

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on Tuesday, August 1, 1995 at 7:30 p.m. with Vice Mayor Mays presiding.

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

Absent: Robert Raines and Joe Pippin

Also Present: E. W. Ward, City Manager

The invocation was given by Father Tom Collins and was followed by the pledge of allegiance which was led by the Director of Social Services, Bill Stokes.

Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the July 18, 1995 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 the consideration of a request by Kim Prater of Le Meilluer Restaurant for a Public Dance Hall License.

Mr. Ward advised this restaurant is in the same location as the old Mosby's Restaurant and Shooter's Lounge. City Code states that this request is regulated by ordinance and the applicant must come in and request a permit after a public hearing is held.

Mrs. Donna Prater was present and spoke to Council briefly stating that they would be open Monday thru Saturday and on Friday and Saturday and that they would like to be open until 3:00 a.m. rather than the 2:00 a.m. closing time on those two days.

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Mr. Ward advised that Code Section 336 states that all dance halls shall be closed between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. each day and it shall be unlawful for the persons in charge of the dance hall to allow the same to be open to the public during such hours. He further advised the only way the extended hours could be approved would be by an amendment to this ordinance. This ordinance, per Council's request, does correspond with the Mixed Beverage Ordinance.

Vice Mayor Mays stated that they would consider the hours as specified in the ordinance. Mrs. Prater advised that would be fine.

Vice Mayor Mays opened the public hearing.

There being no public comments, the public hearing was closed.

There were no questions or comments from City Council.

Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous vote, Council authorized the issuance of a Dance Hall Permit to Le Meilluer Restaurant and Lounge for a period of one year.

Mr. Leland Branham, Resident Engineer of the Virginia Department of Transportation, was present and gave Council an update on the Norton By-Pass Project. He advised the project should be finished by September 1st or maybe earlier and gave Council a series of maps showing various areas of the By-Pass which he discussed.

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Following a discussion in which Mr. Branham advised Council of other projects VDOT would be working on within the City in the future such as the Esserville Bridge, the Second Street Bridge at Round Town,

and the Tipple Hill Bridge, Vice Mayor Mays thanked Mr. Branham for the information furnished to them.

Council had a request for a sewer tap in the Josephine Section of Wise County by Laura M. Culbertson.

Mr. Ward advised this sewer tap is available.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous vote, Council authorized a sewer tap in the Josephine Section of Wise County for Ms. Laura M. Culbertson.

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Council had a request for a water tap in the Josephine Section of Wise County by Laura M. Culbertson.

Mr. Ward advised this water tap is available.

Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by the following vote: Wallace, Mays, McCall - YES, Roberts - NO, Council authorized a water tap in the Josephine Section of Wise County for Ms. Laura M. Culbertson.

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Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Ron McCall, 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.

Vice Mayor Mays declared the meeting in Executive Session.

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

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

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Vice Mayor Mays opened the floor for nominations to the City of Norton Planning Commission for two - 4 year terms which will expire on July 31, 1999.

Ron McCall nominated Mrs. Virginia Stokes and Mr. John Litton for reappointment to the Norton Planning Commission.

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

Vice Mayor Mays declared Mrs. Virginia Stokes and Mr. John Litton reappointed to the City of Norton Planning Commission for four year terms which will expire on July 31, 1999.

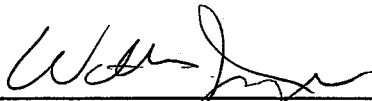
In his comments, the City Manager advised:

He had received a booklet from the Virginia Municipal League which he felt Council might find useful and passed same out to Council.

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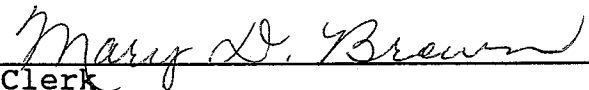
There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned.

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA



William J. Mays, Vice Mayor

ATTEST:



Clerk