

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held on Tuesday, December December 17, 1996 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 the City Manager followed by the pledge of allegiance which was led by Police Captain Kenneth Jackson.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the December 3, 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 to consider a budget amendment in the amount of \$302,613.00 which represents the financial encumbrances at June 30, 1996 of which \$176,913.90 represents the General Fund and \$125,699.10 represents the School Operating Fund.

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

Mayor Raines opened the public hearing.

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

Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to amend the budget in the amount of \$302,613.00 which represents the financial encumbrances at June 30, 1996 of which \$176,913.90 represents the General Fund and \$125,699.10 represents the School Operating Fund.

Council had a resolution in their packets entitled, A Resolution in Support of Video Courtroom.

Present and speaking on behalf of this resolution was Mr. Jack Kennedy, Circuit Court Clerk of Wise County. He asked for Council's support of this resolution. Advising that after the initial installation cost of approximately \$182,000, there will be a monthly cost of \$400.00. He is seeking grants to cover the cost of the video courtroom which will be installed at the Red Onion Mountain and Wallens Ridge

prison sites and a hook up is already available at the Bristol Juvenile Detention Center.

Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution in Support of Video Courtroom. (Insert)

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Mayor Raines thanked Mr. Kennedy for the work he has done of this project.

Council has A Resolution Authorizing the Continued Participation in the Virginia Juvenile Community Crime Control Act.

Mr. Ward advised the City provides \$2,060 in local funding with one half going to each of the two facilities - one for boys and one for girls. By passage of this resolution, Council authorizes continual funding. Mr. Ward advised we have one child per year to use one of these facilities.

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Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council adopted A Resolution Authorizing Continued Participation in the Virginia Juvenile Community Crime Control Act. (Insert)

Council had before them A Resolution Adopted by the Governing Body of the City of Norton, Virginia Authorizing the Execution of a Reciprocal Agreement Providing Mutual Aid Through the Furnishing of Police and Other Employees and Agents Together with All Necessary Equipment in the Event of Need or Emergency.

Mr. Ward advised a Mutual Aid Agreement had been in effect for the past five years; however the City Attorney noted that this resolution supporting this needs to be adopted and signed by the governing body and not the police chiefs as has been done in the past.

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Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution Adopted by the Governing Body of the City of Norton, Virginia Authorizing the Execution of a Reciprocal Agreement Providing Mutual Aid Through the Furnishing of Police and Other Employees and Agents Together with All Necessary Equipment in the Event of Need or Emergency. (Insert)

A copy of a check made payable to the Norton City Schools in the amount of \$185,000 was presented to Council for approval.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council approved a check in the amount of \$185,000 made payable to the Norton City Schools.

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In his comments, the City Manager advised:

Displayed in Council Chambers was the preliminary plat for the Lost Creek Development which will have townhouses on the lower level. All necessary documents have been executed and they are working their way through the Planning Commission.

The next meeting will be January 7<sup>th</sup> and on behalf of the City employees, he wished Council a Merry Christmas.

In comments from the City Attorney, Mr. Pippin advised that Mr. Lee Clemons, Jr. has conveyed his life estate of his property located at Anderson Hollow to Loreto Heights and his daughter, Ms. Rogers, has conveyed her share to Loreto Heights also. Mr. Elkins, attorney for Loreto Heights, advised him of this. Construction will begin shortly on this property by Loreto Heights. His recommendation to the City Manager is that he should proceed with the bid process to have this property cleaned up and if necessary, the process can be terminated if needed.

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In comments from Council, Mayor Raines wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe holiday. He also expressed thanks to the press for the coverage the City receives.

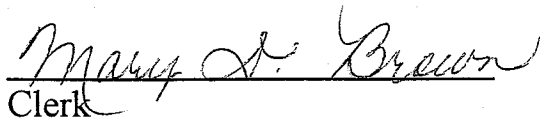
There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned.

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA



B. Robert Raines, Mayor

Attest:



Clerk