

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held on Tuesday, December 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 which was followed by the pledge of allegiance led by the Assistant City Manager, Fred Ramey.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to approve the minutes of the December 1, 1998 meeting as presented. 19203

There was no response to the Mayor's call for visitors. 19204

A public hearing was held to consider an amendment to the 1998-99 General Fund Budget in the amount of \$127,939 to reflect financial encumbrances as of June 30, 1998.

There were no 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.

There were no questions or comments from Council following the public hearing and upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Joseph Hunnicutt, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to authorize an amendment to the 1998-99 General Fund Budget in the amount of \$127,939 to reflect financial encumbrances as of June 30, 1998. 19205

A public hearing was held to consider an amendment to the 1998-99 Norton City School Budget in the amount of \$56,335.

Mr. William "Butch" Hutchinson of the Norton City School System was present to answer any questions that Council might have. 19206

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.

Upon a motion by Joseph Hunnicutt, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to authorize an amendment to the 1998-99 Norton City School Budget in the amount of \$56,335.

Present tonight representing the Guest River Restoration Project was Shannon O'Quinn, Carol Green, and Michele Knox. Mr. O'Quinn spoke briefly to Council and gave a brief overview of this project. He advised Council that they had just received a \$104,000 renewal grant to continue with the projects on which they are working. He asked Council's support by means of a representative to attend their Steering Committee Meetings and also someone to work on the new Strategic Plan they will be working on.

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Mayor Raines thanked the representatives from this group for their dedication and hard work and advised that Council would be supportive of their efforts at the appropriate time.

The City Manager advised that we had received four inches of rain and that our capacity had risen from 30 million gallons to 41.8 million gallons as of today and that we had good run-off.

Following a brief discussion, it was the consensus of Council to keep monitoring this situation.

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Council had in their packets a request from the Commissioner of Revenue for a refund of personal property taxes assessed in error. The amount of this tax is \$79.55 and the reimbursement should go to Bowers Auto Supply, Inc.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Joseph Hunnicutt, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council authorized a refund in the amount of \$79.55 to Bowers Auto Supply, Inc. for personal property tax assessed in error.

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Upon a motion by Joseph Hunnicutt, seconded by Joseph Fawbush, 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 Hunnicutt, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to go back into regular session. Mayor Raines declared the meeting back in regular session.

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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 William Mays, 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 advised no action was taken during the Executive Session.

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In his comments, the City Manager advised:

On behalf of the City staff, he expressed holiday wishes to those in attendance.

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In comments from the City Attorney, he advised Council of two active items on the docket in the Wise County Courts. Mr. Bradshaw also expressed to Council his appreciation for Council's confidence in him this past year and he extended holiday wishes to those present.

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Mayor Raines also expressed holiday wishes to those present.

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

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA


B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:


Clerk