

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on Tuesday, May 4, 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. Larry Murphy and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance which was led by School Board Chairman 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 April 20, 1993 meeting as presented.

15669

Mayor Raines advised the agenda was being amended to delete Item #7-A Old Business which is a Request by Vecellio & Grogan to Utilize City Property and to add under 8-E Executive Session, Legal as per 2.1-344(A) (3) of the Code of Virginia as amended - a discussion of the condition or use of real property.

15670

During the audience for visitors, Police Chief Sam Mongle presented Council with two proclamations and a resolution for which he asked Council's consideration in passing. Chief Mongle read each of the items he presented.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace,, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous vote, Council authorized Mayor Raines to sign a proclamation declaring the week of May 9 through May 15, 1993 as National Police Week and May 15th as Police Memorial Day. (Insert)

15671

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous vote, Council authorized the Mayor to sign a Proclamation declaring the week of May 24 through May 31, 1993 as Buckle Up America Week. (Insert)

Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Supporting the Virginia Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics and authorized the Mayor to sign this resolution. (Insert)

15672

A public hearing was held to consider the 1993-94 City of Norton School Board Budget which totals \$4,155,979; of which \$1,308,817 is from local funds; and the Textbook Fund which totals \$35,000.

Mr. Ward gave a brief synopsis of the School Board Budget and advised that Dr. Armentrout, Superintendent of the Norton City Schools, Marty Hagy, Chairman of the School Board, and Cliff Daniels, a member of the School Board were present tonight.

Mayor Raines opened the public hearing.

15673

There were no comments made during the public hearing.

Mayor Raines closed the public hearing.

Mayor Raines called for questions from Council.

Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to accept the School Board Budget for 1993-94 as presented. Mr. Hagy thanked Council for passage of this budget and for their support of the schools.

Council had in their packets a request from the Best Friend Festival Committee for some funding for their activities. Mr. Cliff Daniels, Fund Raising Chairman of this Committee, was present and spoke to Council.

The City Manager advised that the City had not made any direct financial contribution to the Best Friend Festival. He further stated he felt this was a legitimate request and the City Administration feels that a donation of between

15674

\$5,000 and \$10,000 annually would be sufficient and for this year, he recommended \$5,000 to be taken out of Contingency.

Mr. Daniels asked Council for a certain percentage to be given based on the previous year's contributions. Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council appropriated \$5,000 to the Best Friend Festival for this year with said funds to come from Contingency.

Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Jack Wallace and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council authorized the City Manager to appropriate a line item in the 1994-95 budget to match dollar for dollar in contributions to the Best Friend Festival. This amount is not to exceed \$10,000.

The Clerk had presented Council in their packets her findings of the order of voting as done in other municipalities in the County as requested by Council in a previous meeting.

Following a brief discussion, it was the consensus to Council for them to vote from right to left with the Mayor casting the last vote during any roll call vote and that the City Attorney is to draw up a resolution for passage on this.

The Planning Commission has forwarded to Council in draft form the Sign Ordinance on which they have been working and adopted.

Following a brief discussion, it was the consensus of Council to have the City Manager schedule a work session with the Planning Commission to go over this Sign Ordinance.

Mr. Ward advised Council that bids had been opened on April 23, 1993 covering audit services for the City for the next three years. He advised four bids were received and he sought Council's direction on how to proceed. Council can set up a committee and go through the negotiation procedures and try to negotiate a contract to be finalized at a council meeting or Council can authorize the City Manager to begin the negotiation procedure, negotiate a contract, and bring back his recommendation to Council.

It was the consensus of Council to authorize the City Manager to negotiate a contract for professional services of an auditor and to bring his recommendation back to Council.

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; litigation as per 2.1-344(A) (7) of the Code of Virginia as Amended, and Legal (Condition or Use of Real Property) as per 2.1-344(A) (3) of the Code of Virginia, as amended.

Mayor Raines declared the meeting in Executive Session.

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

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

The Mayor opened the floor for nominations to the Centennial Committee. Ron McCall nominated the following six individuals: Carlos Noaks, Vic

Jones, Paul Kilgore, Marty Hagy, Robbie Tate, and Glenn Teasley.

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

1568:

Mayor Raines declared Carlos Noaks, Vic Jones, Paul Kilgore, Marty Hagy, Robbie Tate, and Glenn Teasley appointed to the Centennial Committee.

Mayor Raines opened the floor for nominations to the Wise County/City of Norton Economic Development Commission.

William Mays nominated Jack Wallace.

1568:

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. Jack Wallace appointed to the Wise County/City of Norton Economic Development Commission.

Mayor Raines opened the floor for nominations to the C-N-W Regional Sewer Authority for a four year term which will expire on May 15, 1997.

Jack Wallace nominated William Mays be reappointed to the C-N-W Regional Sewer Authority.

1568:

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

Mayor Raines declared William Mays reappointed to the C-N-W Regional Sewer Authority for a four year term which will expire May 15, 1997.

The Mayor opened the floor for nominations of an Agency Representative to Wise County/City of Norton Youth Services Board for a Four Year Term.

Roy Roberts nominated Stan Wilson.

1568:

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

Mayor Raines declared Stan Wilson reappointed as an Agency Representative to the Wise County/City of Norton Youth Services Board for a four year term which will expire May 2, 1997.

As to the use of real property, Council has before them a request from Vecellio and Grogan to utilize city property located at Lost Creek. Mayor Raines opened the floor for a motion on this item.

1568

Due to the lack of a motion, the request was not granted.

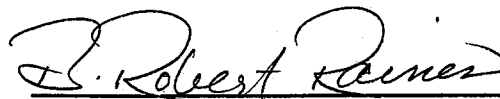
In his comments, the City Manager advised that the new back hoe the City recently purchased was parked outside for Council's viewing.

1568

There were no comments from the members of Council.


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

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA



B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:


Clerk