

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on Tuesday, January 18, 1994 at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor 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 which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Fred Ramey, Assistant City Manager.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the January 4, 1993 meeting as presented.

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Mayor Raines advised that the agenda was being amended under Item 6-E in New Business. Item 6E.1 is being added and covers A Resolution Supporting the U. S. 23 Corridor for the Proposed Interstate 73 from Detroit, Michigan to Charleston, South Carolina.

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

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Vice Mayor Mays advised he would be abstaining from discussion and voting on Item 6-B which is a request from the Norton Rescue Squad for renewal of their Bingo/Raffle Permit for 1994 and waiver of the \$25.00 application fee.

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Council had a request in their packets for the Norton City Schools to renew their Bingo/Raffle Permit for 1994 and to waive the \$25.00 application permit fee.

Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council renewed the Bingo/Raffle Permit for the Norton City Schools for 1994 and waived the \$25.00 application permit fee.

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Council had a request from the Norton Rescue Squad for renewal of their Bingo/Raffle Permit for 1994 and waiver of their \$25.00 application permit fee.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by the following roll call vote: Roberts, Wallace, McCall, Raines, YES, Mays ABSTAIN, Council renewed the Bingo/Raffle Permit for the Norton Rescue Squad for 1994 and waived the \$25.00 application permit fee.

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A request was made by Mr. Carl Cox, Jr. for a water tap in the Esserville area.

Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Jack Wallace and passed by the following roll call vote: Roberts - NO; Wallace, Mays, McCall, and Raines-YES, Council approved a request for one water tap for Mr. Carl Cox, Jr. in the Esserville area.

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A resolution supporting the Lonesome Pine Office on Youth was presented to Council for passage. Mayor Raines advised Wise County had passed a similar resolution.

Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution in Support of the Lonesome Pine Office on Youth. (Insert)

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Mr. Ward advised Council that a request had been received from the Western Steer Restaurant and other businesses in the east end of the City seeking to participate in the Virginia Department of Transportation's Travel Services Signing Program.

The City Manager advised this had been discussed by Council at their

February 4, 1992 meeting at which time Council moved to table this item until such time as they received more information on same or until they saw a need for it.

Mr. Ward advised businesses on the east end of the City are advertising on Rt. 58 and 23 as these highways are under the control of the Virginia Department of Transportation; however, the businesses on the west end need the permission of the City before they can participate as the City maintains the roads on which they wish to advertise.

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Following a discussion and upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council authorized the City Manager to work with the Virginia Department of Transportation on their Travel Services Signing Program.

Mr. Ward is to inform VDOT of Council's action and advise them he will work with them.

A Resolution Supporting the U. S. 23 Corridor for the Proposed Interstate 73 from Detroit, Michigan to Charleston, South Carolina was presented to Council tonight for passage by the City Manager. Mr. Ward advised that Federal legislation enacted in 1991 referred to as the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 or ISTEA identified the need for this highway. This resolution supports said highway traversing U. S. 23 through Wise County and the City of Norton.

Mr. Ward advised that the Norton Industrial Development Authority had passed a similar resolution at their meeting held earlier today. 15902

Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution Supporting the U. S. 23 Corridor for the Proposed Interstate 73 from Detroit, Michigan to Charleston, South Carolina. (Insert)

Mr. Ward advised he will present the resolutions at a meeting to be held on this project.

Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, 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.

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Mayor Raines declared the meeting in Executive Session.

Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to go back into regular session.

Mayor Raines declared the meeting 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 yes. 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 nominations to the Norton Redevelopment and Housing Authority for a four year term which will expire on January 28, 1998.

William Mays nominated Mr. Frank Fischer to be reappointed to this Authority.

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

Mayor Raines declared Mr. Frank Fischer reappointed to the Norton Redevelopment and Housing Authority for a four year term which will expire on January 28, 1998.

Mayor Raines opened the floor for nominations to the Housing Appeals Board for a five year term which will expire on January 17, 1999.

Jack Wallace nominated Mr. Jim Boggs to be reappointed to this Board.

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

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Mayor Raines declared Mr. Jim Boggs reappointed to the Housing Appeals Board for five year term which will expire on January 17, 1999.

Mayor Raines opened the floor for nominations to the Norton Highway Safety Commission for two year terms which will expire on January 31, 1996.

Roy Roberts nominated Dennis Brummitte, Frank Gravely, J. T. Caruso, and Bobby Cassell for reappointment to this Commission.

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

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Mayor Raines declared Mr. Dennis Brummittte, Frank Gravely, J. T. Caruso, and Bobby Cassell reappointed to the Norton Highway Safety Commission for two year terms which will expire on January 31, 1996.

The Mayor advised no further action was taken in Executive Session.

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In his comments, the City Manager advised:

He had been advised this week by the Department of Environmental Quality that the accusations made against the City regarding illegal dumping in the Clear Creek Park in Ramsey in May of 1993 had been investigated and were unfounded. Mr. Ward further advised the City can now proceed with improvements to that park once the weather clears.

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The City and Fire Department had been working to sell the three fire trucks recently replaced and have received an offer which they are in the process of accepting from the Town of Lebanon. These three trucks will sell for \$105,000 and Mr. Ward advised Mr. Ramey had done a good job on selling these trucks.

The Norton Industrial Development Authority had approved a financing package for the Hotel Norton renovation today and when the loan is closed, the City will proceed to transfer the funds to pay off the \$165,000 debt.

Mayor Raines expressed thanks to the City employees for their work during the snow storm and extreme cold temperatures.

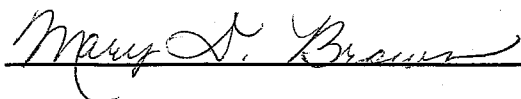
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There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned.

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA


B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:


Mary S. Brown