

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on Tuesday, July 21, 1992 at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Raines presiding.

Present: Jack Wallace, Robert Raines, William Mays and Ron McCall

Absent: Linda Sturgill

Also Present: E. W. Ward, City Manager

The invocation was given by Rev. Steve Emory followed by the Pledge of Allegiance which was led by Police Chief Sam A. Mongle.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the July 7, 1992 organizational meeting as corrected. Paragraph #15422 should have shown a vote on the Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Dispensing with the Second Reading of Ordinances as follows: Sturgill - NO, Wallace, Raines, Mays, and McCall - YES.

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Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of July 7, 1992 as presented.

Mayor Raines announced there was an amendment to the agenda under Item 7-E New Business - Executive Session. Item #3 will be added which is an appointment to the Economic Development Commission of Wise County and the City of Norton.

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Mr. Billy Joe Robinette of Norton approached Council requesting water in the Hoot Owl Hollow section of Norton.

Following a brief discussion, Mayor Raines advised that in the Planning Grant the City has applied for from the Community Development Block Grant Program a study will be made to remedy any deficiencies in the City's water and sewer systems. The Mayor also advised that the City had appropriated funds for an engineering study to be made to supply utilities to Hoot Owl Hollow last year and was later advised that the petition, which had been presented to Council, had been withdrawn and that the residents were no longer interested.

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Mr. Ward went over the plans for the Planning Grant if it is awarded to the City.

A public hearing was held on the consideration of the re-issuance of a Public Dance Hall Permit to the Holiday Inn of Norton.

Mr. Ward advised the Holiday Inn had not had their permit renewed since it was initially issued in the 1980s and this should be done on an annual basis.

Mayor Raines opened the floor for public comments.

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

Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council reissued the Public Dance Hall Permit for the Holiday Inn.

The City Manager was authorized to issue the Permit and, if possible, try to schedule the renewals of these Public Dance Hall Permits at one time for Council's consideration.

Mr. Pat Cline, Attorney for the Holiday Inn, spoke briefly advising he would have his client contact the City Manager as to fees for this permit.

The Mayor asked for Mr. Kirby Armentrout to come forward and Mayor Raines read a Certificate of Recognition for Mr. Armentrout's work on his Eagle Scout Badge wherein he cleaned, repaired, and painted 19 trash containers in the City

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at his expense. Following the reading of this Certificate, Mayor Raines presented it to Mr. Armentrout.

Mayor Raines also commended the parents of Mr. Armentrout for their support to their children and the activities they have also sponsored for the children of the community.

Mr. Dennis Willis and Charles Daniels were present and Mr. Willis made a update to Council on behalf of the Norton Industrial Development Authority and their attempts at securing financing for the making of a shell building of the old Norton Hotel.

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The Authority asked Council's consideration in paying off approximately \$180,320 mortgage at NationsBank on the hotel. They felt that with this mortgage paid off they would be able to secure the financing they need for the Norton Hotel Project.

Following a lengthy discussion, Mayor Raines advised no action could be taken tonight. He advised that a legal opinion was needed as to whether or not the City could or could not pay off the debt. He further advised if the City could pay off the debt, a public hearing would have to be held.

It was the consensus of Council that the City Manager advertise a public hearing on August 18th if the City can legally pay off this mortgage.

Mr. Willis thanked Council for their help and support.

Council had been presented a request by Afton Communications of Roanoke, Virginia for permission to place a transmitter on City property.

Mr. Ward advised this request is for use of City Property near the water tank on Back Bone Ridge on which Afton wishes to install a paging transmitter. Mr. Ward advised neither the Police Chief or the Fire Chief have a problem with this as long as it does not interfere with the City radios.

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Police Chief Mongle stated he had spoken with representatives from Afton and they advised him they would be installing a small block building.

The City Manager advised he was not aware of the block building being put on City property and that he would have problems with that.

Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to table this item until Council gets additional information and to have representatives of Afton Communications present at the next meeting.

Council had been presented a copy of a check made payable to the Norton City Schools in the amount of \$200,000 to cover fringe benefits and bills payable in their packets.

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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 \$200,000 made payable to the Norton City Schools to cover fringe benefits and bills payable.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Ron McCall, 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 legal matters as per 2.1-344(A) (7) 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 Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to go back in regular session.

Mayor Raines declared the meeting 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.

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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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As to legal items, Mayor Raines advised Council had been updated by the City Manager on the legal aspects of the Norton Industrial Development Authority property at AT&T.

At this time, the Mayor asked the City Manager to read aloud a Resolution of the City of Norton and asked Council to consider same for passage. This resolution stated that Council would issue A Certificate of Take for a temporary construction easement for a period of 60 calendar days regarding the property owned by R. O. and Wanda R. Goad and is property adjoining the AT&T Property.

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Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the City of Norton. (Insert)

As to the appointment of a City Attorney and upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to authorize the City Manager to negotiate a contract with an attorney for legal services for the City.

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As to the appointment of a member to the Economic Development Commission of Wise County/City of Norton, Mr. McCall nominated Mr. Byron Cantrell.

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

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Mayor Raines declared Mr. Byron Cantrell appointed to a term on the Economic Development Commission of Wise County/City of Norton.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council authorized the Mayor to officially request to the Economic Development Commission of Wise County/City of Norton to increase the City of Norton's membership to 2 members. These 2 members are to be selected by the Norton City Council.

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There were no comments from either the City Manager or Council.

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

CITY OF NORTON



B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:


Clerk