

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held on Tuesday, October 2, 2001 at the Council Chambers with Mayor Robert Raines presiding.

Present: Jack Wallace, Robert Raines, William Mays, and Joseph Fawbush

Absent: Joseph Hunnicutt

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

The invocation was given by the City Manager and was followed by the pledge of allegiance, which was led by the City of Norton Fire Chief, David Mullins.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the September 18, 2001 meeting as presented.

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There was no response to the audience for visitors.

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Ms. Michele Knox, Parks and Recreation Director, presented Council with an update on activities for her department for the year. She advised that the numbers were down due to the weather and presented Council with a five and ten year average of revenues from the pool.

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Ms. Knox advised Council of the various maintenance work that had been done both at the pool and Flag Rock. Figures for Flag Rock were not available at this time; however she will give Council a report on that after it closes.

Mayor Raines thanked Ms. Knox for her presentation.

Council had been presented with A Resolution Authorizing Participation in a Juvenile Detention Facilities Task Force.

Mr. Ward advised that the Southwest Virginia Regional Jail Authority recommended the continued pursuit of new regional juvenile detention facilities for Buchanan, Dickenson, Lee, Russell, Scott, Tazewell and Wise Counties and the City of Norton through the formation of a regional juvenile detention facilities task force modeled after the Southwest Virginia Regional Jail Task Force. This task force will be separate and distinct from the Regional Jail Authority. The City will have two representatives on this task force. Mr. Ward advised that, in his opinion, this would be a good move.

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Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by the following unanimous vote: YES – Wallace, Mays, Fawbush, Raines, NO – None, ABSENT – Hunnicutt, Council moved to adopt A Resolution Authorizing Participation in a Juvenile Detention Facilities Task Force. (Insert)

Fire Chief David C. Mullins spoke briefly to Council regarding the September 11th terrorist attack on the United States and then expressed heartfelt thanks from himself and the members of the Norton Fire Department to this City Council and their predecessors for making the Norton Fire Department one of the safest departments.

Chief Mullins then presented to Council the list of working officers for the Norton Fire Department for the fiscal year of 2001-2002.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council approved the list of working officers of the Norton Fire Department for the fiscal year of 2001-2002.

Mayor Raines expressed Council's appreciation to all emergency workers.

Council had included in their packets A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, A Participating Member of the Southwest Virginia Regional Jail Authority, Approving Support Agreement.

Mayor Raines advised that the City has three representatives on this Board. These are Sheriff Carlos Noaks, City Manager E. W. Ward, and himself.

Mr. Ward passed out a modified resolution, which was sent by the bond counsel of the Regional Jail Authority and briefly went over the modifications with Council. He gave Council a brief history of the Regional Jail Authority. In order to keep this process on-going, they are going to have to secure some interim financing in the form of bond anticipation notes. It has been determined that there is going to be a need of 1.1 million dollars over the next several months to keep the Authority going forward in the way that is needed. These funds would be used for the initial design of the facilities, some of the property acquisitions, and also to reimburse the localities the \$25,000 original contribution that was made when they joined. The reason for the need of borrowing this money is that there is no permanent financing in place. Permanent financing cannot take place until the General Assembly gives their approval and this money is in the State budget.

By adopting this resolution, Council would be approving a support agreement for the regional authority and the City would entertain a moral obligation to stand good for its share of the 1.1 million dollars in the highly unlikely case the Regional Authority never evolves. The City's share of the 1.1 million dollars is \$20,570. All of the participating localities are requested to adopt this resolution.

Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by the following unanimous roll call vote: YES – Wallace, Mays, Fawbush, Raines, NO – None, ABSENT – Hunnicutt, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, A Participating Member of the Southwest Virginia Regional Jail Authority, Approving Support Agreement. (Insert)

Due to the City's representatives attending the Virginia Municipal League Conference in October, Mayor Raines recommended that the meeting of October 16th be cancelled.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to cancel their next regularly scheduled council meeting of October 16th.

The November 6th meeting falls on Election Day. Council has, in the past, used the Norton Rescue Squad Building for this meeting. It was the consensus of Council that Mr. Ward reserve the Rescue Squad Building for the November 6th Council Meeting.

Council had in their packets a check in the amount of \$250,000 made payable to the Norton City Schools.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to approve a check in the amount of \$250,000 made payable to the Norton City Schools. 20011

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to go into closed meeting to discuss personnel as per Section 2.2-3711 (A) (1) of the Code of Virginia, as amended. 20012
Mayor Raines declared Council in closed meeting.

Upon a motion by Joseph Fawbush, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to go back into open meeting. 20013
Mayor Raines declared Council back in open meeting.

The Clerk then polled each member of Council as to the certification of closed meeting with each answering yes. Upon a motion by Joseph Fawbush, seconded by William Mays, and passed by the following unanimous vote: YES – Wallace, Mays, Fawbush, Raines, NO – None, ABSENT – None, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the Certification of Closed Meeting. (Insert) 20014

Mayor Raines opened the floor for an appointment to the Lenowisco Disability Services Board for a three year term which will expire on August 31, 2004.
William Mays nominated Mr. Ricky Clemons to be reappointed to this Board.
Upon a motion by Joseph Fawbush, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved that the nominations cease. 20015
Mayor Raines declared Mr. Ricky Clemons reappointed to the Lenowisco Disability Services Board for a three year term which will expire on August 31, 2004.

Mayor Raines opened the floor for nominations to the Southwest Virginia Emergency Medical Service Council for a three year term which will expire on September 30, 2004.
Jack Wallace nominated Mr. Bill Stokes to be reappointed to this Council. 20016
Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved that the nominations cease.
Mayor Raines declared Mr. Bill Stokes reappointed to the Southwest Virginia Emergency Medical Service Council for a three year term which will expire on September 30, 2004.

Mayor Raines opened the floor for an appointment to the Mountain Empire Older Citizens Advisory Board for a two year term which will expire on September 15, 2003.
Joseph Fawbush nominated Ms. Michele Knox to be reappointed to this Board.
Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved that the nominations cease. 20017
Mayor Raines declared Ms. Michele Knox reappointed to the Mountain Empire Older Citizens Advisory Board for a two year term which will expire on September 15, 2003.

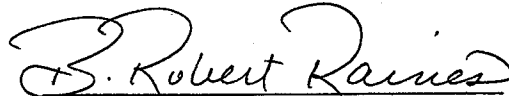
In comments from the City Manager, Mr. Ward advised that:

The Traffic Signal Project is proceeding. The reconstruction of the sidewalk on the 500 block of Park Avenue has begun. He extended appreciation to the businesses on that block for their patience. Construction is being done on every block of Park Avenue. Paving and milling should begin within the next week. He further advised that a cut needs to be made in the road on Kentucky Avenue near J. I. Burton High School and this will be done on Sunday. The road will be blocked from 7:00 a.m. to approximately 3:00 p.m.; however, it will be open to emergency traffic only.

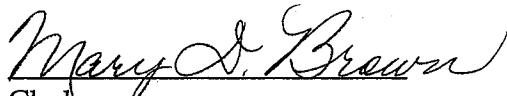
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There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned.

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA


B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:


Clerk