

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held on Tuesday, February 3, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers with Mayor Robert Raines presiding.

Present: Joseph Hunnicutt, Robert Raines, William Mays, and Joseph Fawbush

Also Present: E. W. Ward, City Manager

Absent: Jack Wallace and Bill Bradshaw

The invocation was given by Rev. John Ellington and was followed by the pledge of allegiance, which was led by Police Chief Sam Mongle.

Upon a motion by Joseph Hunnicutt, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the January 20, 2004 meeting as presented.

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

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A public hearing was held on An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Norton, Virginia by Adding Section 26.1-6 Which Provides for a Temporary Zoning Classification for Any Property Coming Into the Territorial Jurisdiction of the Municipality by Boundary Adjustment, Annexation, or Otherwise.

The City Manager advised that the City Administration, in working with Wise County on the Boundary Line Adjustment for the Walmart Project, found that we had no classification in our Zoning Ordinance to cover property coming into the City. This issue had been discussed at a previous Council meeting. The Planning Commission had held their public hearing on January 26th and voted for the adoption of this ordinance. Council had asked that Mr. Ward schedule a public hearing on this issue. Mr. Ward then briefly discussed the temporary zoning classifications with Council.

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There were no questions or comments from Council prior to the public hearing.

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 the following unanimous roll call vote: YES – Hunnicutt, Mays, Fawbush, Raines, NO – None, ABSENT – Wallace, Council moved to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and to adopt An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Norton, Virginia By Adding Section 26.1-6 Which Provides for a Temporary Zoning Classification for Any Property Coming into the Territorial Jurisdiction of the Municipality by Boundary Adjustment, Annexation, or Otherwise. (Insert)

Council had the item of rate increases on some Parks and Recreation services brought back to them from the last meeting for further discussion and to also see the approximate amount of revenues these increases would bring to the City.

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At this time, City Attorney Bill Bradshaw took his seat.

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Mr. Ward went over the items, which Michele Knox, Parks and Recreation Director, is seeking increased rates. These increases are: Increasing Rental Fees at the Community Center from \$25.00 to \$40.00 per room; Increasing cost of pool parties from \$75.00 to \$100.00; Establishing a rental fee of \$20.00 at the Clear Creek Park, and Increasing the pool admission cost for children from \$1.00 to \$2.00.

Mr. Ward advised that based on past revenues brought in, these increases would total \$6,940.00.

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Ms. Knox was present and answered questions from Council.

Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Joseph Hunnicutt, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to increase certain Parks and Recreation Fees as follows: Increase the cost of rental fees at the Community Center from \$25.00 to \$40.00; Increase the fee of pool parties from \$75.00 to \$100.00; Increase the cost of admission for adults at the pool from \$2.00 to \$3.00.

It was the consensus of Council to have no charges for the use of the Clear Creek Park or to raise the cost for children at the pool.

Council had been presented with A Resolution Supporting MedFlight of East Kentucky.

Mr. Ward advised that this item had been discussed at the last meeting and Council had instructed him to bring back a resolution for consideration. Mr. Ward advised that MedFlight of East Kentucky is seeking licensure from the Virginia Board of Emergency Medical Services and needs a document of support from a local government stating that it is acceptable for them to fly into Virginia.

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Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Joseph Hunnicutt, and passed by the following unanimous vote: YES – Hunnicutt, Mays, Fawbush, Raines, NO – None, ABSENT – Wallace, Council moved to adopt A Resolution Supporting MedFlight of East Kentucky. (Insert)

Mr. Pat Murphy of Thompson and Litton was present to discuss with Council the proposed options for the sanitary sewer service in the Laurel Trails Subdivision.

The City Manager had advised Council of the problem with the sewer at their last meeting and advised that the Administration was still working with the engineers on this problem. They now have two options, which will be discussed with Council tonight.

The two options discussed and presented to Council with maps and pictures are a gravity sewer with aerial stream crossings at a projected cost of \$75,000 and with a yearly operation and maintenance cost of approximately \$100 and a pump station/force main with submerged stream crossings at a projected cost of \$150,000 with a yearly operation and maintenance cost of approximately \$3,000.

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Following a brief discussion, it was the consensus of Council to proceed with the option of the gravity sewer with aerial stream crossings.

At this time, Mr. Ward advised Council that the two lots, which he had reported lost at the last meeting, have been regained. There are still fifty-seven lots in the subdivision.

Council had a request for a water tap for Ricky Ward at 6242 West Norton Road, which is located in the county. Mr. Ward, along with four other individuals from this area who would also like to apply for City water, was present at tonight's meeting.

Mr. Ward showed Council a map with the last house in this area that has City water so marked and advised that it is approximately 200' to 300' of line that would have to be installed to provide Mr. Ricky Ward a tap. This tap would be on a 2" line and there could be a problem with not enough pressure or volume for the entire area; also, the cost to lay this line would be expensive.

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Following a lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of Council to table this item until more information can be gathered and they also advised Mr. Ward to work with Mr. Ricky Ward on this water tap.

Council had a request from the Commissioner of Revenue for a refund of taxes erroneously paid to the City by Dwayne Kilgore in the total amount of \$64.03.

The City Attorney advised that he concurs with the Commissioner of Revenue's request.

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Upon a motion by Joseph Hunnicutt, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to approve a refund in the amount of \$64.03 to Mr. Dwayne Kilgore for erroneously assessed taxes.

Upon a motion by Joseph Fawbush, seconded by Joseph Hunnicutt, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to go into closed meeting to discuss personnel as per 2.2-3711 (A) (1) of the Code of Virginia, as amended.

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Mayor Raines declared Council in closed meeting.

Upon a motion by Joseph Hunnicutt, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to go back into open meeting.

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Mayor Raines declared Council back in open meeting.

The Clerk then polled each member of Council as to the certification of closed meeting with each answering yes. The Clerk then read A Resolution of the Certification of Closed Meeting. Upon a motion by Joseph Fawbush, seconded by Joseph Hunnicutt, and passed by the following unanimous vote: YES – Hunnicutt, Mays, Fawbush, Raines, NO – None, ABSENT – Wallace, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the Certification of Closed Meeting. (Insert)

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Mayor Raines opened the floor for nominations to the Building Code Board of Appeals for a five year term which will expire on January 17, 2009.

Joseph Hunnicutt nominated Mr. Jim Boggs to be reappointed to this board.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved that the nominations cease.

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Mayor Raines declared Mr. Jim Boggs reappointed to the Building Code Board of Appeals for a five year term which will expire on January 17, 2009.

Mayor Raines opened the floor for nominations to the Norton Highway Safety Commission for two year terms currently held by Dennis Brummitte, Frank Gravely, J. T. Caruso, and Bobby Cassell. These terms will expire on January 31, 2006.

William Mays nominated Dennis Brummitte, Frank Gravely, J. T. Caruso, and Bobby Cassell to be reappointed to this Commission.

Upon a motion by Joseph Hunnicutt, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved that the nominations cease.

Mayor Raines declared Dennis Brummitte, Frank Gravely, J. T. Caruso, and Bobby Cassell reappointed to the Norton Highway Safety Commission for two year terms, which will expire on January 31, 2006.

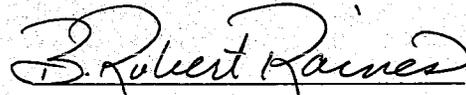
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In comments from the City Manager, Mr. Ward advised that the City has been invited to participate in meetings that Wise County is having on the landfill issue. They are looking at the prospect of going into a seven million dollar expansion of the landfill. Any way the County proceeds, the City will be affected; therefore he will be attending these meetings.

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

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA


B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:

