

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held on Tuesday, August 17, 1999 in the Municipal 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, which was led by Captain Kenneth Jackson of the Norton Police Department.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the August 3, 1999 meeting as presented.

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Mayor Raines advised that a year ago, through the efforts of the Virginia Municipal League, the City of Buena Vista and the City of Norton were paired as sister cities in the VML's Sister City Program. In July of this year, Mayor Raines, Vice Mayor Mays, Councilman Joseph Fawbush, City Manager E. W. Ward, and Assistant City Manager Fred Ramey traveled to Buena Vista for a visit.

Tonight, he welcomed Mayor Harold Kidd and several representatives of Buena Vista to Norton.

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Mayor Kidd introduced the gentlemen in his party and expressed their pleasure to be visiting with us.

Following Mayor Kidd's comments, Mayor Raines presented to him a plaque with the Key to the City to be shared with the Council and citizens of Buena Vista and thanked them for being our special guests this evening.

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

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Mr. Ward advised Council that as of today we had a reservoir total of 58.69 million gallons. He further advised that we are bringing 500,000 gallons per day from the Wise County Public Service Authority. He had included in Council's packets a copy of our Water Contingency Plan and our Plan for Declaring an Emergency if Council desired to take any action.

Mayor Raines advised that the situation is critical and he strongly urged all citizens to voluntarily conserve water. If we continue to have no rainfall, Council will be forced to enact our Water Contingency Plan.

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Mayor Raines thanked both the City Manager and Tommy Roberts, Superintendent of our Water Plant, for their efforts.

The City Manager advised that for the past several years we have operated our two reservoirs under a conditional permit. The upper reservoir is an earthen dam and the lower is a concrete arch dam. The Conditional Operating Permit we have states that we will be required to correct our inadequate spillway capacity to meet what may happen if

we have a Probable Maximum Flood (PMF), a catastrophic rain event which would cause the reservoir to fill up so fast that the spillway could not handle the discharge of the water quickly enough to prevent the dam from overtopping and cause the failure of the dam. In 1995, Council was proceeding in the direction of increasing our spillway capacity and in doing so, we learned that our earthen dam at the upper reservoir was in danger of failing as it was. Luckily, there was a water shortage during that time and there was not a lot of water in the upper reservoir. Through a \$300,000 project, we corrected that problem, but the condition requiring we correct our spillway capacity has not gone away. He has met within the last couple of weeks with representatives of Thompson and Litton to discuss the problem and this requirement of increasing our spillway capacity, and also to discuss actions which we might take to increase our storage capacity or to preserve our water supply.

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Present tonight from Thompson and Litton were Mr. Mike Hatfield and Mr. Steve Breeding.

Both Mr. Hatfield and Mr. Breeding spoke to Council. Mr. Breeding advised that the City had several options and briefly went over these with Council.

Mr. Ward advised that the Administration will be looking for a recommendation from Council in the future as to which action to take as our current permit expires 12/31/2000.

Following a brief discussion, Mayor Raines thanked Mr. Hatfield and Mr. Breeding for their presentation.

Assistant City Manager Fred Ramey and GIS Coordinator Kevin Edwards gave Council a brief update on the City's web page and took them briefly through some of the highlights on it.

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Mayor Raines thanked both Mr. Ramey and Mr. Edwards for their work on the web page.

GIS Coordinator Kevin Edwards and Fred Ramey, Assistant City Manager, briefly went over the progress they are making on the GIS Mapping Program and highlighted this program for Council.

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Mayor Raines expressed Council's appreciation to both Mr. Edwards and Mr. Ramey for their work on the GIS Program.

Council had a request in their packets to abandon or relocate a cul-de-sac on Wharton Lane. Present at tonight's meeting representing Granite Development was Mr. Gregory Gilbert, local attorney.

Mr. Ward advised that Granite Development wishes to build an office building on the piece of property where the cul-de-sac is located, which is owned by the City, and wishes to move the cul-de-sac to another piece of property.

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The City Attorney spoke briefly to Council advising the procedures that would need to be followed if Council decided to approve this request and sell the property to Granite Development.

Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Joseph Fawbush, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council authorized the City Manager to advertise a public hearing to be held at our September 7<sup>th</sup> meeting to alter the cul-de-sac on Wharton Lane.

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

At our next meeting, we will hold a public hearing and discussion of a proposed Comprehensive Housing Study for Council's input and comments; have a revised draft on our Animal/Fowl Ordinance; the Treasurer will present his annual report and the Parks & Recreation Director will be present to give a report on summer activities.

We have received approval from Rural Development to advertise for bids on the Esserville Sewer Line, and we have done so.

Work on the 11<sup>th</sup> Street Pump Station Project is continuing.

Restrooms at Clear Creek Project should be finished in September.

The City Manager then presented Council members with a 8-1/2"x 11" Zoning Map of the City.

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He then advised that the Celebrate 2000!!! Committee will be coming to Council soon to present what they have planned for our December 31<sup>st</sup> celebration.

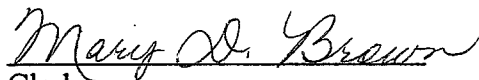
There being no further business to come before Council and the meeting was adjourned.

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA



B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:



Clerk