

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held on Tuesday, September 2, 1997 at the Municipal Council Chambers with Mayor Raines presiding.

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

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

The invocation was given by the City Manager and was followed by the pledge of allegiance which was led by the Chief of Police, Sam Mongle.

Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the August 19, 1997 meeting as presented.

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During the Mayor's call for visitors, Mr. Jack Kennedy, Circuit Court Clerk, spoke to Council regarding the recently passed ordinance requiring fingerprinting for concealed handgun permits. This ordinance calls for a FBI national history record check.

Mr. Kennedy advised he knew nothing of this ordinance until he read about its passage in the paper. Due to the work involved in setting up new accounts to cover the specifics of this ordinance, he asked Council to delay the effective date from September 19, 1997 until October 1, 1997.

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The City Attorney advised he had talked with both the County Sheriff and County Attorney prior to Council's passage of this ordinance. He further advised he did not know if Council can delay the effective date on any ordinance. He will research this and get back to Council.

Mr. Kennedy advised he would work with us if the effective date cannot be delayed.

The City Attorney presented to Council an amended copy of the Agreement with Lost Creek Development Corporation which contains the changes discussed at the last Council meeting with the exception that it is to be signed by the Mayor rather than the City Manager.

Mr. Bill Skeen of the Lost Creek Development Corporation was present and advised Council that they were satisfied with the agreement.

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Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to adopt the Agreement with the Lost Creek Development Corporation as amended. (Insert)

City Treasurer Joe Stallard presented Council with his annual report and advised that real estate taxes were not being paid as they had been in the past. He further advised that there were still five parcels in the legal process on the Bill in Equity or Judicial Sale. Mr. Stallard then answered questions from Council.

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Mayor Raines thanked Mr. Stallard for the work done by his office.

Mr. Ward advised Council that bids were opened on the Gardner Hollow /Hamner Hill Water Project. The City received five (5) bids with Franks Construction having the low bid on both projects of \$41,783.75 (\$29,933.75 for the Gardner Hollow Project and \$11,850.00 for the Hamner Hill Project).

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Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council authorized the City Manager to execute the contracts with Franks Construction Company on the Gardner Hollow/Hamner Hill Water Project.

Mr. Ward advised that at the April 15, 1997 Council Meeting he brought to Council the concept of moving the two voting precincts to the Norton Community Center. Nothing was resolved at that meeting and he brought this item back tonight. He asked that Council table this matter to a future date until it can be further studied.

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During this discussion, Marie Muir, Registrar, and Ruth Woods, Secretary of the Electoral Board, spoke on the new electronic voting machines we have ordered and will be using in the November election.

Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to table the item of relocating the voting precincts until the Spring of 1998.

Council had a request for a water and sewer tap for Melanie S. Smith of Morrison Road which is located outside the City limits.

Mr. Ward advised both water and sewer were available.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous vote, Council authorized a sewer tap for Melanie S. Smith.

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Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by the following vote: Roberts - NO, Wallace, Mays, McCall, and Raines - YES, Council authorized a water tap for Melanie S. Smith.

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Mr. Ward is to notify Mrs. Smith of the approval of her taps.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to go into Executive Session to discuss the disposition of publicly held property as per 2.1-344(A) (3) of the Code of Virginia, as amended.

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Mayor Raines declared the meeting in Executive Session.

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

Mayor Raines declared the meeting back in regular session.

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The Clerk then polled each member as to the Certification of Executive Meeting with each answering yes. The Clerk then read the entire Resolution of the Certification of Executive Meeting. Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the Certification of Executive Meeting. (Insert)

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Mayor Raines advised no action is being taken from the Executive Session tonight.

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In his comments, the City Manager advised:

That he, Councilman Roberts, representatives of Lost Creek Development Corporation, and representatives of VDOT met on August 22nd to discuss the sign in front of the Lost Creek Development as per the instructions of Council. It was the consensus that all three parties will work to get this sign moved and he feels that they will be able to do that in the near future.

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Mayor Raines reminded Council that there will be a work session with the School Board following the next Council Meeting on September 16th.

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There were no comments from the City Attorney or Council.

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

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA

B. Robert Raines
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Mayor

ATTEST:

Nancy S. Brown, Clerk