

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on Tuesday, December 19, 1995 at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Robert Raines presiding.

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

Absent: Jack Wallace

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

The invocation was given by the City Manager which was followed by the pledge of allegiance led by Assistant City Manager Fred Ramey.

Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the December 5, 1995 meeting as presented.

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Mayor Raines welcomed several members of Terry Roop's Senior Government Class to tonight's meeting.

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During the audience for visitors, Mr. Jerry Dean, 704 Kentucky Avenue, S. W., Lot 13, Green's Trailer Park, spoke to Council regarding a cat problem at his home. Mr. Dean advised he had talked with the Animal Warden and found out that Norton has nothing in their Code regarding cats and asked for some help with this problem. He also presented Council with a petition signed by other residents of this area.

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Following a brief discussion, it was the consensus of Council for the City Manager and City Attorney to research this problem and to look into the areas of this being a public nuisance or a health problem.

Mr. Joe Wolfe and Mr. Lu Ellsworth were in attendance at tonight's meeting to give an update to Council on the Appalachian School of Law.

After presenting handouts to Council, Mr. Wolfe spoke briefly and turned the floor over to Mr. Ellsworth.

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Mr. Ellsworth spoke to Council regarding accreditation from the American Bar Association and funding for the school. He advised they have applied for and received several grants. They will also begin looking for a Dean within the next few months and hope to have this individual employed by August of 1996.

Council members advised this was a wonderful project which they support and asked if there was anything they, as the governing body, could do to help with this project. Mr. Ellsworth advised he would get with his Advisory Board and send Council a letter containing their requests of Council.

Mayor Raines thanked both Mr. Ellsworth and Mr. Wolfe for their presentation and work on this project.

Council had been presented in their packets A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Supporting the Addition of the Coalfield Expressway to the National Highway System.

Mayor Raines spoke briefly advising the importance of getting good highways in Dickenson and Buchanan Counties and of our need for

supporting this very worthwhile project and asked Council's favorable consideration of same.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Supporting the Addition of the Coalfield Expressway to the National Highway System. (Insert)

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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 Section 2.1-344(A) (1) of the Code of Virginia as amended.

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Mayor Raines declared the meeting in Executive Meeting.

Upon a motion by William Mays, 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 Meeting. (Insert)

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Mayor Raines opened the floor for nominations to the City of Norton Tourism Board to fill two unexpired terms which will expire September 30, 1996.

Ron McCall nominated Mr. Rick Feree of the Holiday Inn and Mr. Wayne Perry of NationsBank to be appointed to this Board.

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

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Mayor Raines declared Mr. Rick Feree and Mr. Wayne Perry appointed to the City of Norton Tourism Board to fill two unexpired terms which will expire on September 30, 1996.

In his comments, the City Manager advised:

The City Offices will be closed on Monday, December 25th and Tuesday, December 26th and also Monday, January 1, 1996 for the Christmas and New Year's holidays. Also, on behalf of the employees of the City, he would like to wish Council and their families a happy holiday season.

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There were no comments from Council.

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There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned and Council went into a worksession to discuss the Parks and Recreation Study.

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA

*B. Robert Raines*

B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:

*Mary D. Brown*

Clerk