

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held on Tuesday, July 7, 1998 at the Municipal Council Chambers with Vice Mayor William Mays presiding.

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

Absent: Robert Raines

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

The invocation was given by Rev. Jim Goddard and was followed by the pledge of allegiance which was led by David C. Mullins, Chief of the Norton Fire Department.

Upon a motion by Joseph Hunnicutt, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the June 16, 1998 meeting as presented.

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Upon a motion by Joseph Hunnicutt, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the July 1, 1998 organizational meeting.

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During the Vice Mayor's call for visitors, Mr. Blaine Delaney, Coordinator of the Black Diamond R. C. & D., spoke briefly to Council giving them an update on the Farmers Market which they hope will open within the next two weeks in the City. He also discussed some programs on water quality they will be hosting in the fall which will involve some of the Norton City Schools students.

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Mr. Delaney gave Council letters of invitation to a picnic dinner to be held on July 16th.

Vice Mayor Mays thanked Mr. Delaney for his update to Council.

Council had a request for the use of City right-of-way for Ms. Sandra Watts on Poplar Street. Mr. Ward had given Council an updated map show the location of this property and advised that the City Administration had no problem with this request.

19072

Upon a motion by Joseph Fawbush, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council authorized the City Manager to issue a Revocable

License to Ms. Sandra Watts to use City right-of-way for the purpose of a driveway for a home she plans to build.

Council had a request from Mr. Freddie Stidham to use City right-of-way on a portion of property just off Roberts Avenue on 5th Street for the purpose of entering, exiting, and parking.

The City Manager advised that the City Administration has no problem with issuing this revocable license.

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Upon a motion by Joseph Hunnicutt, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council authorized the City Manager to issue a Revocable License to Mr. Freddie Stidham.

Council had a request for one water tap in the Esserville area from Mr. Richard K. Hurt.

Mr. Ward advised water is available at this location and the City Administration asks favorable consideration on this request.

19074

Upon a motion by Joseph Hunnicutt, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by unanimous vote, Council approved one water tap in the Esserville area for Mr. Richard K. Hurt.

The City Manager gave Council information on the Commission on the Condition and Future of Virginia's Cities. He advised that this Commission was formed by the last session of the General Assembly. Members are legislators, local government representatives, and some citizenry from the Commonwealth.

The Commission will study Virginia cities for two years and make an interim report to the Governor of the General Assembly during the 1999 session of the General Assembly. The Commission will then make a final report with their recommendations during the year 2000 at the session of the General Assembly.

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The Vice Chairman of this Commission will be holding a meeting on July 24th in Richmond with interested individuals to solicit input and concern from cities throughout the Commonwealth. At this time, Mr. Ward plans to attend this meeting.

Following a brief discussion, Mr. Ward advised Council he would keep them aware of the work of this Commission.

Mr. Ward advised Council that the annual Virginia Municipal League Conference will be held October 4 - October 6, 1998 in Roanoke. He asked

Council members to advise him as soon as possible if they will be able to attend in order that he may make their reservations.

19076

Council had a copy of a check in the amount of \$150,000 made payable to the Norton City Schools.

Upon a motion by Joseph Hunnicutt, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council approved a check in the amount of \$150,000 made payable to the Norton City Schools.

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Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Joseph Hunnicutt, 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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Vice Mayor Mays declared the meeting in Executive Session.

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

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Vice Mayor Mays 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 yes. The Clerk then read the entire Resolution of the Certification of Executive Meeting.

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

Vice Mayor Mays opened the floor for nominations to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a five year term which will expire on June 2, 2003.

Jack Wallace nominated Mr. Larry Hamilton to be reappointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

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

Vice Mayor Mays declared Mr. Larry Hamilton nominated to the Circuit Court for reappointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a five year term which will expire on June 2, 2003.

In his comments, the City Manager advised:

A new stand is being built to hold the cannon in front of Council Chambers.

1908

The bid opening for the restrooms at the J. I. Burton Football Field will be held on July 10th and a contract will be awarded shortly thereafter.

In comments from the City Attorney, Mr. Bradshaw advised that he had asked Mr. Ward to advertise a public hearing for an ordinance to readopt resolutions and ordinances that have been previously adopted. This is due to the recent action by the State Supreme Court on record keeping of council minutes. He further advised this is for protective measures especially in zoning and police matters.

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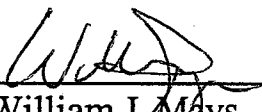
Mr. Ward passed out to Council new supplements to be inserted in their City Codes and gave City Codes to our two new councilmen, Mr. Fawbush and Mr. Hunnicutt.

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Vice Mayor Mays welcomed newly elected Councilmen Fawbush and Hunnicutt.

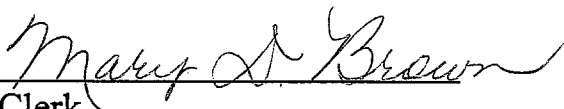
There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned.

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA



William J. Mays
Vice Mayor

ATTEST:



Clerk