

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on Tuesday, March 3, 1992, at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Raines presiding.

Present: Jack Wallace, Robert Raines, and Ron McCall

Absent: Linda Sturgill and William Mays

Also Present: E. W. Ward, City Manager and Kenneth P. Asbury, City Attorney

The invocation was given by Father Tom Collins and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance which was led by Bill Stokes.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the February 18, 1992 meeting as presented.

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

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Council had in their packets a request from Mr. Pat Cline to use City right-of-way to install a driveway for a home he is building on Chestnut Street. The driveway is to be on Ridge Avenue and the City has a storm drainage easement at this location.

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Mr. Ward advised Mr. Cline had agreed to put in a drainage pipe with the driveway over it. Mr. Ward further advised that the City Administration was in favor of this request.

Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to grant a revocable license to Mr. Pat Cline for a driveway on City right-of-way on Chestnut Street and Ridge Avenue.

Mr. Ward is to advise Mr. Cline of Council's action.

Council is in receipt of an application and permit fee from the Norton Kiwanis Club for a raffle to be held in October at a Burton football game. The Kiwanis Club also asked for waiver of the \$25.00 permit fee.

Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by the following vote: Raines, McCall - AYE Wallace - ABSTAIN. (Mr. Wallace advised he is a member of the Kiwanis Club and therefore abstained from voting on this request per information supplied by the City Attorney.), Council moved to approve the application of the Norton Kiwanis Club for a raffle and to waive the \$25.00 permit fee.

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Council had been presented with A Resolution Authorizing Submittal of a Community Development Block Grant Application. Mr. Ward advised it was the recommendation of the City Administration and also the representatives of Lenowisco to resubmit the Josephine Sewer Project for this block grant.

Following a brief discussion and upon a motion Jack Wallace, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution Authorizing Submittal of a Community Development Block Grant Application subject to the comments to be heard at the second public hearing which has been advertised to be held on Thursday, March 5th. Deadline for the application is March 6, 1992. (Insert)

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Mr. Gene Brooks, Executive Director of the Coeburn-Norton-Wise Regional Sewer Authority and who is administrating the inflow/infiltration work being done on the City sewer lines spoke to Council regarding this project. He showed Council a video of the conditions of some of the sewer lines that had recently been replaced.

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Also speaking on the Inflow/Infiltration Project was Mr. Bobby Lane of

Dewberry and Davis. Mr. Lane advised this project is almost complete and had two change orders for Council's approval. Mr. Lane further advised that after this project was completed including the two change orders, the City would have approximately \$25,000 left out of these funds for some spot work throughout the City.

Both Mr. Ward and Mayor Raines expressed appreciation to both Mr. Brooks and Mr. Lane.

Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to adopt the plan as submitted by Mr. Brooks and Mr. Lane and to authorize the City Manager to execute change orders #2 and #3. Also, in change order #3, the size of pipe is to be changed from 18" to 24" pipe at an increase in cost of approximately \$11,000.

Mr. Ward advised several members of the Norton Industrial Development Authority were present and Mr. Byron Cantrell, Chairman of this Authority, spoke to Council requesting Council's backing on a \$700,000 loan to renovate the Norton Hotel and make it just a shell building in hopes of finding investors to purchase same. Bids were opened on this project on January 21st and are good until March 21st. Mr. Cantrell thanked Council for their time and consideration.

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Following a brief discussion, it was the consensus of Council that they agreed with the recommendation of the NIDA on this Norton Hotel Project and that the City Attorney will bring a resolution of good faith to the next council meeting for passage wherein Council advises that they will back the \$700,000 loan for the Norton Industrial Development Authority.

Council had been presented with a copy of a check in the amount of \$120,000 made payable to the Norton City Schools.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to approve a check in the amount of \$120,000 made payable to the Norton City Schools.

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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.

Mayor Raines declared the meeting in Executive Session.

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Upon a motion by Ron McCall, 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.

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

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Mayor Raines announced there was no action on the appointment to the Norton Industrial Development Authority.

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Mayor Raines referred to the City Manager on the appointments to the Highway Safety Commission for various terms.

Mr. Ward advised that the Commission would like for the following members to be reappointed for a one year term which will expire January 1993: Randy Castle, Linville Reed, Bruce Rose, and Gary Call.

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The following members are to be reappointed for two year terms to expire January 1994: Frank Gravely, J. T. Caruso, Bob Cassell, and Ralph Wells.

Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved that the recommendations of the Highway Safety Commission are approved as listed above.

In his comments, the City Manager called Council's attention to the winning posters from the Keep Norton Beautiful Contest held recently.

He also advised that the 1992 Virginia Department of Transportation Spring Allocation Meeting will be held on March 27, 1992 at 10:00 a.m. at Virginia Highlands Community College in Abingdon and there will be a resolution on the next agenda for passage by Council to be presented at this meeting.

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There were no comments from the City Attorney or Council members.

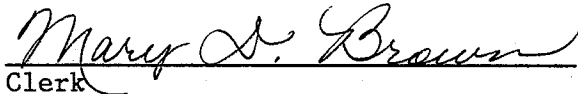
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There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned.



B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:



Mary D. Brown
Clerk