

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on Tuesday, January 2, 1996 at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Robert Raines presiding.

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

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

The invocation was given by Father Tom Collins which was followed by the pledge of allegiance led by Police Chief Sam Mongle.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the December 19, 1995 meeting as presented.

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Mayor Raines advised the agenda is being amended under Item 6-D - Executive Session to include Actual or Probable Litigation as per 2.1-344(A) (7) of the Code of Virginia, as amended.

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

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Council had in their packets A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Requesting the Utilization of Inmate Labor From the Virginia Department of Corrections.

After reading the entire resolution, Mr. Ward advised that we have used inmate labor in the past and that the regulations had changed and Council needed to adopt this resolution. He recommended the adoption of same.

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Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Requesting the Utilization of Inmate Labor From the Virginia Department of Corrections. (Insert)

The City Manager had furnished Council with a copy of the Virginia Municipal League 1996 Legislative Agenda which he furnished for informational purposes. He went over the VML's priorities to legislation, their list of goals, and other items in this agenda. The City Administration will be in touch with local legislators during the upcoming session of the General Assembly.

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Council had in their packets a check in the amount of \$245,000 to cover payroll for the Norton City Schools.

Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to approve a check in the amount of \$245,000 to the Norton City Schools to cover payroll.

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Council had a check in the amount of \$802,233.19 made payable to the First Union Bank to approve.

Mr. Ward advised this was the pay off on the interim loan to cover the Burton High School Project since we had received funds from the State Literary Fund. He further advised this project is now completed and the school will begin repaying the debt next year.

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Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to approve a check in the amount of \$802,233.19 made payable to First Union Bank.

Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel as per Section 2.1-344(A) (1) of the Code of Virginia, as amended and Actual or Probable Litigation as per Section 2.1-344(A) (7) of the Code of Virginia, as amended.

Mayor Raines declared the meeting in Executive Session.

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

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 Ron McCall, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the Certification Meeting. (Insert)

As to actual or probable litigation and personnel, Mayor Raines advised no action had been taken.

In his comments, the City Manager advised:

The 7th Annual Chipping of the Greens will be held this Saturday, January 6, 1996 from 10:00 to 2:00 at the Walmart location.

The City has received a commitment of an Appalachian Regional Commission Grant in the amount of just under \$403,000 to replace approximately 6,000 feet of sewer line in the East Park Avenue and Esserville areas. More information on this sewer line will be brought to Council in the future. He further advised that this brings us to a total of eight (8) open grants with a total in dollars of \$1,695,000 in grant funds.

There were no comments from Council and no further business to come before council, the meeting was adjourned.

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA



B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:



Clerk