

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on Tuesday, August 18, 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 Joe Pippin, City Attorney

The invocation was given by the City Manager and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance which was led by Mr. Paul Kuczko, Director of the Lonesome Pine Office on Youth.

Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the August 4, 1992 meeting as presented.

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

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A public hearing was held to consider a budget amendment to the 1992-93 City General Fund Budget in the amount of \$180,000 to provide an appropriation to the Industrial Development Authority of the City of Norton.

Mr. Ward advised that during the July 21st council meeting, Mr. Dennis Willis and Charlie Daniels were present and asked Council's consideration in paying off a debt the NIDA owed on the Norton Hotel Project in the approximate amount of \$180,000. This, in their opinions, would allow them to secure a loan in the amount of \$700,000 to complete the work on making a shell building of the hotel. Mr. Ward was advised by Council to advertise a public hearing if it was determined by the City Attorney that this loan could be made to NIDA.

Mayor Raines opened the floor for public comments.

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Mr. W. F. McElroy, O. E. Mullins, and Jim Daniels had questions of both Mr. Byron Cantrell, Chairman of the NIDA, and Mr. Dennis Willis, Treasurer of the NIDA.

Speaking against the loan was Mr. Rudy Whitehorn, 521 Kentucky Avenue.

Speaking in favor of saving the building was Paul Kuczko, 903 Campbell Avenue.

There being no further comments from the audience, the Mayor closed the public hearing after thanking those who attended and made comments.

Following comments from Council members and a lengthy discussion and upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by William Mays, and passed by the following roll call vote: Sturgill - NO, Wallace, Raines, Mays, and McCall - YES, Council moved to amend the City of Norton General Fund Budget in the amount of \$180,000 as a contribution to the Norton Industrial Development Authority with said funds to come from Unappropriated Reserves with no appropriation being made at this time.

Mayor Raines expressed Council's appreciation to the members of NIDA for the work they have done on this project.

The City Attorney advised Council that there should be a very firm commitment letter from the lending institution before they make the appropriation.

Council had in their packets a Resolution of Appreciation honoring Mr. Kenneth Asbury who had served as Norton's City Attorney for 16 years prior to his recent resignation due to health problems.

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Mayor Raines read the entire resolution and Council gave their consensus for Mayor Raines to sign same. The Mayor advised a plaque had also been prepared for presentation to Mr. Asbury. (Insert)

Mr. Paul Kuczko, Director of the Lonesome Pine Office on Youth, presented Council with an annual report and also a Six Year Delinquency Prevention and

Youth Development Needs Assessment and Plan. He briefly went over these plans with Council and advised he would be happy to answer any questions Council may have.

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Mayor Raines thanked Mr. Kuczko for the presentation and also expressed appreciation for the efforts of Mr. Kuczko in both the City and County.

Mr. Ward advised he had been sent an agreement by the Virginia Department of Transportation for the work on utilities that will be affected by the construction of the Norton By-Pass. Mr. Ward advised that the City Attorney had approved this agreement and the City Manager is seeking authorization to execute same.

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Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council authorized the City Manager to execute a contract with the Virginia Department of Transportation for the adjustment of water and sanitary sewer facilities.

Mr. Ward advised the 1992 Annual Virginia Municipal League Conference will be held in Hampton, Virginia October 18 through October 20. He has made room reservations and asked the members of Council to advise him as soon as possible if they plan to attend.

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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.

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Mayor Raines declared the meeting in Executive Session.

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

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Mayor Raines declared the meeting back in regular session.

The Clerk then polled each member of Council as to the Certification of Executive Session 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 Linda Sturgill, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the Certification of Executive Meeting. (Insert)

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The Mayor advised no action had been taken on either the evaluation of the City Manager nor the appointment to the Community Services Board.

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In his comments, the City Manager advised:

The Police Dispatch Center has been relocated and is gearing up for the E-911.

The Police Department, through fund raising efforts, has purchased three camcorders to be mounted in police cars and this should be very beneficial to them.

He will issue a purchase order this week in the amount of \$780,715 to cover the new fire vehicles to Chief's Fire & Rescue, Inc. since the procurement process was approved by Farmers Home Administration

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Councilman McCall requested that the City Manager contact the new cable company located in Wise and see if there is any interest in their providing services to Norton since they have services that are not available here from the present cable company.

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Mayor Raines announced this was the last scheduled meeting for Councilwoman Linda Sturgill. Mrs. Sturgill has resigned her seat effective August 31, 1992. The Mayor extended to her continued success. Mrs. Sturgill thanked the Mayor for his comments.

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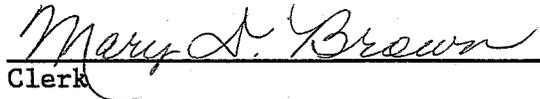
There being no further action to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned.

CITY OF NORTON



B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Mary A. Brown  
Clerk