

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Norton City Council was held on Tuesday, June 1, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers with Mayor Robert Raines presiding.

Present: Jack Wallace, Robert Raines, and Joseph Fawbush

Absent: Joseph Hunnicutt and William Mays

Also Present: E. W. Ward, City Manger and Bill Bradshaw, City Attorney

The invocation was given by Rev. John Ellington and was followed by the pledge of allegiance, which was led by Police Chief Sam Mongle.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the May 18, 2004 meeting as presented.

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During the Mayor's call for visitors, Mr. Stan Wilson, Vice Principal of J. I. Burton High School, spoke briefly to Council requesting any consideration that Council could give to help defray the expenses of the tennis team and the members of the track team who will be participating in state tournaments in the near future. Mr. Wilson advised that the estimated cost will be \$2,500.

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Upon a motion by Joseph Fawbush, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to appropriate \$2,500 from the unappropriated reserves to help defray the costs of those attending state competitions in the near future.

A public hearing was held on An Ordinance Adopting the Budget for the City of Norton, Virginia for the Fiscal Year of July 1, 2004 Thru June 30, 2005 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.

Mr. Ward advised that this public hearing and budget had been duly advertised and Council will take no action tonight. Mr. Ward then gave a brief synopsis of the budget advising that there were no increased fees. He further advised that this budget totals \$7,571,560 and includes the Storm Drainage Project and the Laurel Trails Housing Project. The City Manager advised that he would be happy to answer any questions that Council may have.

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There were no questions or comments from Council prior to the public hearing.

Mayor Raines opened the public hearing.

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

There were no questions or comments from Council following the public hearing.

Mayor Raines advised that action would be taken on the City's budget at the next meeting.

Council had before them the 2004-2005 budget of the Norton City Schools.

Dr. John Sessoms, Superintendent of the Norton City Schools, was present and gave a brief synopsis of this budget in the total amount of \$5,945,586. This budget had been approved by the School Board on April 14, 2004 and amended by the School Board on May 24, 2004.

There were no questions or comments from Council on this budget.

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Upon a motion by Joseph Fawbush, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to adopt the 2004-2005 budget of the Norton City Schools as presented by Dr. John Sessoms, Superintendent.

Council had a request to amend the 2003-2004 General Fund Budget of the City in the amount of \$22,584. Mr. Ward advised that these funds were from the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Emergency Management.

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Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to amend the 2003-2004 General Fund Budget of the City in the amount of \$22,584.

Council had before them A Resolution establishing the holidays to be observed by the City beginning July 1, 2004.

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Mayor Raines read the holidays that are to be observed. There is the addition of one holiday. The Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday will now be observed by the City.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to go into closed meeting to discuss personnel as per 2.2-3711 (A) (1) of the Code of Virginia, as amended.

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Mayor Raines declared Council in closed meeting.

Upon a motion by Joseph Fawbush, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to go back into open meeting.

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The Clerk then polled each member of Council as to the certification of closed meeting with each answering yes. The Clerk then read A Resolution of the Certification Of Closed Meeting. Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by the following unanimous vote: YES – Wallace, Fawbush, Raines, NO – None, ABSENT – Hunnicutt, Mays, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the Certification of Closed Meeting. (Insert)

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Mayor Raines opened the floor for nominations to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a five year term which will expire on June 2, 2009. This nomination will be forwarded to the Circuit Court Judge for approval.

Jack Wallace nominated Mr. Bill Bledsoe to be reappointed to this board.

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

Mayor Raines declared Mr. Bill Bledsoe nominated to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a five year term. This term will expire on June 2, 2009. This nomination will go to the Circuit Court Judge for consideration of the appointment.

In comments from the City Manager, Mr. Ward advised that he was in receipt of a Notice of Award that needs to be executed to Glass Machinery for the Laurel Trails Subdivision. He is seeking permission from Council to execute this document.

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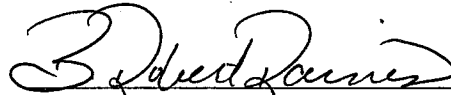
Upon a motion by Joseph Fawbush, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council authorized the City Manager to execute a Notice of Award to Glass Machinery for the Laurel Trails Subdivision Project.

In comments from the City Attorney, Mr. Bradshaw advised he will prepare the petition to the Circuit Court on Mr. Bledsoe's appointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals. He further advised that he will be out of town for Council's June 15th meeting due to Virginia State Bar business in Richmond.

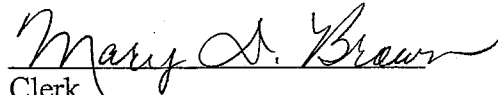
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There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned.

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA


B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:


Clerk