

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held on Tuesday, November 7, 2000 at the Norton Rescue Squad Building 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 Rev. Roy Laduke followed by the pledge of allegiance which was led by Police Captain Kenneth Jackson.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the October 17, 2000 meeting as presented.

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

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Council had a request from Bobby and Melissa Gillenwater of 435 Craig Street for a Special Use Permit to use City right-of-way for the purpose of constructing a driveway.

Mrs. Gillenwater was present to answer any questions from Council.

The City Manager advised this request was made due to the fact that this section of Craig Street is very narrow and that a section of sidewalk would have to be taken up and then reinstalled.

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Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Joseph Fawbush, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council authorized the City Manager to issue a Special Use Permit to Bobby and Melissa Gillenwater of 435 Craig Street for the construction of a driveway within a period of six months from the approval date.

Mr. Ward advised Mrs. Gillenwater that he would talk with her on Wednesday, November 8th, regarding this Special Use Permit.

Mayor Raines introduced Mr. Pat Murphy and Mr. Darrell Stapleton of Thompson and Litton who were present tonight to give Council an update on the Comprehensive Water Study.

Mr. Murphy gave Council a very in-depth review of the study they have conducted up to the present time and gave Council their recommendations to be considered toward eliminating the water shortage, not only for the present time, but for the next 25 years. The primary improvement needs to be accountability. Both he and Mr. Stapleton asked Council if they had any avenues they would like for T&L to investigate and bring back to them.

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Following a lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of Council for Mr. Murphy and Mr. Stapleton, when bringing back the finished study at the next regularly scheduled Council meeting, to bring back alternatives along with an implementation schedule and costs on each for Council's review. Two of these alternatives are spillway improvement and line replacement.

Mayor Raines thanked both Mr. Murphy and Mr. Stapleton for tonight's presentation.

Mr. Murphy advised if Council had any questions or comments, they should feel free to call them.

The City Council had a request for a water and sewer tap for Kelly B. Fowler of 6420 D-Nor Road. The City Manager advised that water is available; however, sewer is not.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to approve one water tap for Kelly B. Fowler of 6420 D-Nor Road.

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Council had been presented with a copy of a check made payable to the Norton City Schools in the amount of \$190,000 for approval.

Upon a motion by Joseph Fawbush, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to approve a check in the amount of \$190,000 made payable to the Norton City Schools.

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Upon a motion by Joseph Fawbush, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to go into closed session to discuss personnel as per 2.1-344(A) (1) of the Code of Virginia as amended and consultation with legal counsel pertaining to probable litigation as per 2.1-344 (A) (7) of the Code of Virginia as amended.

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Mayor Raines declared Council in closed meeting.

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

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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. The Clerk then read A Resolution of the Certification of Closed Meeting. Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by the following unanimous vote: Wallace, Mays, Fawbush, Raines - YES, NO - None, ABSENT - Hunnicutt, Council moved to adopt A Resolution for the Certification of Closed Meeting. (Insert)

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

The Hotel Norton Project is moving on. We have received funding in the amount of \$538,500 from the Department of Housing and Community Development. Mr. Ramey attended a VCEDA meeting at which time we were awarded the \$750,000 Shell Building Loan we had requested. The engineering firm of Dewberry and Davis has been awarded this project and they will be present at the next meeting to give a presentation to Council.

The Veterans Parade will be held on Saturday, November 11, 2000 beginning at 1:00 p.m. Council is invited to attend.

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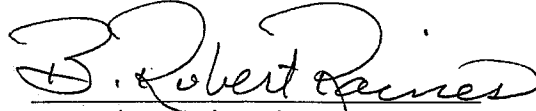
Both he and Council expressed thanks and appreciation to the Norton Rescue Squad for the use of their building for our meeting tonight.

Mayor Raines inquired as to when the Christmas parade and dinner would be held.
Mr. Ward advised that the Christmas Parade will be Saturday, December 2nd, at 6:00 p.m.
The City Christmas Dinner will be Thursday, December 7th, at 7:00 p.m.

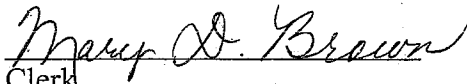
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There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned.

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA


B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:


Clerk