

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held on Tuesday, September 21, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. in the 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 the City Manager and was followed by the pledge of allegiance led by City Sheriff Carlos Noaks.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, the minutes of the September 7, 1999 meeting were approved as presented.

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At this time, Mayor Raines advised the agenda was being amended to add under New Business - Item 7-D-1 - A Resolution to Approve a Construction Contract for the Esserville Sewer Project.

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During the Mayor's call for visitors, Police Chief Sam Mongle spoke briefly to Council and advised them that the Norton Police Department is now Y2K compliant. Chief Mongle invited Council to visit the Dispatch Center following tonight's meeting.

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The City Manager advised Council that as of today we had a combined capacity in both reservoirs of 40.13 million gallons. He showed Council a picture taken this past week-end by Councilman Fawbush of the upper reservoir. He also showed Council a picture of a piece of pipe that had blown out during the leak in Ramsey last week.

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Council was also given a handout detailing the purchase of PSA water.

Following a brief discussion, it was the consensus of Council that they strongly encourage all businesses and private individuals to curtail all unnecessary use of water.

Mayor Raines also advised that if the water levels reach 30 million gallons, Council will have to implement the Contingency Plan.

Council had in their packets A Resolution In Support of All America City Month.

Mr. Ron Flanary, Executive Director of the Lenowisco Planning District, was present and introduced Mr. Gary Mabrey, Vice President of the Johnson City, Jonesborough, and Washington County Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Mabrey spoke briefly to Council about the collaboration of work done regionally in order for the Tri-Cities TN/VA to be awarded the title of All America City in Philadelphia in June of this year.

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Mr. Mabrey presented Council with a plaque of appreciation along with decals and logos that can be used on City vehicles, clothing, etc. He advised that Mr. Flanary and Mr. Skinner of Lenowisco had worked with them on this project.

Mayor Raines thanked Mr. Mabrey for this presentation.

Upon a motion by Joseph Fawbush, seconded by Joseph Hunnicutt, and passed by the following unanimous vote: Hunnicutt, Wallace, Mays, Fawbush, Raines - YES, NO - None, ABSENT - None, Council moved to adopt A Resolution In Support of All America City Month which is September. (Insert)

Mr. Ward advised Mr. Mabrey that he will send him a copy of the signed resolution.

Included in Council's packets was A Resolution of Participation In the Virginia Coalfield Workforce Investment Area.

Mr. Ward advised that if Council adopts this resolution, the City will be participating with the entire coalfield region in designating Planning Districts 1 and 2 as a Workforce Investment Area. Planning Districts 1 and 2 are made up of Buchanan, Dickenson, Lee, Russell, Scott, Tazewell, and Wise Counties and the City of Norton.

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This Act is a piece of federal legislation adopted in 1998 and requires the Governor to designate Workforce Investment areas in the state. Mr. Ward then explained to Council the requirements to be used in determining which areas are selected.

He has met with the county administrators recently and they concluded that the best way for this area to apply is by being a region. The first step is to adopt a resolution requesting this designation. A form then will have to be filled out jointly and submitted to the Governor's office for consideration. The resolution will also name Russell County as the fiscal agent for funds to be received.

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The Coalfield Workforce Investment Act basically supersedes the Job Training Partnership Act. Regulations are still being promulgated to set up the Board to oversee this Workforce Investment Area. The intent of the legislation is to streamline what services are being offered to the public and to make it such that these services can be obtained all at one time.

Upon a motion by Joseph Hunnicutt, seconded by William Mays, and passed by the following unanimous vote: Hunnicutt, Wallace, Mays, Fawbush, Raines - YES,

NO - None, ABSENT - None, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of Participation in the Virginia Coalfield Workforce Investment Area. (Insert)

Council had a request from Dr. John Sessoms, Superintendent of the Norton City Schools, to amend their 1999-2000 budget in the amount of \$9,280.43, which covers funds received from a Goals 2000 Grant.

Upon a motion by Joseph Fawbush, seconded by Joseph Hunnicutt, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to amend the City of Norton 1999-2000 School Board Budget in the amount of \$9,280.43.

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Michele Knox, Parks and Recreation Director, gave Council a brief synopsis of the past pool season. Fiscally, this was the best year in the past nine years. She also discussed special activities held at the pool this summer along with camping and shelter bookings at Flag Rock.

The City Manager had provided Council with a handout giving them the cost of operating the pool for their review.

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Mayor Raines thanked Ms. Knox for her presentation and expressed Council's appreciation to her and her staff.

Council had been given A Resolution of the City of Norton, Virginia to Approve a Construction Contract on the Esserville Sewer Project.

Mr. Mike Hatfield of Thompson and Litton spoke briefly to Council advising that the City had received six bids on this project. The low bid of \$365,685.24 was below their engineer's estimate and was submitted by Estes Brothers Construction of Jonesville, Va. It was their recommendation to Council that they award this contract to Estes Brothers Construction.

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Mr. Ward briefly discussed with Council the funding for this project and stated that this will replace approximately one mile of sewer line including that going to the Industrial Park and the K-Mart Shopping Center.

Upon a motion by Joseph Hunnicutt, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by the following unanimous roll call vote: Hunnicutt, Wallace, Mays, Fawbush, Raines - YES, NO - None, ABSENT - None, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the City of Norton, Virginia to Approve a Construction Contract on the Esserville Sewer Project. (Insert)

Upon a motion by Joseph Fawbush, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to go into closed meeting to discuss personnel as per 2.1-344(A) (1) of the Code of Virginia, as amended.

Mayor Raines declared Council in closed meeting.

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

Mayor Raines declared the meeting back in open meeting.

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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 Closed Meeting. Upon a motion by Joseph Hunnicutt, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by the following unanimous vote: Hunnicutt, Wallace, Mays, Fawbush, Raines - YES, NO - None, ABSENT - None, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the Certification of Closed Meeting.

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Mayor Raines opened the floor for nominations to the Mountain Empire Older Citizens Advisory Board for a two year term which will expire on September 15, 2001.

Jack Wallace nominated Ms. Michele Knox to be reappointed to this Board.

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

Mayor Raines declared Michele Knox reappointed to the Mountain Empire Older Citizens Advisory Board for a two year term which will expire on September 15, 2001.

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Mayor Raines opened the floor for an appointment to the Southwest Virginia Emergency Medical Council for a three year term which will expire on September 30, 2002.

William Mays nominated Mr. Brian Saunders to be appointed to this Council.

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. Brian Saunders appointed to the Southwest Virginia Emergency Medical Council for a three year term which will expire on September 30, 2002.

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Mayor Raines opened the floor for nominations to the Disability Services Board for a three year term which will expire on August 31, 2002.

Joseph Hunnicutt nominated Michele Knox to be reappointed to this Board.

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

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Mayor Raines declared Ms. Michele Knox reappointed to the Disability Services Board for a three year term which will expire on August 31, 2002.

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

Each member of Council was given a copy of the new City Council photograph.

Council was invited to the Open House to be held on Thursday, September 30<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Registrar's new offices, located in the Community Center Building, 201 Park Avenue, N. E.

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Beginning this month, he will be furnishing Council with a report advising what has been happening in the City to better keep them informed.

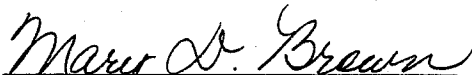
There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned to tour the Police Department Dispatch Center.

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA



B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
City Clerk