

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Tuesday, September 18, 1990, at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Robert Raines presiding.

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

Absent: Ron McCall

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

The invocation was given by Rev. Larry Murphy and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance which was led by Richard Sowden of Boy Scout Troop No. 173. The troop along with their leaders, Vic Jones III and Tommy Kinser, were present tonight working on their Communication Badge. Mayor Raines welcomed them on behalf of Council.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the September 4, 1990 meeting as presented.

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During the Mayor's call for visitors, Mrs. Carol Short, 121 - 10th Street, N. W., spoke to Council of vandalism on five of her vehicles several weeks ago and requested a street light be installed in front of her home.

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Mr. Ward advised Mrs. Short her request would be referred to the Highway Safety Commission for their recommendation.

Mayor Raines advised that he had been presented with a water report prior to this meeting and that we now have 78.3 million gallons of water in our reservoirs. He further advised that we do not have a water emergency at this time but asked for all citizens to conserve water.

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The City has started conservation by the elimination of washing the streets.

Mrs. Marcia Quesenberry of Mountain Empire Community College, was present and requested Council's support for a Small Business Development Center for which the College has applied.

Mrs. Quesenberry gave Council a brief summary of how this center will work and also answered questions Council members had.

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Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by William Mays, and passed by the following roll call vote: Yes - Wallace, Raines, and Mays. No - Sturgill, Council moved to support the establishment of a Small Business Development Center and to commit \$2,500 from Unappropriated Reserves for this center based upon the approval of the center for Mountain Empire by the State Department of Economic Development.

Council had been presented in their packets the recommendation of the Planning Commission on the Phil Henry sub-division problem.

Jon Rockett, Chairman of the Planning Commission, was present and answered questions Council had.

Following a discussion and upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to refer the extension of Countiss Street back to the Planning Commission for further study since Council still had many unanswered questions.

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Mayor Raines thanked both Mr. Rockett and the Planning Commission for working with Council on this problem.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Jack Wallace, 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. 14882

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. 14883

Mayor Raines declared the meeting back in regular session.

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. (Insert) 14884

The Mayor opened the floor for nominations to the Wise County/City of Norton Health Advisory Board for a four year term which will expire September 30, 1990.

William Mays nominated Marilyn Pace Maxwell. 14885

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

Mayor Raines declared Mrs. Marilyn Pace Maxwell reappointed to the Wise County/City of Norton Health Advisory Board for a four year term which will expire September 30, 1990.

In his comments, the City Manager advised that the Council Photo Session will be held prior to the October 2, 1990 council meeting and asked everyone to be present at 7:00. Should there be a change of schedule, Mr. Ward will advise members of Council. 14886

There were no comments from the City Attorney. 14887

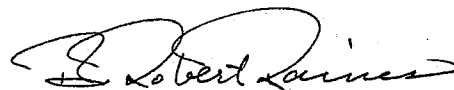
Councilwoman Sturgill, in her comments, advised she would like to see on the agenda the item of a letter from Neal Barber of the Department of Housing and Urban Development wherein a City grant had been turned down and also bring the Blackwood Project back for discussion.

Mrs. Sturgill stated the City was in violation of the Ordinance for Fire Department Officer appointments and asked that the Fire Department make recommendations to Council. 14888

She also advised that the EPA had approved the Injection Well Permit in Dickenson County and feels that Council needs to start educating themselves on this matter.

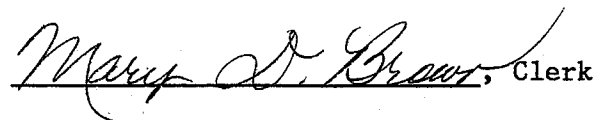
Mayor Raines expressed his thanks to the City staff, especially Mr. Ward and Mr. Ramey, for the work done on the Governor's visit last week. 14889

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



B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:



Mary D. Brewster, Clerk