

The special called Council Meeting of Tuesday, June 27, 2006 was held at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers with Mayor Robert Raines presiding.

Present: Jack Wallace, Robert Raines, William Mays, and Joseph Fawbush

Absent: Joseph Hunnicutt and Bill Bradshaw, City Attorney

Also Present: E. W. Ward, City Manager

The invocation was given by the City Manager followed by the pledge led by the Assistant City Manager, Fred Ramey.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the June 20, 2006 meeting as corrected. In Item #21399, the second on the motion was by Councilman Hunnicutt rather than Councilman Wallace as stated.

21401

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

21402

A public hearing was held to amend the 2005-2006 General Fund Budget in the amount of \$592,841.

Mr. Ward advised that four of the six items are relating to grants and require no local dollars. These are as follows: Laurel Trails Housing Project in the amount of \$359,550, Fire Programs Funds in the amount of \$21,000, Homeland Security Grants in the amount of \$29,346, and Department of Criminal Justice Services Grant in the amount of \$8,145.

The two items, which require local dollars, are an additional payroll during this fiscal year in the amount of \$74,800 and a transfer to the Water/Sewer Fund in the amount of \$100,000.

Mr. Ward briefly discussed these items with Council.

Mayor Raines opened the public hearing.

There being no public input, Mayor Raines closed the public hearing.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to amend the 2005-2006 General Fund Budget in the amount of \$592,841 of which \$174,800 comes from Unappropriated Reserves.

21403

Council had been presented with An Ordinance Adopting the Budget for the City of Norton, Virginia for the Fiscal Year of July 1, 2006 Thru June 30, 2007 Appropriating Funds for All Contemplated Expenses of the City for the Fiscal Year and Placing Levies Upon All Real Estate, Personal Property and Bank Stock, Licenses, Fees, User Charges, and All Other Levies as Previously Imposed or Modified Herein.

Mr. Ward gave a brief synopsis of the City's 2006-2007 budget. He advised that the public hearing was held at the last meeting. The Administration made some cuts and increased some fees. The refuse rate is increased twenty five percent and the water/sewer rate is up forty cents (\$.40) per thousand. There is no tax increase and all full time employees will receive a 3% cost of living raise. He further stated that the School Board Budget had been approved as submitted.

21404

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by the following unanimous roll call vote: YES – Wallace, Raines, Mays, Fawbush, NO – None, ABSENT – Hunnicutt, Council moved to adopt An Ordinance Adopting the Budget for the City of Norton,

Virginia for the Fiscal Year of July 1, 2006 Thru June 30, 2007 Appropriating Funds for All Contemplated Expenses of the City for the Fiscal Year and Placing Levies Upon All Real Estate, Personal Property and Bank Stock, Licenses, Fees, User Charges, and All Other Levies as Previously Imposed or Modified Herein. (Insert)

Mr. Ward advised Council that each member should receive a copy of the budget at the July 18th meeting.

Council had been given a copy of A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton Adopting a Five Year Capital Improvements Program.

Mr. Ward briefly discussed the capital plans that will be appropriated in this year's budget. Among the items included are three studies. These studies are on the 11th Street Park, the City Shop, and an update to the Comprehensive Plan, which is required every five years as per State Statute. In the General Operating Fund, there is a total of \$793,997 in projects.

In the Water Operating Fund, there are \$330,000 in capital projects. These cover \$150,000 for funding for engineering for the Upper Dam Project, the purchase of a small sewer camera, a trench box, and the rest are standard items.

There were no questions or comments from Council.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by the following unanimous roll call vote: YES – Wallace, Mays, Fawbush, Raines, NO – None, ABSENT – Hunnicutt, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton Adopting a Five Year Capital Improvements Program. (Insert)

In comments from the City Manager, Mr. Ward advised:

The annual Virginia Municipal League Conference will be held October 15th – October 17th in Virginia Beach. Any council member interested in attending should contact him.

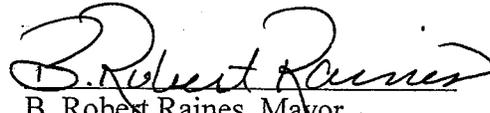
The City has been cleared by the Virginia Department Of Transportation to advertise the 11th Street Bridge Project. There will be an approximate time of 30 days for advertising and 30 days for the awarding of this contract, which should be awarded in mid-August or early September.

In comments from Council, Vice Mayor Mays asked if the City offices were going to be closed on Monday, July 3rd. Mr. Ward advised that the office will be closed only on Tuesday, July 4th.

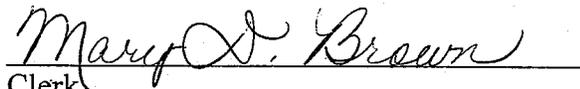
Mayor Raines asked if there will be a ribbon cutting for the Laurel Trails Subdivision Project. Mr. Ward advised the final inspection is tomorrow and that he will do whatever City Council would like for him to do as to a ribbon cutting. The City Attorney recorded the plat on June 22, 2006. Mr. Ward further advised that there is a company ready to put a home on one of the lots once a contract can be signed by the City and BOCO. The City Attorney is reviewing this contract.

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

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA


B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:


Clerk