

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on Tuesday, October 4, 1994 at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Raines presiding.

Present: Roy Roberts, Jack Wallace, William Mays, and Robert Raines

Absent: Ron McCall

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

The invocation was given by Father Tom Collins, which was followed by the pledge 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 September 20, 1994 meeting as presented.

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

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Council held a public hearing on An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Rezoning Certain Property in the Eastern Section of the City from a Residential "A" Zone to a Residential "B" Zone.

Mr. Ward advised that the City had received a petition from the citizens in this area asking that this be rezoned from Residential "A" to Residential "B" Zoning District. Included in Council's packet is a map showing this area and also one was on display in Council Chambers. Having come before the Planning Commission first, they sent same to Council to consider with a favorable consideration that Council do so. In accordance with the Code of Virginia, all property owners of record have been notified by mail of this public hearing and also the press has been notified. Prior to any action taken by Council, a public hearing must be held.

1704

Prior to the public hearing, there were no questions or comments from Council and Mayor Raines opened the public hearing.

Mr. Randy Bentley, 332 - Second Street, and Sister Beth Jaspers spoke as a representative for some of the Round Town Residents and stated they were in support of this zoning change.

There being no further public comments, Mayor Raines closed the public hearing.

Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Rezoning Certain Property in the Eastern Section of the City from Residential "A" Zone to a Residential "B" Zone. (Insert)

Mayor Raines advised this ordinance would be in effect in thirty (30) days. A discussion was also held on the railroad tracks in Round Town and the bridge is also scheduled to be replaced. Mr. Ward will contact the Norfolk and Southern Railway regarding the blockage of these tracks.

A public hearing was held on the reissuance of a Public Dance Hall Permit to the Holiday Inn per Section 3-58 of the City Code and a public hearing must be held as per Section 3-55 of the City Code. This permit is issued on a yearly basis by Council and the current permit expires today.

Mayor Raines opened the public hearing.

There were no public comments.

Mayor Raines closed the public hearing.

Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to reissue the Public Dance Hall Permit to the Holiday Inn for one year.

A public hearing was held on A Resolution Amending the 1994-95 Water/Sewer Fund Budget in the Amount of \$486,375 of which \$473,925 are Grant Funds, \$10,000 in City Funds, and \$2,450 in Waived Connection Fees.

Mr. Ward advised that in the Spring, Council passed a resolution to make application to the Department of Housing and Community Development for a Community Development Block Grant, this resolution stated we were applying for a grant in the amount of \$473,925 and that the City would be willing to contribute \$10,000 of local funds to this project if funded, and also allow \$2,450 in waived connection fees. This amount represents the approximate number of new sewer connections we would generate from this project. The project is the water/sewer improvements in the Anderson Hollow and Spring Avenue area and it has been funded by the Department of Housing and Community Development. We have been notified that we are on line to received \$473,000 in grant monies; however our budget has not been amended to reflect that. This resolution needs to be adopted to amend our budget so that we can properly expend these funds once the contract with the Department of Housing and Community Development is signed. We have not entered into a contract with them yet, but that is forthcoming once we meet all of their requirements.

Since this amount is more than 1% of our current Water/Sewer Fund Budget, this does require a public hearing.

Mayor Raines opened the public hearing.

There were no public comments and Mayor Raines closed the public hearing. Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to a adopt A Resolution Amending the 1994-95 Water/Sewer Fund Budget in the Amount of \$486,375 of which \$473,925 are Grant Funds, \$10,000 in City Funds, and \$2,450 in Waived Connection Fees. (Insert)

Since there will not be a quorum for the October 18th meeting, it was the consensus of Council to cancel that meeting. The next City of Norton City Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 1st.

Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, 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.

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 into regular session.

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 aye. The Clerk then read the entire Resolution of the Certification of Executive Meeting. Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt a Resolution of the Certification of Executive Meeting. (Insert)

The Mayor advised no appointment was being made to the Norton Industrial Development Authority or the Disability Services Board. 17048

Mayor Raines opened the floor for appointments to the Cumberland Airport Commission for a four year term which will expire on October 31, 1998. William Mays nominated Mr. Walley Witt be reappointed to this Commission. Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved that the nominations cease. 17049

Mayor Raines declared Mr. Walley Witt reappointed to the Cumberland Airport Commission for a four year term which will expire on October 31, 1998.

In his comments, the City Manager advised:

Council Centennial prints reserved are available at the Centennial Office.

The sidewalk work is proceeding and 4 residential blocks have been completed and the City Administration will be coming to Council in the near future to make a more detailed report on what we are doing with our Sidewalk Program this year. 1705

The Water Contracts between the Wise County Public Service Authority and the City of Norton have been executed and they change the wholesale water rate from \$1.50 to \$3.50 per thousand both for what the City buys from PSA and what the PSA purchases from the City. Another significant item in this contract is that the City's daily minimum requirement of purchase from the PSA of 75,000 per day has been eliminated. The City has an annual requirement that we have to purchase, but we can use that any time and any way that we see fit. Also the rate structure now has a mechanism in place so that rate increases in the future will be more easily handled and the current rate structure we have signed is for a four year term and will not expire until July 1998.

There were no comments from Council.


Mayor Raines expressed Council's appreciation to Assistant City Manager Fred Ramey for handling the duties of Clerk tonight.

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

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA

  
B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:

, Clerk