

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held on Tuesday, May 4, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers with Mayor Robert Raines presiding.

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

Absent: Jack Wallace

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

The invocation was given by Rev. Jim Goddard and was followed by the pledge of allegiance led by Captain Kenneth Jackson of the Norton Police Department.

Upon a motion by Joseph Fawbush, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the April 20, 1999 meeting as presented.

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During the Mayor's call for visitors, Rev. Jim Goddard spoke briefly to Council regarding the Southwest Virginia Family Service Center which the Holston Home for Children, Greenville, Tennessee hopes to establish in this area by mid-summer. They are requesting several things. These are: 1. \$80,000 in start-up money. 2. Personnel (9 staffed positions) and foster care parents, and 3. office space. Donations from all sources will be greatly appreciated and both Rev. Goddard and his wife can be contacted.

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Mayor Raines thanked Rev. Goddard for sharing this information with us.

A public hearing was held on the 1999-2000 budget for the Norton City Schools which totals \$5,061,192 including \$1,458,913 of local funds.

Dr. John Sessoms, Superintendent of Norton City Schools, was present and gave Council a brief overview of this budget and offered to answer any questions which Council might have.

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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.

Mayor Raines advised the City Manager to put this item on the agenda of the May 18<sup>th</sup> meeting for action from Council.

Council discussed An Ordinance Requiring Fingerprinting for Concealed Handgun Permits which was adopted on August 19, 1997. Mr. Ward advised that letters from Police Chief Sam Mongle and Captain Kenneth Jackson were in Council's packets stipulating that this ordinance is burdensome in that it now takes up to 4 months to get a permit issued. This is compared to the time frame of 2 - 4 weeks when using the method prior to the passage of this ordinance.

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Captain Jackson was present and answered Council's questions pertaining to this.

Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Joseph Hunnicutt, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by unanimous vote, Council authorized the City Manager to

advertise a public hearing to repeal Ordinance No. 81997 which is An Ordinance Requiring Fingerprinting for Concealed Handgun Permits.

Mr. Ward sought Council's authorization to send a letter of support for funding under the Virginia Coalfield Regional Water Study.

Both Mayor Raines and the City Manager gave brief overviews on this item.

Mayor Raines advised that both Lenowisco and the Cumberland Planning Plateau had received \$180,000 that is being authorized for basically preliminary engineering studies.

Mr. Ward advised that the Town of Big Stone Gap, based on the money that has been made available, has submitted a request to be funded for a preliminary engineering report an environmental assessment, and a study of inter-municipal agreements in the amount of \$12,000. The Town of Big Stone Gap is looking at extending their service lines in the Lee County area, and at creating emergency tie-ins of water with the Town of Appalachia and the City of Norton. This item came from an original study done by Lane Engineering several years ago, which said that it was a critical need that all the local governments need to be interconnected, if possible, for emergencies. In order for Big Stone Gap to secure the funding from the Lenowisco Planning District, we have been asked to send a letter of support for this study, as has the Town of Appalachia and the Lee County Public Service Authority. Mr. Ward is asking Council to authorize him to send a letter of support to Lenowisco stating that the City of Norton supports the Town of Big Stone Gap applying for this money to look at this study and preparing this preliminary engineering report.

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Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Joseph Hunnicutt, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council authorized the City Manager to send a letter of support to Lenowisco for the Town of Big Stone Gap to apply for money to conduct a study and prepare a preliminary engineering report.

Council had been supplied in their packets a list of streets to be paved in 1999. Mr. Ward advised that we have \$150,000 budgeted this year for paving, striping, and patching. The list totals \$228,000 and covers mostly residential streets. Bids will be requested on this project.

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Mr. Ward was advised by Council to proceed on this project.

Upon a motion by Joseph Fawbush, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel as per Section 2.1-344(A) (1) of the Code of Virginia, as amended.

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Mayor Raines declared the meeting in Executive Session.

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

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Mayor Raines declared the meeting back in regular session.

The Clerk then polled each member of Council as to the Certification of Executive Meeting with each answering aye. The Clerk then read the entire Resolution of the Certification of Executive Meeting. Upon a motion by Joseph Hunnicutt, seconded by

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

Mayor Raines opened the floor for nominations to the Norton Industrial Development Authority for four (4) year terms which will expire on 5/10/2003.

William Mays nominated Mrs. Barbara Caruso and Mr. Robert Leonard to be reappointed to the Norton Industrial Development Authority.

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

Mayor Raines declared Mrs. Barbara Caruso and Mr. Robert Leonard reappointed to the Norton Industrial Development Authority for four (4) year terms which will expire on 5/10/2003.

Mayor Raines opened the floor for nominations of a student representative to the Youth Services Board for a four (4) year term which will expire on 5/2/2003.

Mr. Joseph Hunnicutt nominated Ms. Jennifer Guttu to be reappointed to the Youth Services Board.

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

Mayor Raines declared Ms. Jennifer Guttu reappointed to the Youth Services Board for a four (4) year term which will expire on 5/2/2003.

Mayor Raines opened the floor for nominations to the Celebrate 2000 Committee.

Joseph Fawbush nominated Mr. Michael Tate to be appointed to the Celebrate 2000 Committee.

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

Mayor Raines declared Mr. Michael Tate appointed to the Celebrate 2000 Committee.

In comments from the City Manager, Mr. Ward:

Reminded Council of the meeting scheduled with VDOT for May 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a. m.

Supplied Council with a hand-out stating that Kids Fishing Day will be May 15th at the reservoir from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a. m.

Advised Council that Flag Rock had opened on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Advised that the City is beginning to work on the Super Service Parking Lot putting down gravel in order to utilize it as a parking lot at this time.

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Passed out information from the Virginia Municipal League asking for input on format and topics for the conference to be held in Williamsburg this fall. Council members may complete and return them to him and the City will fax them back to the VML.

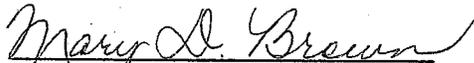
There were no comments from either the City Attorney or City Council.

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

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA

  
B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Clerk