

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held on Tuesday, November 5, 1996 at the Norton Rescue Squad Building 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 Father Joe Facura followed by the pledge of allegiance which was led by Brad Lovell of the Norton Explorer Post 444.

Mayor Raines expressed his appreciation to Vice Mayor Mays for the use of the Rescue Squad Building for tonight's meeting. This change of location was necessary due to Council's Chamber being used for the election.

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Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the October 15, 1996 meeting as presented.

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During the audience for visitors, Mr. Jim Price spoke to Council regarding the Jr. Clemons' property and advised Council nothing had been done for two months and that only about one-half of the debris had been hauled off.

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It was the consensus of Council that Mr. Jeff Elkins, legal representative of Loreto Heights, come to the next meeting and give Council an update on this property clean-up.

Present at tonight's meeting were members of the Norton Police Department Explorer Post No. 444. Police Chief Sam Mongle advised Council that the Explorers had recently won several awards at the 1996 Law Enforcement Explorer Competition at the Wise Fire & Rescue Training Center in Wise. Speaking briefly to Council as a representative of this group was Mr. Brad Lovell. Council was shown the trophies and pictures of the competition.

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Mayor Raines expressed appreciation to the members of this group and to the individuals who worked with them on a regular basis.

Council had included in their packets a draft of an ordinance on the Business Professional and Occupation License. The City Manager advised that he, the Commissioner of Revenue, and the City Attorney had worked on this ordinance and

were presenting this draft to Council tonight for discussion. Mr. Ward went over some of the changes in this ordinance .

The City Attorney discussed this briefly with Council and also discussed some of the changes - one of which is the addition of an Appeals Process.

Following a discussion, it was the consensus of Council that they schedule this ordinance for a public hearing on December 3, 1996 and that the change as discussed tonight for carnivals, circuses, etc. be charged \$30.00 per day rather than per performance be incorporated into this ordinance. This ordinance will become effective January 1, 1997.

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Council had a copy of a check made payable to the Norton City Schools in the amount of \$175,000.00.

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 \$175,000.00 to the Norton City Schools.

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

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Mayor Raines declared the meeting back in regular session.

The Clerk polled each member of the 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 Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt a Resolution of the Certification of Executive Meeting. (Insert)

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Mayor Raines opened the floor for action on the disposition of publicly held property.

Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council authorized that within 30 days the Lost Creek Development Corporation needs to obtain a charter and execute an agreement with the City where upon the City Manager would then be authorized to execute this agreement.

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In comments from the City Manager, Mr. Ward advised:

The City's Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes had been mailed out on October 25th and deadline for paying these taxes is December 5th.

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Reminded Council that the City is continuing with their Residential Sidewalk Program and are currently working on Virginia Avenue between 8th and 10th Streets. Upon completion there, they will proceed to Virginia Avenue between 4th and 5th Streets.

In comments from the City Attorney, Mr. Pippin advised that he appreciated the opportunity to work with Council.

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There were no comments from Council.

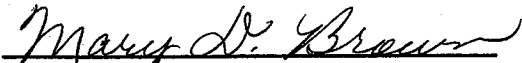
There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned.

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA



B. Robert Raines, Mayor

Attest:


Clerk