

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on Tuesday, February 6, 1996 at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Robert Raines presiding.

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

Absent: Jack Wallace and Joe Pippin, City Attorney

Also Present: E. W. Ward, City Manager

The invocation was given by Dr. Miller Liston which was followed by the pledge of allegiance led by the Chief of Police, 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 January 16, 1996 meeting as presented.

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

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A public hearing was held on A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Requesting the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia to Amend the Charter of the City of Norton.

Mr. Ward advised that he and the City Attorney has been working with Senator Wampler, Delegate Phillips, and the Division of Legislative Services on getting the City Charter amended due to the change of elected school board members. This procedure is per Section 15.1-835 of the State Code which states this shall be done by resolution and a public hearing shall be held on the change. This information has been put forth in the General Assembly due to the time restraints we have with the sessions of the General Assembly. Once the resolution is adopted, it will be faxed to the Division of Legislative Services Wednesday morning.

Prior to the public hearing, the Clerk read the entire resolution. 17408

Mayor Raines opened the public hearing.

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

Mr. Ward further advised Council that the terms in the resolution coincide with the plan submitted in May to the Justice Department.

Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Requesting the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia to Amend the Charter of the City of Norton. (Insert)

The next item on the agenda was an update on the Parks and Recreation Study.

Mr. Ward advised this item needs to be tabled as the representatives from Barge, Waggoner, Sumner, and Cannon, due to the recent bad weather, had lost work days and were not able to finish their report. A report will be faxed to the City Manager this week for his review and pre-sentation to Council.

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Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to table this item.

At this time, Vice Mayor William Mays advised he would be abstaining from any discussion and vote on the next agenda item which is the renewal of the Bingo and Raffle Permit for the Norton City Schools and the Norton Rescue Squad. Vice Mayor Mays is Captain of the Norton Rescue Squad.

Mr. Ward advised this is an annual renewal of these two permits and both had submitted the proper application and financial information to Council. Both are asking for Council's favorable consideration in the renewal of these permits and the waiving of the \$25.00 fee.

Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Ron McCall, and adopted by the following roll call vote: Roberts, McCall, Raines - YES, Mays - ABSTAIN, Council moved to renew the Bingo/Raffle Permits for the City of Norton Schools and the Norton Rescue Squad with the \$25.00 fee waived.

The City Treasurer, Mr. Joe Stallard, spoke to Council regarding the purchase of a shredder and typewriter for his office. These would be purchased through funds which had been allocated to his office for part time help and not used. Total cost for these two items is approximately \$970. The City share of this amount would be two thirds or approximately \$600.00. Mr. Stallard advised he would appreciate Council's favorable consideration.

Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by William Mays, the motion died due to a lack of a second.

Council had a request for a sewer tap for the Buster Brown Apparel which will be located in the shell building in the Industrial Park in Wise and who hopes to become operational in early spring.

The City Manager advised that they are expected to be a large water user and the existing 8" sewer line we have serving this area will almost reach its capacity with this particular tap. In order for this industrial park to develop fully and areas in and around the park and Guest River to fully develop, we are going to have to update our lines.

Mr. Ward also advised Council that the City is in line to receive an Appalachian Regional Commission Grant in the amount of approximately \$400,000 which will assist the City in upgrading the line to Esserville from an 8 inch line to a 12 inch line for 4200 linear feet of 12" sewer replacing an 8" inch sewer and then 1700 linear feet of 15" sewer being replaced also to upgrade this particular line. We will have to file a formal application with the ARC beginning later this spring to begin this process; however the first step is to consider this sewer tap request.

Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to approve a sewer tap for Buster Brown Apparel in the Wise County Industrial Park.

Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, 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.

Mayor Raines declared the meeting in Executive Session.

Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Ron McCall, 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 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 Roy Roberts, 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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The Mayor opened the floor for nominations to the Board of Equalization.

Ron McCall nominated Mr. Jim Daniels, Mr. T. J. Flanary, and Mr. Tom Cassell to have their names submitted to the Circuit Court for appointment to the Board of Equalization for a one year term.

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

Mayor Raines declared the names of Mr. Jim Daniels, Mr. T. J. Flanary, and Mr. Tom Cassell be submitted to the Circuit Court Judge for appointment to the Board of Equalization for a one year term.

Mayor Raines announced that under Article 14 of the Board of Equalization - Section 58.1-3375 covers compensation for members of the Board of Equalization.

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Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council set compensation at \$30.00 per meeting per member.

In his comments, the City Manager advised:

He would like to commend City crews for the work done this past week-end with the snow, low temperatures and frozen water.

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

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA


B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:


Clerk