

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held on Tuesday, July 20, 1999 in the Municipal Council Chambers with Mayor Robert Raines presiding.

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

Absent: Joseph Hunnicutt

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

The invocation was given by Father Joe Facura and was followed by the pledge, which was led by the Chief of Police, Sam Mongle.

Upon a motion by Joseph Fawbush, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the July 6, 1999 meeting as presented.

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

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Mr. Ward advised that the reading at the reservoir as of today is 80.25 million gallons. This is the lowest level that the City has seen at this time of the year in many years. Enclosed is Council's packets was a copy of our Pre-Emergency Water Plan and our Contingency Plan for the declaration of a water emergency.

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Mayor Raines again asked our citizens for voluntary water conservation.

Council had a request for funding from the Ninth District Tourism Marketing Coalition in the amount of \$8,399.

The City Manager advised that representatives from this Coalition made a presentation to Council several meetings ago and at that time, Council agreed to support their goal, which is a national television campaign to market our region and increase the revenues collected by our localities through tourism. The amount of \$8,399 was requested from the City.

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Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Joseph Fawbush, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council authorized a \$4,000 contribution to the Ninth District Tourism Marketing Coalition. Said funds are to come from Contingency.

The City Manager presented to Council copies of the Norton City Code and the State Code regarding animals and fowl.

He advised that no amendments have been made to the City's Code in the past 15 years and we have no problems at the present time; however, he feels that we should look into this matter.

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Following a brief discussion, it was the consensus of Council that the City Manager check with other municipalities and see what they have in their codes and bring this information back to Council at a future date.

Council had a request for three water taps in the county. These are for: Margie Dotson, 6044-E W. Norton Road; Appalachian Traditions, 6100 Kent Junction Road; and Joseph Hamilton, 6300-B Hilltop Road.

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Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Joseph Fawbush and passed by unanimous vote, Council approved the three water taps for Margie Dotson, Appalachian Traditions, and Joseph Hamilton at the above listed locations in the county.

Council briefly discussed their upcoming trip to our sister city, Buena Vista. Those attending will leave early Thursday morning, July 22nd, and return on Friday, July 23rd.

There were no questions from Council regarding this trip. Mr. Ward advised that representatives of Buena Vista will visit with us on August 17th.

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

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Mayor Raines declared Council back in regular 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 Joseph Fawbush, seconded by William Mays, and passed by the following vote: Wallace, Mays, Fawbush, Raines - YES, NO - None, Hunnicutt - ABSENT, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the Certification of Closed Meeting. (Insert)

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Mayor Raines advised no action was taken in closed meeting.

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During comments from the City Manager, Mr. Ward passed out to members of Council copies of the Freedom of Information Act and also a pocket guide to the Freedom of Information Act.

He also read to Council a thank you letter from a young man, Daniel Evans of Powhatan, Virginia, who had requested and received information on the City and had done a school project on Norton. Mr. Evans sent a photograph of himself with his project and advised that he had made an "A" on the project.

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There were no comments from the City Attorney or Council.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned with Council went to the Water Plant for a tour.

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA

B. Robert Raines

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ATTEST:

Mary D. Brown

Clerk