

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held on Tuesday, April 7, 1998 at the Municipal Council Chambers with Vice Mayor William Mays presiding.

Present: Roy Roberts, Jack Wallace, William Mays, and Ron McCall

Absent: Robert Raines

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 the Director of Social Services, Bill Stokes.

Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the March 17, 1998 meeting as presented.

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

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At this time, Mr. Mays welcomed Ms. Sherry Giles, a member of the current Forward Wise County Class.

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A public hearing was held on An Ordinance Vacating and Discontinuing a Portion of Fourth Street in the Lost Creek Area.

The City Attorney advised that the Virginia Department of Transportation had approached the City and asked that we vacate a small portion of 4th Street in order that they may make a property transfer with an adjacent property owner, Lost Creek Development Corporation. He then went over with Council the requirements of the Code of Virginia on the handling of this situation.

Vice Mayor Mays opened the public hearing.

18081

Mr. Roger Jenkins spoke briefly to Council inquiring as to what would be done with the property that is directly in front of his home. He was advised by the City Attorney that this was to be a road. He advised that he would have no problem with this; however if something else were to be done to this property, he would like to be informed.

There being no further public input, Vice Mayor Mays closed the public hearing.

Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt An Ordinance Vacating and Discontinuing a Portion of Fourth Street in the Lost Creek Area. (Insert)

Mr. Mays advised that the next item on the agenda, a presentation by Mrs. Sheila Kuczko, Director of the Coalfield Tourism Authority, would be tabled until another meeting. Mrs. Kuczko was unable to attend tonight's meeting due to illness.

18082

Council had a request from Mr. Jerry Jessee, Fourth Street, N. W., for a Special Use Permit. This permit would be revocable and would allow Mr. Jessee to have a driveway over a paper street.

The City Administration seeks favorable consideration of this request.

At this time, Councilman Roberts advised he was abstaining from both discussion and action on this item.

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Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by the following vote: Wallace, Mays, McCall - YES; Roberts - ABSTAIN, Council authorized a Special Use Permit for Mr. Jerry Jessee on Fourth Street, N. W. for the purpose of putting in a driveway.

The City Manager had furnished Council with a list of streets to be paved during 1998 and briefly went over it with them. He advised we had budgeted \$150,000 for paving; however this amount includes all patching and stripping for the year.

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Following a brief discussion, it was the consensus of Council to accept the paving list as presented.

Mr. Ward presented Council with a memorandum covering the upcoming budgetary process for this year. The Norton City School Board usually presents their budget at the first meeting in April. This year, it will be presented on the 21st of April. He then briefly went over the time frame with Council. It was the consensus of Council to go with the schedule provided to them by Mr. Ward.

18085

Council had a request from Mr. Mark Wells, 7709 Wells Boone Road, for a water and sewer permit.

Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to approve a sewer permit for Mr. Wells.

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Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by the following vote: Wallace, Mays, and McCall - YES, Roberts - NO, Council approved a water tap for Mr. Wells.

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Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel as per 2.1-344(A) (1) of the Code of Virginia as amended. This covers an appointment to the City of Norton Tourism Board for the unexpired term of Mr. Rick Ferree. Mr. Ferree has resigned from this Board as he has been transferred out of state due to his employment.

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Vice Mayor Mays declared the meeting in Executive Session.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to go back into regular session.

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Vice Mayor Mays declared the meeting 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 Jack Wallace, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the Certification of Executive Meeting. (Insert)

18090

Vice Mayor Mays opened the floor for nominations to the City Tourism Board.

At this time, Councilman Wallace advised he would be abstaining from any discussion or vote on this item.

Roy Roberts nominated Mr. Don Green to be appointed to the City Tourism Board for the unexpired term of Mr. Rick Ferree which will expire on September 30, 2000.

18091

Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by the following vote: Roberts, McCall, and Mays - YES; Wallace - ABSTAIN; Council moved that the nominations cease.

The Vice Mayor declared Mr. Don Green appointed to the City Tourism Board for the unexpired term of Mr. Rick Ferree which will expire on September 30, 2000.

In his comments, the City Manager advised:

The Wise County Chamber of Commerce Gala will be held on April 18th and that the City will have a table. He has tickets available if Council members wish to attend.

The City Reservoir will open at Noon on Saturday, April 11th.

Winners of the Keep Guest River Clean Poster Contest had their posters exhibited in Council Chambers and the winners of the Trash Art Contest from Norton Elementary School were on display there also.

18092

On Saturday, April 18th the Keep Norton Beautiful Day will be held. Residents picking up a bag of trash and bringing it in to the Chamber of Commerce Parking Lot will be given either a geranium or a silver dollar.

April 10th - 20th will be Keep Norton Beautiful Week with the annual free pick-up and the free Adopt-A-Truck Program.

In comments from the City Attorney, Mr. Bradshaw advised that Judge Stump had approved one sale of delinquent property and they would be conducting another sale this month for the two lots adjoining the one just sold.

18093

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

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA



William J. Mays
Vice Mayor

ATTEST:



Mary D. Brown
Clerk