

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

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

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

The invocation was given by Dr. Miller Liston and was followed by the pledge of allegiance led by the Police Chief, Sam Mongle.

At this time, the City Attorney took his seat.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Joseph Hunnicutt, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the February 16, 1999 meeting as presented.

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A public hearing was held on the reissuance of a Public Dance Hall Permit to the Holiday Inn and the Virginia-Kentucky Opry.

Mayor Raines advised that per Section 3-58 of the City Code, Council reviews these permits annually and conducts a public hearing.

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

Mayor Raines opened the public hearing.

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

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Representatives of both businesses were present.

Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Joseph Hunnicutt, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to reissue Dance Hall Permits to the Holiday Inn and the Virginia-Kentucky Opry.

Council had in their packets a letter from Mr. William Sturgill, Chairman of the Norton Industrial Development Authority regarding a Memorandum of Understanding Between the City and NIDA. In his letter, Mr. Sturgill had two items of consideration for Council. The first is the note with Powell Valley National Bank that was obtained on March 15, 1994 in the amount of \$800,000 will balloon on March 15th of this year. The current balance is \$575,000 and they seek Council's guidance as to what Council chooses to do. They further advised that the bank is willing to negotiate an extension of the Note.

The second item is that the Memorandum of Understanding states that the Industrial Authority has five years to successfully market the hotel and should they fail to do so satisfactorily by June 30, 1999, the Authority agrees to convey the hotel property to the City upon 30 day written notice to the Authority from the City.

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Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Joseph Hunnicutt, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council authorized the Mayor to communicate by letter to the Norton Industrial Development Authority that they should renegotiate with the Powell Valley National Bank a note in the amount of \$575,000.

In their packets, Council has a copy of an Agreement for Street Flushing Services between the Towns of Big Stone Gap, Coeburn, and the City of Norton.

Mr. Ward advised that Lenowisco has ceased their street washing activity for the various entities. This agreement states that the above three entities will lease a 1978 Mack Street Flusher Truck from the Lenowisco Planning District for the annual sum of \$1,000. They will be responsible for all maintenance and repairs on this truck and the City of Norton will act as the fiscal agent for this transaction, will house the truck, and provide a driver. Costs will be shared on a pro-rata basis.

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Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Joseph Hunnicutt, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council authorized the City Manager to execute an Agreement for Street Flushing Services with the Towns of Coeburn and Big Stone Gap.

Upon a motion by William Mays, 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 Council 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 back 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 William Mays, seconded by Joseph Hunnicutt, and passed by the following unanimous vote, Hunnicutt, Wallace, Mays, Fawbush, Raines - YES, NO - None, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the Certification of Executive Meeting. (Insert)

19268

The Mayor opened the floor for nominations to the Norton Redevelopment and Housing Authority for a four year term which will expire on January 28, 2003. This term was formerly held by Mr. Damon Haynes who chose not to be reappointed.

Joseph Hunnicutt nominated Mr. Kenny Lyons to be appointed to the Housing Authority.

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

Mayor Raines declared Mr. Kenny Lyons appointed to the Norton Redevelopment and Housing Authority for a four year term which will expire on January 28, 2003.

The Mayor opened the floor for a second appointment to the Norton Redevelopment and Housing Authority for a four year term which will expire on January 28, 2003.

Joseph Hunnicutt nominated Mrs. Dorothy Graham to be reappointed to the Housing Authority.

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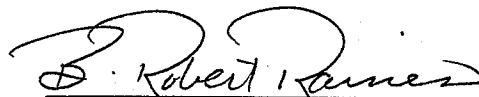
Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved that the nominations cease.

Mayor Raines declared Mrs. Dorothy Graham reappointed to the Norton Housing and Redevelopment Authority for a four year term which will expire January 28, 2003.

There were no comments from the City Manager or the City Attorney.

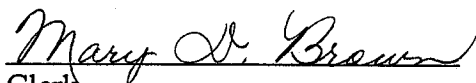
There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned.

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA



B. Robert Raines
B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:



Mary D. Brown
Clerk