

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held on Tuesday, November 3, 1998 at 7:30 p.m. at the Norton Rescue Squad Building with Mayor Robert Raines presiding.

Present: Jack Wallace, Robert Raines, and Joseph Fawbush

Absent: Joseph Hunnicutt, William Mays

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

The invocation was given by Rev. Bob Kespelher followed by the pledge of allegiance led by Norton Police Officer James Lane.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to approve the minutes of the October 20, 1998 meeting as presented.

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During the Mayor's call for visitors, Police Chief Sam Mongle recognized Norton's Explorer Post 444 of the Boy Scouts of America. He asked members and advisors to come forward. Chief Mongle advised that this group had participated in a competition between several posts in Virginia and Tennessee. This group came in first in traffic stops, first in domestic violence disputes, and first in building searches. Also present was Ed Roberts, Field Director of the Sequoyah Council of the Boy Scouts of America, who presented Post 444 a plaque for their performance at this competition and advised that this was one of the finest posts in the Sequoyah Council.

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Mayor Raines, on behalf of Council and the citizens of Norton, extended congratulations to this Explorer Post, its advisors, and the Police Department for the work they do with these young people.

Council had on their agenda for discussion the item of a residential water deposit refund policy.

Due to the absence of two council members at tonight's meeting, this item was postponed until the next meeting.

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Mr. Ward gave Council an update on a recent meeting he attended in Charlottesville on the Commission on the Condition and Future of Virginia's Cities. He had furnished Council with copies of information he had received at this meeting and briefly went over this with them.

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Mayor Raines thanked Mr. Ward for his update on this Commission.

The City Manager went over information received from the Virginia Coalition of High Growth Communities wherein they asked Council to support their five point legislative agenda in any form; particularly by the adoption of a resolution.

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Following a brief discussion, it was the consensus of Council to bring this item back to a full Council and hopefully to have some additional information on some of the five points this coalition is supporting.

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

19171

Mayor Raines opened the floor for nominations to the First Night 2000 Committee.

Jack Wallace nominated Ken Crowder, Hank Hankins, Barbara B. Collins, Joyce Payne, Yvonne Elmore, Barbara Collins, and Chris Jones to serve on this committee at the pleasure of Council.

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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.

Mayor Raines declared Ken Crowder, Hank Hankins, Barbara B. Collins, Joyce Payne, Yvonne Elmore, Barbara Collins, and Chris Jones to serve on the First Night 2000 Committee at the pleasure of Council.

Mayor Raines opened the floor for nominations to the Cumberland Airport Committee for a four year term which will expire on October 31, 2002.

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Joseph Fawbush nominated Walley Witt to be reappointed to this Committee.

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

Mayor Raines declared Walley Witt reappointed to the Cumberland Airport Committee for a four year term which will expire on October 31, 2002.

In his comments, the City Manager advised:

The Veterans Day Parade will be held on Saturday, November 7, 1998 at 2:00 p.m. on Park Avenue.

The Christmas Parade will be Saturday, December 5th, and Council has been invited to participate. Council members are to get back to Mr. Ward and advise him if they wish to ride in the parade.

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The City is proceeding with the School Safety Officer at J. I. Burton High School. Sheriff Deputy Tim Boardwine will serve in this capacity for this year and will begin on Monday, November 9th.

In comments from the City Attorney, Mr. Bradshaw advised he is proceeding with various lawsuits for the City and assisting the City Manager and Assistant City Manager on NIDA matters.

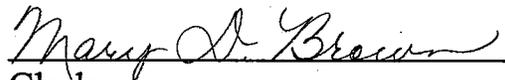
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There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned.

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA


B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:


Clerk