

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held on Tuesday, February 2, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Council Chambers with Mayor Robert Raines presiding.

Present: Joseph Hunnicutt, Robert Raines, William Mays, and Joseph Fawbush

Absent: Jack Wallace

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

The invocation was given by Father Joe Facura which was followed by the pledge of allegiance led by Police Chief Sam Mongle.

Upon a motion by Joseph Fawbush, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the January 19, 1999 meeting as presented.

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

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Mr. Ward advised Council that in their packets they have a resolution in support of a Ramsey/CVC Connector Road. Also included is a feasibility study done by Lenowisco and conducted by Maxim Engineering. He also had a map showing the different routes selected. The route recommended is one that runs from Bear Creek which comes out in Wise near the Paramount Sub-Division.

At this time, Councilman Hunnicutt advised he would abstain from any discussion and voting on this matter as he has an interest in some property where this proposed road is to be constructed.

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After a brief discussion and upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by the following roll call vote: Mays, Fawbush, Raines - YES, Hunnicutt - ABSTAIN, Wallace - ABSENT, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of Support for the Ramsey/Clinch Valley College/Business and Technology Park/Lonesome Pine Airport Connector Road. (Insert)

Council had before them a proposed contract with the Norton Housing Authority for discussion.

Mr. Ward advised that the Norton Redevelopment and Housing Authority had received a Public Housing Drug Elimination Grant in the amount of \$65,400 which is 100% funded from the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Police Chief Mongle was present to answer any questions Council might have regarding his department's role in this grant.

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Following a discussion, it was the concensus of Council for the City Manager to advertise a public hearing for this grant and amend the budget in the amount of \$65,400 if Council accepts this grant. This public hearing is to be held later in the month.

A request for a budget amendment in the amount of \$8,199 was on the agenda for Council's consideration. This grant was awarded last year and was used for overtime in the Police Department. If accepted by Council, this grant will be used for the same purpose this year. This amount is to be matched with \$911.00 of local funds.

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Upon a motion by Joseph Hunnicutt, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to amend the General Fund budget in the amount of \$8,199 from the Department of Criminal Justice Services to go toward overtime in the Police Department.

Council was advised that the City had been awarded a Domestic Violence Investigative Program Grant in the amount of \$18,375 with a \$9,692 local cash or in kind match from the Department of Criminal Justice Services.

Police Chief Mongle explained to Council how the funds from this grant would be used.

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Following a discussion and upon a motion by Joseph Fawbush, seconded by Joseph Hunnicutt, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council authorized the City Manager to accept the Domestic Violence Investigative Program Grant and to execute the appropriate documents.

Mayor Raines expressed Council's appreciation to Chief Mongle for the work done by him and his department.

Upon a motion by Joseph Hunnicutt, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, 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 Joseph Fawbush, seconded by Joseph Hunnicutt, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to go back into regular session.

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Mayor Raines declared the meeting 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 Joseph Hunnicutt, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by the following unanimous vote: Hunnicutt, Mays, Fawbush, Raines - YES, NO - None, ABSENT - Wallace, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the Certification of Executive Meeting. (Insert)

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Mayor Raines opened the floor for nominations to the Ad Hoc Ramsey/CVC Connector Road Committee.

William Mays nominated Mayor Robert Raines to serve on this committee.

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Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by the following vote: Mays, Fawbush, Raines - YES, Hunnicutt - ABSTAIN, Wallace - ABSENT, Council moved that the nominations cease.

Mayor Raines thanked Council for this appointment.

There were no comments from the City Manager.

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In comments from the City Attorney, Mr. Bradshaw advised:

The Hagy Funeral Home suit has gone to final order and the land is back on the tax rolls.

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At the last Council Meeting, Council had authorized the City Manager to enter into negotiations with Ms. Clella Minor for acquisition of two lots for a new pump station. This contract has been signed, the contingencies have been satisfied, the engineers have examined the property and found it suitable for the City's use, and he has completed the title examination and found the title to be in order. He finds it appropriate at this point to

authorize payment of the contract price of \$15,000 to purchase these two lots, and preparation of the deed to close this transaction.

Upon a motion by Joseph Hunnicutt, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council authorized the City Manager to pay Mrs. Clella Minor the amount of \$15,000 for the two lots on which a new water pump station will be built.

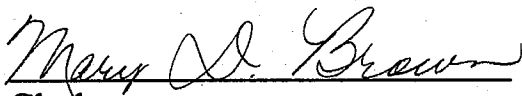
There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned.

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA



B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:



Clerk