

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on Tuesday, April 5, 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 Rev. Bob Kespelher and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by the Chairman of the Norton School Board, Marty Hagy.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the March 15, 1994 meeting as presented.

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During the Mayor's call for visitors, Police Chief Sam Mongle, who is also Chairman of the Sara Title III, presented Council with a draft of the Wise/Norton Oil and Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan for their review and approval. Chief Mongle discussed the changes in this plan and asked for Council's authorization for the City Manager to sign a letter of acceptance to the Virginia Emergency Response Council.

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Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous vote, Council authorized the City Manager to sign a letter of acceptance on the Wise/Norton Oil and Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan as presented by Chief Mongle.

A public hearing was held on an Ordinance Amending Sections 2-71, 2-72, and 2-73 of the Norton City Code; Providing for Appointment of a Local Board of Social Services, A Local Director of Social Services and the Responsibilities and Duties of the Local Director of Social Services; and Making Various Designations Pertaining to Social Services in the City of Norton.

Mayor Raines gave the background information on this ordinance which specifies that the Director of Social Services will report directly to the City Manager. This was the only department head that reported directly to the City Council. Mayor Raines advised this change in no way was due to any criticism of the Department of Social Services or the Director and that Mr. Stokes was in favor of the changes.

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

Mayor Raines opened the public hearing.

There were no public comments and Mayor Raines closed the public hearing.

There were no comments from Council.

Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt An Ordinance Amending Sections 2-71, 2-72, and 2-73 of the Norton City Code; Providing for Appointment of a Local Board of Social Services, a Local Director of Social Services and the Responsibilities and Duties of the Local Director of Social Services; and Making Various Designations Pertaining to Social Services in the City of Norton. (Insert)

Mr. Marty Hagy, Chairman of the City of Norton School Board, presented Council with their 1994-95 School Board Budget. They asked Council for an increase in appropriations of \$127,417 from last year's appropriation for a total appropriation from the City of 1,436,234 and a total budget of \$4,362,493.

During his presentation, Mr. Hagy also advised of a surplus in the amount of \$109,000 that would be given back to the City; however, they would be asking for it to be given back to the Schools for other projects.

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Also speaking on behalf of the School Board were Cliff Daniels and Dr. A. S. Armentrout, Superintendent of Norton City Schools.

Following a brief discussion, Mayor Raines thanked Mr. Hagy, the other

members of the School Board, and Dr. Armentrout for their work on this budget. It will be discussed during a work session following the next scheduled Council Meeting along with the City's budget and advertise for a public hearing the first meeting in May.

Council had a request by the Norton City Schools to establish an Electronic Equipment Replacement Account. Mr. Hagy briefly discussed this in with his budget presentation. They wish to use \$30,000 surplus from State Funds in this account plus will ask Council for a \$25,000 annual appropriation beginning with this budget. These funds will then be used to replace computers and other electronic equipment at the schools.

It was the consensus of Council to table this item until after the work session since there is no urgency in establishing this account.

The School Board requested Council's permission to expend funds derived from the recent bond refinancing in the approximate amount of \$14,000.

Mr. Ward advised this money came to the City but has to be spent on a Capital Project for the Schools within six months. The six month deadline is June 30, 1994. The School Board wishes to purchase two used pick-up trucks and some wooden desks for the high school with these funds and the City will pay the vendors directly. Before doing this, the City Manager needs the approval of Council.

Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council authorized the City Manager to issue checks directly to the vendors for the capital items purchased by the School Board in the approximate amount of \$14,000.

Council had a request for one (1) water tap and one (1) sewer tap for Joseph Paul Boggs, P. O. Box 1175, Norton, in the Robinette Hill Road area of Dorchester.

Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council approved a sewer tap for Mr. Boggs.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by William Mays, and passed by the following vote: Roberts - NO, Wallace, Mays, McCall, and Raines - YES, Council approved a water tap for Mr. Boggs in the Dorchester area.

Council had in their packets a Resolution Authorizing the preparation and Filing of an Application for a 1994 Planning Grant Through the Virginia Community Development Block Grant Program.

Mr. Ward advised this grant would be for \$27,500; \$22,500 from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development and \$5,000 local funds from the City. If obtained, this grant would allow the City to do a needs assessment in the downtown area. Application deadline is April 15th and Mr. Ward asks for Council's favorable consideration.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council adopted A Resolution Authorizing the Preparation and Filing of an Application for a 1994 Planning Grant Through the Virginia Community Development Block Grant Program. (Insert)

Council was presented with a copy of a check in the amount of \$150,000 made payable to the Norton City Schools for confirmation.

Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council approved a check in the amount of \$150,000 made payable to the Norton City Schools.

The City Manager presented Council with a list of roads which the Administration considers to be top priority for paving this spring. This list totaled \$150,300. After going over this list with Council, it was their consensus for the City Manager to proceed with this list as presented and advertise for bids.

The City Manager advised Council that the annual Spring Pre-Allocation for the Virginia Department of Transportation will be held on April 15, 1994 at Virginia Highlands Community College in Abingdon. One area of concern the City has is the inclusion of the loop at the Holiday Inn Interchange which we would like to have put in the Six Year Plan and also to keep working on the new \$485,000 Round Town Bridge which is already in this Plan.

Council was presented with A Resolution Supporting the Inclusion of Certain Road Projects in the Virginia Department of Transportation Six Year Plan. This resolution covers the City's concerns and also some roads that Lenowisco had concerns with.

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Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution Supporting the Inclusion of Certain Road Projects in the Virginia Department of Transportation Six Year Plan. (Insert) Mr. Ward will present a copy of same at this hearing and send a copy to Ron Flanary of Lenowisco.

Mr. Ward advised he would be attending this hearing and would take as many Council members as would like to attend.

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

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Mayor Raines declared the meeting back in regular session.

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

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Mayor Raines stated no action had been taken on the appointment to the Social Services Advisory Board.

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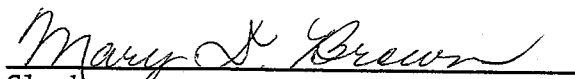
There were no comments from the City Manager or Council.

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

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA


B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:


Clerk