

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on Tuesday, March 16, 1993 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. Wayne Harrison and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance which was led by the 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 March 2, 1993 meeting as presented.

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

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Council had been presented with an application for a water and sewer tap in the Esserville area which is outside the City for Melissa Cox.

Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by the following vote: Wallace, Raines, Mays, and McCall - YES, Roberts - NO, Council moved to approve a water and sewer tap for Melissa Cox in the Esserville area.

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The City Manager asked for Council's authority to apply for a \$2,800 matching grant from the Virginia Commission for the Arts. These funds are donated to the Pro Art Association. This grant is for \$2,800 whereas in the past it has been for \$2,500, which means the budget request will increase by \$300 in the 1993-94 budget.

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Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council authorized the City Manager to apply for a \$2,800 matching grant from the Virginia Commission for the Arts.

Mr. Ward advised Council had appropriated, in the 1992-93 budget under Capital Projects, \$15,000 for the purpose of buying a used backhoe for the Public Works Department. Bids were opened on March 5th and ranged from \$25,000 to \$28,000.

Mr. Ward further advised that after buying a new garbage truck out of funds appropriated in the current budget for the amount of \$41,517, there is \$28,483 that wasn't spent. It was the recommendation of the City Administration that Council authorize a portion of the \$28,483 to be combined with the \$15,000 and purchase a new backhoe with full warranty.

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Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council authorized the City Manager to reject all bids on a used backhoe and to advertise for the purchase of a new one.

The City Manager went over the changes to the Sewer Use Ordinance which have to be made in order to receive the balance of the Virginia Revolving Loan Fund monies from the \$750,000 used on the I&I work in the City. This ordinance was one of the requirements of obtaining this money at 0% interest.

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Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, it was moved that the City Manager advertise for a public hearing for the proposed changes of the Sewer Use Ordinance which have been approved by the State Water Control Board.

Mr. Ward advised this public hearing could possibly be held the first meeting in April.

Council had in their packets A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Requesting the Virginia Department of Transportation to Include Additional City Streets for Municipal Assistance Payments. This resolution covers Second Street and Shawnee Avenue which are located in Round Town Section of Norton. By adding these two streets into the state system, it would mean the addition of approximately \$2,500 a year to help maintain our streets.

Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the City of Norton, Virginia Requesting the Virginia Department of Transportation to Include Additional City Streets for Municipal Assistance Payments and for the necessary papers be sent to the Virginia Department of Transportation. (Insert)

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Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Roy Roberts, 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 and probable litigation as per 2.1-344(A) (7) of the Code of Virginia as amended.

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The Mayor declared the meeting in Executive Session.

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

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The Mayor 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.

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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 of the Certification of Executive Meeting. (Insert)

The Mayor advised there was no announcement to be made regarding probable litigation.

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The Mayor advised no action was taken on appointments to the Black Diamond Rural Conservation Development Council and the Planning District One Disability Services Board.

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The Mayor opened the floor for nominations to the Wise County/City of Norton Health Advisory Board for a four year term which will expire on 3/1/97.

Jack Wallace nominated Bill Stokes to be reappointed to the Wise County/City of Norton Health Advisory Board for a four year term which will expire on 3/1/97.

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

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Mayor Raines declared Bill Stokes reappointed to the Wise County/City of Norton Health Advisory Board for a four year term which will expire on 3/1/97.

In his announcements, the City Manager advised:

The City is requesting audit proposals for a three year period. These proposals are to be in by April 23, 1993. The City Administration will rank these proposals and bring recommendations back to City Council. The current audit contract with Thrower and Thrower has expired.

Mr. Ramey is working on bid proposals covering the City's insurance.

At the Council Meeting of April 6, 1993, the School Board will submit their budget.

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The Planning Commission has completed their work on the Sign Ordinance. Mr.

Ward will mail copies to the members of Council and will have on the agenda for the first meeting in April.

A map was on display to show the route of the Norton By-Pass. Mr. Ward advised this is on display in the lobby of City Hall for citizens to see.

The Norton Industrial Development Authority met today at 5:00 and voted to accept the recommendation of City Council and will advertise the Norton Hotel Property and the adjacent Park Avenue Hospital property for sale. They will be accepting bids through April 9, 1993.

Expressed his appreciation to those who helped during the blizzard and below zero temperatures this week-end. He felt the City had done very very well. Specific departments mentioned were Public Works, Police Department, Norton Rescue Squad, and Emergency Services Coordinator Bill Stokes.

In the comments from Council, Mr. Roberts advised he had noticed in the Information Packet, the Virginia Municipal Clerks Association will be conducting their meeting in Norton April 30th through May 1st. He felt the City should do everything to make everyone welcome and to make it an enjoyable visit for them. 15636

Ron McCall asked Council's consideration on the procedure of the roll call vote. He feels it would be appropriate for the Mayor to cast the last vote.

Following a brief discussion, the Clerk is to check with the other localities and see how roll call votes are conducted and advise Council. 15637


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

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA



William Mays, Vice Mayor

ATTEST:



Clerk