

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Norton City Council was held on Tuesday, July 18, 2000 at the Municipal Council Chambers at 7:30 p.m. with Vice Mayor William Mays presiding.

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

Absent: Robert Raines

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

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

Upon a motion by Joseph Fawbush, seconded by Joseph Hunnicutt, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the June 20, 2000 meeting as presented.

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Upon a motion by Joseph Fawbush, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the July 3, 2000 organizational meeting as presented.

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

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Council had a request from the Norton City Schools for funding in the amount of \$17,389 to cover costs for an instructor in a sign language class.

Present tonight representing the School Board were Dr. John Sessoms, Superintendent, and School Board members Dr. Jeff Begley, Ron McCall, and Steve McElroy.

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Dr. Sessoms spoke briefly to Council regarding this class and its popularity at the high school.

Upon a motion by Joseph Fawbush, seconded by Joseph Hunnicutt, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to provide additional funding in the amount of \$17,389 from unappropriated reserves for continuation of the sign language class.

Council had two requests for water taps outside the City limits. One is for Angela G. Addington of 4553 James Road in the Dorchester area of the county and the second is for Franklin B. Addison, Jr. of 4629 Overlook Road in the Thackers Branch area of the county.

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Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Joseph Hunnicutt, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to approve the two water taps for Angela G. Addington and Franklin B. Addison, Jr.

Council had been presented with A Resolution Approving the Planning District One Community Services Board Performance Contract along with a copy of the contract.

Mr. Ward advised this Board serves the Lenowisco Planning District, which consists of representatives of Wise, Scott, and Lee Counties, and the City of Norton. Our representative on this Board is Mrs. Barbara Caruso.

Upon a motion by Joseph Hunnicutt, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by the following roll call vote: YES - Hunnicutt, Wallace, Mays, Fawbush; NO - None; ABSENT - Raines, Council moved to adopt A Resolution Approving the Planning District One Community Services Board Performance Contract. (Insert)

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A recommendation from the Norton Highway Safety Commission was presented to Council asking that the speed limit on Kentucky Avenue be raised from 25 miles per hour to 35 miles per hour.

The City Manager gave a brief history on the speed limit on this roadway being lowered to 25 and, since everything had been brought to Council, he felt that this request for increasing the speed limit should be also. He advised that this can be handled in several ways, one being that the City Manager can be authorized to increase this limit.

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Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Joseph Hunnicutt, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council authorized the City Manager to increase the speed limit on Kentucky Avenue to 35 miles per hour from the posted 25 miles per hour as per the recommendation of the Norton Highway Safety Commission.

Upon a motion by Joseph Hunnicutt, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, 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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Vice Mayor Mays declared Council in closed meeting.

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

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Vice Mayor Mays 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 Hunnicutt, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by the following unanimous vote: YES - Hunnicutt, Wallace, Mays, Fawbush; NO - None; ABSENT - Raines, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the Certification of Closed Meeting. (Insert)

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Vice Mayor Mays opened the floor for nominations to the Mountain Empire College Board for a four year term which will expire on June 30, 2004.

Joseph Hunnicutt nominated Mrs. Amelia Harris to be reappointed to the Board.

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

Vice Mayor Mays advised that Mrs. Amelia Harris is reappointed to the Mountain Empire College Board for a four year term which will expire on June 30, 2004.

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

He is pleased to advise that, as of today, our reservoir is full. This time last year we had approximately 80 million gallons.

The City has entered into a contract with Thompson and Litton for a Comprehensive Water Study. A work session will be scheduled following the August 1, 2000 council meeting. Thompson and Litton is now doing the preliminary work.

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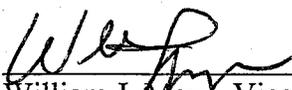
He is pleased to pass out to Council members tonight their individual copies of the budget. He briefly highlighted the budget document with Council.

There were no comments from the City Attorney.

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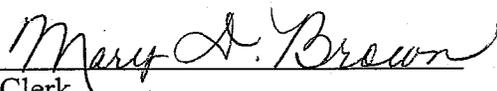
There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned.

City of Norton, Virginia



William J. Mays, Vice Mayor

ATTEST:



Clerk