

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Tuesday, January 15, 1991, at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Robert Raines presiding.

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

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

The invocation was given by Rev. Larry Murphy. Prior to the Pledge of Allegiance, Councilwoman Sturgill asked for a minute of silence in recognition of the world situation and as a tribute to the armed forces on the front line in Saudi Arabia. Following this, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by 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 December 18, 1990 meeting as presented. 14968

Mr. James V. Peters, 609 Kentucky Avenue, Norton, came forward during the Mayor's call for visitors and spoke concerning a problem he had incurred December 24, 1990 while hunting near the Water Plant. He showed Council both a ticket he had received and also photographs taken of the area.

Following a brief discussion, Council referred the matter to the City Manager to check on the placement of the No Trespassing Signs that are currently up, to see if there is any way to better mark the area in discussion, and also to better define the terms regarding the area "around the Water Plant". 14969

Mr. Peters also asked Mr. Ward to check on small trailer which is parked on the lower reservoir. Mr. Ward advised he would do so.

Mayor Raines advised that on December 18, 1990 our water reserves were 71.1 million gallons and as of January 10, 1991, we were full and overflowing. He further asked that the City Manager bring back to Council for consideration a Water Contingency Plan based on his experiences last summer. The last plan on record is dated January 19, 1987. Since that time, we have been able to utilize PSA water. 14970

Vice Mayor William Mays advised that he would abstain both from discussion and voting on the request for renewal of the City of Norton Rescue Squad's Bingo and Raffle Permit which is the next item on the agenda.

Mr. Ward advised that Council had received renewal forms for Bingo/Raffle Permits from both the City of Norton Rescue Squad and City of Norton Schools with a request to waive the permit fee.

The Administration advised everything was in order and requested approval of these two permits with the waiver of fee.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by the following vote: Sturgill, Wallace, Raines, and McCall, AYE - Mays, ABSTAINED, Council moved to approve the Bingo Raffle Permits for the City of Norton Rescue Squad and the City of Norton Schools for a period of one year with the permit fee waived. 14971

The City Attorney discussed with Council five ordinances which Council may or may not want to enact. The sixth ordinance was one that had already been adopted in 1948 or 1949 but had been left out of the Code during recodification somewhere in that time frame. He further advised this ordinance needs to be put back in the Code. The ordinance in Council's packet covering this needs a correction from City Manager to Chief of Police to designate intersections at which vehicle shall come to a full stop or yield the right-of-way. 14972

Following a brief discussion, Council instructed the City Manager to proceed with the advertisement of the public hearing on these ordinances.

Council had been presented in their packets a Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Property to the Norton Industrial Development Authority.

The City Attorney advised this resolution transferred the property recently purchased by the City for the AT&T Building to the Norton Industrial Development Authority in order that NIDA can close their loan from the Coalfield Economic Development Authority so that work can be completed on that project and so that we can clear up the title and to combine the two properties, the land and building, into one under the NIDA.

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Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia, Approving the Transfer of N & W Property to the Industrial Development Authority of the City of Norton, Virginia. (Insert)

Council had been presented with a request from the Norton Industrial Development Authority requesting property owned by them on Federal Street between the Post Office and Super Service be made into a temporary parking lot.

Mr. George Lewis, a member of NIDA, spoke briefly on this item.

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Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council authorized the City to proceed with the work on this property in order to make it a temporary parking lot.

Council had a request from the City Treasurer for the refund of \$7.00 to Mr. Charles Patterson for overpayment of 1990 Real Estate Taxes.

Upon a motion by Linda Sturgill, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council approved a refund of \$7.00 to Mr. Charles Patterson for overpayment of 1990 Real Estate Taxes.

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In their packets, Council had copies of two checks in excess of \$100,000.00 which need to be approved.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to approve a check in the amount of \$238,269.99 payable to Burwil Construction Company and a check in the amount of \$150,000.00 payable to the Norton City Schools.

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Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous 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.

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Mayor Raines declared the meeting in Executive Session.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Linda Sturgill, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to go back into 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 Session with each member answering aye. The Clerk then read the entire Resolution of the Certification of Executive Meeting. Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Linda Sturgill, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt a Resolution of the Certification of Executive Meeting. (Insert)

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The Mayor advised no action had been taken during Executive Session regarding the appointments to the Norton Redevelopment and Housing Authority. He further advised that Council had received a letter from Mr. R. L. Whitehorn asking not to be reappointed to this Authority.

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In his comments, Mr. Ward advised that the area managers at their monthly luncheons have joined together in a program to assist in the 10% reduction of solid waste mandated for 1991. Each municipality is starting a pilot curbside recycling program; however all details have not been worked out. An estimated 50

households will be used. Mr. Ward advised funds covering this pilot program can come out of the City's Litter Fund. Council advised Mr. Ward they were glad to see some progress being made on this project.

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Mr. Ward also advised he would like to schedule a public hearing during the first meeting in February to address specific areas to qualify for the next round of Community Development Block Grants.

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The Planning Commission reviewed the first draft of the Zoning Ordinance last week and the Manager anticipates a work session to be held early next month with the City Council, Board of Zoning Appeals, Planning Commission, and the City Administration. Mr. Ward will keep Council advised.

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The Administration has begun work on the 1991-1992 budget and the Capital Improvement Program. Council set a date of Friday, February 15, 1991, at 3:00 p.m. in Council Chambers for a work session.

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The AT&T facility is scheduled to open at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, February 1, 1991 and Council is invited to attend. Mr. Ward extended his appreciation to Council and the Norton Industrial Development Authority for their flexibility in allowing the City Administration to work on this project.

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There were no comments from the City Attorney.

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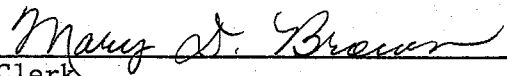
Councilwoman Sturgill expressed an interest in seeking C-Span on our local cable service. She asked Council to consider a formal resolution to be sent to the regional office of Century Cable expressing an interest in C-Span.

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

  
B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Clerk