

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Tuesday, March 5, 1991, at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Robert Raines presiding.

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

Absent: William Mays

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

The invocation was given by Rev. Paul Henschen. Prior to the Pledge of Allegiance, Mayor Raines asked that we all be mindful of what has happened and what we would like to see continuing happening in the Middle East. Following this, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Parks and Recreation Director Michele Knox.

Upon a motion by Linda Sturgill, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the February 19, 1991 meeting as presented.

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

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Mr. Ward advised Council they had been furnished with additional information as to the rates in other municipalities covering the City's proposed increases in the Parks and Recreation Department.

Ms. Michele Knox, Parks and Recreation Director, was present and spoke briefly to Council and answered questions from Council.

Council discussed the various items such as pool charges, initiation of a Season Pass, Flag Rock fees, and City Reservoir fees.

Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to accept the following changes in fees for the Parks and Recreation Department:

Pool: Children Admission Fee - \$ 1.00, Adult Admission Fee - \$ 1.50, Pool Party Fee - \$ 45.00, Season Pass \$ 35.00 per person with each additional family member costing an additional \$ 5.00 on pass fee, Pool Party Lifeguard Fee - \$ 6.00 per hour.

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Flag Rock: Shelter Fee - All Day \$ 25.00, Shelter Fee - Four Hours \$ 20.00, and Camping Fee Per Site \$ 5.00.

The above increased fees will take effect at the beginning of the upcoming spring/summer season.

City Reservoir: Non-Resident - \$ 15.00, Resident - \$ 10.00, Children Under 12 - \$ 5.00, Over 65 - No Charge, and Members of the Old Dominion Sportsmen Club - \$ 5.00 Annual Fee.

The increases for the City Reservoir will take effect January 1, 1992.

At this time, Mayor Raines recognized Ms. Sandra Bocclair of AT&T and who is the Manager of the Virginia Relay Center in Norton. Ms. Bocclair spoke briefly to Council thanking them for their dedication and support in the establishment of the Virginia Relay Center and made a presentation to those members of Council along with the City Attorney who were not in attendance at the Commemorative Call and Ribbon Cutting held February 21, 1991.

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Mr. Ward presented Council with A Resolution Authorizing Submittal of a Community Development Block Grant Application covering the application for the Josephine Sewer Project.

Following a brief discusssion and upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution Authorizing Submittal of a Community Development Block Grant Application. (Insert)

Council, in their packets, had been presented with A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia, Requesting That the Virginia Department of Transportation Complete the Construction of the U. S. 23/58A By-Pass Through the City of Norton, Virginia, In the Next Six Year Improvement Program.

The City Manager advised this resolution, if passed, would be presented to the Virginia Department of Transportation at their Pre-Allocation Hearing which will be held in Abingdon on Monday, March 18, 1991. Mr. Ward invited council members to attend this meeting along with Delegate Kennedy and Senator Buchanan.

Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Linda Sturgill, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia, Requesting that the Virginia Department of Transportation Complete the Construction of the U. S. 23/58A By-Pass Through the City of Norton, Virginia, In the Next Six Year Improvement Program. (Insert)

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Council was requested by the City Manager to fund an extension of the City Sewer Line from Chapman Street to the City Water Treatment Plant. This is needed to take care of the sludge which we have at the Water Plant.

Mr. Mark Hollyfield, Water Plant Superintendent, discussed this with Council and advised that this was the best option the City had and answered questions Council had regarding this item.

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Following a discussion and upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Linda Sturgill, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council authorized the advertisement for bids of a sewer line extension from Chapman Street to the Water Treatment Plant at an approximate cost of \$75,000.00 with said funds to come from reserved funds in the Water/Sewer Fund and to bring these bids back to Council.

The City Manager had been directed by Council to update the Water Contingency Plan based on the experiences of last summer and bring same back to Council for their review.

Mr. Ward presented Council with a new Pre-Emergency Water Contingency Plan which includes the use of PSA water which is now available to us. The Contingency Water Plan, which is the declaration of an emergency, has not been modified by him as of yet.

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After much discussion, Council felt no action should be taken tonight since there was not a full Council present and that the levels under Item 2 of this plan should be changed to 75, 65, and 50mg rather than the 85, 75, 65mg as presented. Mr. Ward advised that with these changes he would have to make some modifications to the Emergency Plan also and bring both back to Council in the future.

Council had been presented with A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Adopted at a Regular Meeting Held on the 5th Day of March, 1991 at the Council Room, City Hall, Norton, Virginia which covers the Norton Industrial Development Authority's borrowing of \$220,000 from the State Economic Development Loan Fund covering the purchase price of the AT&T Building from Norfolk-Southern.

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Following a brief discussion and 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 Council of the City of Norton, Virginia, Adopted at a Regular Meeting Held on the 5th Day of March, 1991 at the Council Room, City Hall, Norton, Virginia. (Insert)

In his comments, the City Manager advised that a Parade Permit had been issued for the Norton Support our Troops Group. The parade will be held at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, March 10, 1991, beginning at the Dairy Queen intersection up Park Avenue to 11th Street across the viaduct and on to the high school.

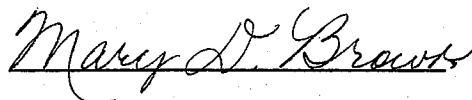
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There being no comments from the City Attorney or Council, the meeting was adjourned.



B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:

 Clerk