer and Associates on

the Zoning Ordinance and advised that Balzer will respond in writing sometime in the near future on these changes.

There will be three public hearings held at the next Council Meeting. These being: Soil and Erosion Control Ordinance, Amended Motor Vehicle Code, and Consideration of an Issuance of a Public Dance Hall Permit for Mosby's Restaurant.

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He is in receipt of the tentative 6 Year Highway Improvement Plan from the Virginia Department of Transportation and it appears that the Norton By-Pass has moved ahead of schedule to be completed.

He is in receipt of a letter from the Department of Housing and Community Development advising that the City's submittal of a Community Development Block Grant for 1992 to build a sewer collection system in Josephine has been turned down. We had 706 points out of 1000 with projects awarded to those with a score of 733 or higher.


Mayor Raines spoke briefly on the Community Development Block Grant.

There were no comments from the City Attorney or Council and the meeting was adjourned.

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA


B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:


Clerk