

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held on Tuesday, September 15, 1998 at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Council Chambers 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 the Police Chief, 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 September 1, 1998 meeting as presented.

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

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Council had a request to amend the 1998-99 Norton City Schools Budget. Mr. Ward turned the floor over to Dr. Kathleen DePonte, Chairman of the Norton City School Board. Dr. DePonte introduced Dr. John Sessoms to Council.

Dr. Sessoms asked Council to amend their 1998-99 budget in the amount of \$222,983 which they will receive in state funds and designated as school construction funds. To receive these funds, a local match of \$77,656 is required. These local funds have already been satisfied since the City funds the entire debt service for the school system. Of this amount, \$151,479.50 will be expended on identified projects. The remaining amount will be applied to existing and qualifying debt service.

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Following a brief discussion, it was the consensus of Council for the City Manager to advertise a public hearing to be held on this matter on October 20, 1998.

Mayor Raines welcomed Dr. Sessoms to Norton.

City Treasurer Joe Stallard presented to Council his annual report. He briefly went over this report and answered questions from Council.

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The City Attorney spoke briefly during this time concerning the remaining three judicial sales.

Mayor Raines thanked Mr. Stallard for his presentation and for the work done by his office.

At the Council Meeting of September 1st, Council had requested that the City Manager bring to them for adoption A Resolution Establishing a First Night 2000 Committee. This committee will have seven members and will serve at the will and pleasure of Council.

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Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Joseph Hunnicutt, and passed by unanimous roll call vote: YES - Hunnicutt, Wallace, Mays, Fawbush, Raines; NO - None, Council moved to adopt A Resolution Establishing a First Night 2000 Committee. (Insert)

The City Manager advised that the next scheduled Council Meeting is October 6th. This date coincides with the annual Virginia Municipal League Conference and he advised that there will not be a quorum present for this meeting.

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Upon a motion by Joseph Hunnicutt, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to cancel the October 6, 1998 meeting.

Upon a motion by Joseph Hunnicutt, seconded by Jack Wallace, 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.

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Mayor Raines declared the meeting in Executive Session.

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

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Mayor Raines opened the floor for nominations to the Southwest Virginia Emergency Medical Services Council for a three year term which will expire on September 30, 2001.

Councilman Hunnicutt nomination Mr. Bill Stokes to be reappointed to this Council.

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

Mayor Raines declared Mr. Bill Stokes reappointed to the Southwest Virginia Emergency Medical Services Council for a three year term which will expire on September 30, 2001.

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Mayor Raines opened the floor for nominations to the Health Advisory Board for a four year term which will expire on September 30, 2002.

Councilman Fawbush nominated Mrs. Marilyn Maxwell to be reappointed to this Board.

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

Mayor Raines declared Mrs. Marilyn Maxwell reappointed to the Health Advisory Board for a four year term which will expire on September 30, 2002.

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

The work on the million gallon water tank has been completed and it should be back in service by Tuesday of next week. Work will begin on the water tank at Flag Rock and this will cause us to close the camping and bathroom facilities.

Our web site is continuing to receive quite a few e-mails and he is supplying those to Council in their informational packets. He commended both Fred Ramey and Kevin Edwards for their prompt responses to this e-mail and for their work on this project.

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The second annual City of Norton and Town of Wise softball game will be held in Wise on Sunday, September 27th. Council members are invited to participate. Practice will be Monday evening at the Norton Little League Park at 6:00 p.m.

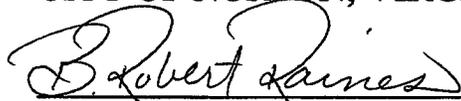
The City Attorney advised that he is about to conclude another of our judicial sales and that the City is in receipt of a petition for the reassessment of real estate taxes on the Magic Mart Shopping Center which the City is against. The net affect of this petition would be the reduction of tax revenue by \$9,000 per year. He is proceeding to have this suit moved to the law side of the docket and we intend to vigorously contest this suit. The City believes their assessed value of this property

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is entirely justified. This will be working through the courts and he will keep Council advised.

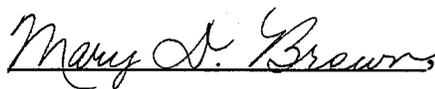
There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned.

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA



B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:

 Clerk