

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held on Tuesday, January 21, 1997 at the Municipal Council Chambers with Mayor Robert Raines presiding.

Present: Roy Roberts, Jack Wallace, Robert Raines, William Mays, and Ron McCall

Also Present: E. W. Ward, City Manager and Joe Pippin, City Attorney

The invocation was given by Rev. Steve Connerly followed by the pledge of allegiance which was led by the Director of Social Services, Bill Stokes.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the January 7, 1996 meeting as corrected. (In comments from the City Manager, the date of the CIP Meeting is February 7th instead of February 2nd as stated.)

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

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

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

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

Police Chief Sam Mongle advised his department had no problem with the reissuance of these permits.

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Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to renew Dance Hall Permits to the Holiday Inn and the Virginia-Kentucky Opry for a one year period.

Mr. Ward is to advise both businesses of their renewal of Dance Hall Permits.

The City Manager had a request for Council's permission to authorize the Old Dominion Power Company to install street lights on Hawthorne Drive.

Mr. Ward advised Old Dominion will install twenty (20) street lights at a cost of \$5.86 per month per light and advised the City can absorb this cost in the current budget. The City Administration requests favorable consideration of this request.

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Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to authorize the City Manager to execute a

contract with Old Dominion Power Company to install street lights on Hawthorne Drive.

Council had in their packets a request for permission for the City Manager to execute an Agreement with the Virginia Department of Transportation.

Mr. Ward advised this agreement references the replacement of the 2nd Street Bridge located in the Round Town Area and that the City is responsible for two percent (2%) of the cost, some of which has been paid. He further advised the City Attorney has approved the document.

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Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council authorized the City Manager to execute an agreement with the Virginia Department of Transportation.

Council had a request for one water and one sewer tap in the Esserville area of Wise County for Mr. John D. Hamilton.

Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council authorized a sewer tap for Mr. John D. Hamilton of 5324 Esserville Road.

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Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by the following vote: Mr. Roberts - NO, Mr. Wallace, Mr. Mays, Mr. McCall, and Mr. Raines - YES, Council authorized a water tap for Mr. John D. Hamilton of 5324 Esserville Road.

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Council had a request for a refund for a double assessment on 1996 Personal Property Taxes for Gelco Corporation.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to grant a refund in the amount of \$314.50 to Gelco Corporation for a double assessment on 1996 Personal Property Tax.

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A request for funds had been sought by the Norton Police Department Explorers. Mr. Ward advised the Explorers were going to an annual Explorer Competition in Gatlinburg and were asking for a contribution from the City. Mr. Ward recommended \$700 which would come from our Contingency Fund.

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Vice Mayor Mays advised he has two sons in this group and therefore he would decline from any discussion or voting on this item.

Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by the following vote: Roberts, Wallace, McCall, and Raines - YES, Mays - ABSTAIN, Council authorized a \$700 contribution to the Norton Police Department Explorers for their competition in Gatlinburg with

said funds to come from Contingency.

Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by William Mays, 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. 17718

Mayor Raines declared the meeting in Executive Session.

Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to go back into regular session. 17719

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 Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the Certification of Executive Meeting. (Insert) 17720

Mayor Raines opened the floor for nominations to the Norton Redevelopment and Housing Authority for a four year term which will expire on January 28, 2001.

Jack Wallace nominated Mr. Rudy Whitehorn to be reappointed to the Norton Redevelopment and Housing Authority. 17721

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

Mayor Raines declared Mr. Rudy Whitehorn reappointed to the Norton Redevelopment and Housing Authority for a four year term which will expire on January 28, 2001.

Mayor Raines opened the floor for nominations to the Housing Appeals Board for a five year term which will expire on January 17, 2002.

Roy Roberts nominated Mr. Mike Ball to be reappointed to the Housing Appeals Board. 17722

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

Mayor Raines declared Mr. Mike Ball reappointed to the Housing Appeals Board for a five year term which will expire on January 17, 2002.

Mayor Raines opened the floor for nominations to the Highway Safety Commission for two year terms which will expire on January 31, 1999. 17723

William Mays nominated Randy Castle, Bruce Rose, Gary Call, and Linville Reed to be reappointed to the Highway Safety Commission.

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

Mayor Raines declared Randy Castle, Bruce Rose, Gary Call, and Linville Reed reappointed to the Highway Safety Commission for two year terms which will expire on January 31, 1999.

In his comments, the City Manager advised:

He had received our 1996 Curbside Recycling Totals and we had recycled 39,985 pounds of aluminum, glass, plastic, and paper. This total is 10,000 pounds above the total weight for 1995.

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There were no comments from the City Attorney or Council.

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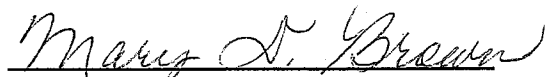
There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned.

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA



B. Robert Raines, Mayor

Attest:


Clerk