

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on Tuesday, August 4, 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 and Joe Pippin, City Attorney

The invocation was given by Rev. Larry Murphy followed by the Pledge of Allegiance which was led by Director of Social Services Bill Stokes.

Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the July 21, 1992 meeting as presented.

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Mayor Raines announced there are amendments to the agenda under Item 6-C 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. Also discussion of legal items as per 2.1-344(A) (7) of the Code of Virginia as amended regarding condemnation of property will be item #4.

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During the audience for visitors, Mr. Bill Stokes, Director of Social Services for the City of Norton, approached Council with an estimate for new office furniture for his Department in the amount of \$16,552.50.

Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council authorized the appropriation of necessary funds not to exceed \$16,552.50 to replace office furniture for the Department of Social Services with said funds coming from the Department of Social Services Unappropriated Reserves.

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Mr. Stokes thanked Council for their consideration on this request and also for their concurrence of their move to Park Avenue Center.

Due to the resignation of Mr. Kenneth P. Asbury as City Attorney for health reasons, Council had authorized the City Manager to negotiate a contract with an attorney for legal services for the City of Norton.

William Mays nominated the law firm of Pippin and Pippin as City Attorney.

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

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Mayor Raines congratulated Mr. Joe Pippin on the appointment of Pippin and Pippin as City Attorney for the City of Norton with Mr. Pippin expressing his thanks to Council.

The City Manager, along with Bobby Lane of Dewberry and Davis, gave Council an update on the City's Inflow and Infiltration Project.

Mr. Ward advised that on March 3, 1992 Council had approved a change order to expend \$80,000 of Virginia Resources Authority funds in the Cumberland Collieries area on sewer line replacement. Due to the start of the Norton By-Pass Project, the Highway Department will be using Federal funds for utility relocation in this area.

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After contacting the State Water Control Board, the City was advised they could use this \$80,000 on I/I if it could be spent by September 30, 1992 and if the City could document the need for the expenditure.

Council had been given a map and report showing areas that are known to be in bad need of repairs. These locations are behind the old St. Mary's Hospital on Virginia Avenue, Pine Street, 11th Street up to and crossing over onto Spruce Street, and a short section of Spruce Street. These are the areas where the

\$80,000 is to be spent unless another location is found to be in worse shape.

Following a discussion and upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council authorized the change orders in the amount of \$80,000 to be expended on sewer line replacement and gave the City Manager the flexibility in choosing the areas in which the work is to be done.

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.

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.

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

As to legal items, Mayor Raines stated Council had been updated by the City Attorney on the condemnation of property belonging to R. O. and Wanda Ruth Goad and located adjacent to the Norton Industrial Development Authority property housing AT&T and that Council may want to consider a resolution.

At this time, the Mayor asked the City Attorney to read aloud a Resolution of the City of Norton and asked Council to consider same for passage.

Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by Jack Wallace, 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 member to the Economic Development Commission of Wise County/City of Norton, Mr. Wallace nominated Vice Mayor William Mays.

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

Mayor Raines declared Vice Mayor William Mays appointed to a term on the Economic Development Commission of Wise County/City of Norton.

There was no action taken on the appointment to the Community Services Board and Council did discuss the evaluation of the City Manager.

In his comments, Mr. Ward advised: the new garbage truck and packer was parked outside for Council to see and that it would be put in service tomorrow; the City is gearing up for a sale of surplus property this month; and that the City is grieving for former mayor, Vernon Flanary, and Assistant Police Chief Ralph E. "Butch" Wells both of whom had passed away in the last two weeks. Mr. Ward extended sympathies to both families.

The new City Attorney thanked Council again for his appointment.

There were no comments from the members of Council.

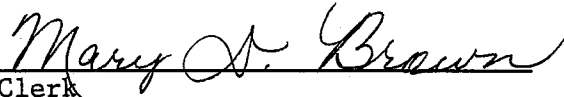
There being no further action to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned with a work session on the Comprehensive Drainage Study to follow.

CITY OF NORTON



B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:



Clerk