

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Norton City Council was held on Tuesday, May 2, 2000 at the Norton Rescue Squad Building at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Robert Raines presiding.

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

Also Present: E. W. Ward, City Manager and Bill Bradshaw, City Attorney

The invocation was given by the City Manager and was followed by the pledge of allegiance, which was led by Police Captain Kenny Jackson.

Upon a motion by Joseph Fawbush, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the April 18, 2000 meeting as presented. 19586

There was no response to the Mayor's call for visitors. 19587

Mayor Raines advised that the public hearing for the City of Norton School Board Budget had been duly advertised for tonight and that no action will be taken on this budget until the next council meeting. He further advised that Dr. John Sessoms was present at tonight's meeting.

Prior to the public hearing on the 2000-2001 budget of the Norton City Schools, Mayor Raines spoke and advised that the City Council had taken some criticism regarding level funding of the School Board budget. He advised that this decision was not arrived at lightly and discussed various aspects of the schools' 2000-2001 budget.

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

Mayor Raines opened the public hearing. 19588

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

Mayor Raines then inquired of Dr. Sessoms if the School Board could work with the level funding of this year's budget and Dr. Sessoms advised that they could. Dr. Sessoms also expressed to City Council his appreciation for all that they have done for the City schools both now and in the past.

Mr. Bobby Lane of Lane Engineering and representatives of Dewberry and Davis were present to discuss water line replacement within the City. Mr. Lane gave Council a brief presentation on this matter. He cited four areas that were in great need of line replacement. These areas are: Main Avenue, Route 74, Kentucky Avenue, and East Park Avenue. He advised that the total cost of this project would be \$1,444,000 and he strongly recommended that Council move forward at this time. He advised Council that they were prepared to solicit funds in the forms of loans and grants. The first of these that needed to be applied for is from the State Health Department and the deadline is June 15<sup>th</sup>. The second agency from which he would like to seek funds is Rural Development (Farmers Home), and this application should be in prior to the end of this fiscal year. In Mr. Lane's opinion, in order to get these funds, water rates would have to be increased by July 1, 2001. 19589

He asked that Council, at their next meeting, give them direction as what to do in regards to filing an application with Rural Development and what their feelings are regarding a rate increase on water.

Mr. Lane introduced Mr. Mark Hill and Mr. Ken Mullins of Dewberry and Davis. They then presented handouts to Council regarding tonight's presentation.

It was the consensus of Council for Mr. Lane to prepare the application to the State Health Department for Mr. Ward's signature.

Mayor Raines thanked Mr. Lane for his presentation.

Council had a request for a sewer connection located at 115 Washington Avenue in the county for Mr. Lee Skeen. Mr. Ward advised that this connection is for a vacant piece of property adjacent to Mr. Skeen's business, which he is trying to market.

Upon a motion by Mr. Hunnicutt, seconded by Mr. Fawbush, and passed by unanimous vote, Council approved one sewer connection for Mr. Lee Skeen at 115 Washington Avenue for a period of one year. If this connection is not made within the year's time, Mr. Skeen will have to make a new application.

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Council had in their packets A Proclamation Supporting National Police Week and Police Memorial Day. Mr. Ward read this proclamation and upon a motion by Mr. Mays, seconded by Mr. Hunnicutt, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Proclamation Supporting National Police Week and Police Memorial Day. (Insert)

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Council had in their packets A Resolution Supporting the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. Mr. Ward read this resolution and upon a motion by Mr. Fawbush, seconded by Mr. Hunnicutt, and passed by the following unanimous vote: YES - Hunnicutt, Wallace, Mays, Fawbush, Raines; NO - None; ABSENT - None, Council moved to adopt A Resolution Supporting the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. (Insert)

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Upon a motion by Mr. Hunnicutt, seconded by Mr. Mays, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to go into closed meeting to discuss personnel as per 2.1-344(A) (1) of the Code of Virginia, as amended.

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Mayor Raines declared Council in closed meeting.

Upon a motion by Mr. Wallace, seconded by Mr. Fawbush, 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 the entire Resolution of the Certification of Closed Meeting. Upon a motion by Mr. Hunnicutt, seconded by Mr. Mays, and passed by the following unanimous vote: YES - Hunnicutt, Wallace, Mays, Fawbush, Raines; NO - None; ABSENT - None, 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 Norton Industrial Development Authority for two four year terms which will expire on May 10, 2004.

Mr. Mays nominated Mr. William Sturgill and Mr. Byron Cantrell to be reappointed to this Authority.

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

Mayor Raines declared Mr. William Sturgill and Mr. Byron Cantrell reappointed to the Norton Industrial Development Authority for four year terms which will expire on May 10, 2004.

Mayor Raines opened the floor for nominations to the C-N-W Regional Wastewater Authority for a four year term which will expire on May 15, 2004.

Mr. Hunnicutt nominated Mr. Jack Wallace to be reappointed to this Authority.

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

Mayor Raines declared Mr. Jack Wallace reappointed to the C-N-W Regional Wastewater Authority for a four year term which will expire on May 15, 2004.

There were no comments from either the City Manager or the City Attorney.

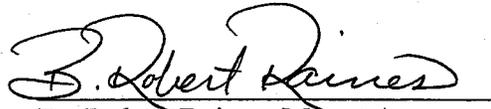
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Mayor Raines expressed thanks to the Norton Rescue Squad for the use of their facilities tonight as the Municipal Council Chamber was used for the election.

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

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA

  
B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Clerk