

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held on Tuesday, December January 7, 1997 at the Municipal Council Chambers with Mayor Robert Raines presiding.

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

Also Present: E. W. Ward, City Manager and Joe Pippin, City Attorney

The invocation was given by the City Manager followed by the pledge of allegiance which was led by the Assistant City Manager, Fred Ramey.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the December 17, 1996 meeting as presented.

17698

During the Mayor's call for visitors, Mr. Elmer Boles, 4349 Dorchester Road, presented Mayor Raines with a petition from residents of the Dorchester Road Area asking to have City sewer installed in their area.

Mr. Ward advised that due to the location the line would have to go across the river and that an engineering study along with our items would have to be done which would cause the cost of hooking these County residents on City sewer quite expensive.

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Following discussion on this item, Mayor Raines advised that the Clerk would file this petition.

After advertising for bids, the City Manager advised he had received four proposals for the clean up of the Lee Clemons' property and advised the low estimated price was \$6000 with a not to exceed \$7,200 for this clean up. He also passed to Council photos taken of this property.

17700

Mr. Gary DelForge, Administrator of St. Mary's Hospital, was present and spoke to Council on this item. He advised that Loreto Heights had purchased Mr. Clemons' lifetime estate and also his daughter's share of this property; however they had encountered a problem. There seems to be a piece of property that is not on the tax books nor recorded at the Court House. All of this property was in the Patrick Hagan Estate and they have contacted an attorney who has these records and should be hearing from him this week as to who owns this property. He further advised that Mr. Clemons is supposed to be off the property in another ten days.

Following a lengthy discussion and upon a motion by William Mays,

seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by the following roll call vote, Roberts and McCall NO, Wallace, Mays, and Raines YES, Council authorized the City Manager to execute a contract on the clean-up of the Clemons' property based upon the City Attorney's concurrence.

Council had in their packets A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Requesting the Virginia Department of Transportation to Include an Additional Street for Municipal Assistance Payments.

Mr. Ward advised this resolution covered Collinwood Drive which has been recently completed and dedicated to the City by the property owners. This road is .34 lane miles and would add approximately \$2,200 in annual mileage money.

17701

Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Requesting the Virginia Department of Transportation to Include an Additional Street for Municipal Assistance Payments. (Insert)

Council had a request for a water tap for Mr. Eddie Benjamine Boles of 4349 Dorchester Road. Mr. Ward advised a water tap was available.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by William Mays, and adopted by the following roll call vote: Roberts - NO (Mr. Roberts explained his reasoning for voting NO on this out-of- the City tap was due to the fact that until the City can supply City water to all of its residents, he will vote no on out-of-City taps), Wallace, Mays, McCall, and Raines - YES, Council authorized one water tap for Mr. Eddie Boles of 4349 Dorchester Road.

17702

A copy of a check in the amount of \$317,000 made payable to the Norton City Schools was given to Council for approval.

Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by William Mays, and passed by an unanimous roll call vote, Council approved a check in the amount of \$317,000 made payable to the Norton City Schools.

17703

Upon a motion by William Mays, 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.

17704

Mayor Raines declared the meeting in Executive Session.

Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to go back into regular session.

17705

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 Roy Roberts, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the Certification of Executive Meeting. (Insert)

Mayor Raines advised there was no action to be taken on appointments.

In his comments, the City Manager advised:

The Department of Mined Land Reclamation will be doing repairs to a section of high wall between Pine Hills and St. Mary's. Pictures of the site were passed around for Council's viewing. This area's slides are mine related. They advised that the road may have to be closed while the work is in progress.

The large map behind him was made off our new plotter. This had been one of our CIP Projects.

The CIP Meeting will be held on Friday, February 7, 1997 at the Holiday Inn at 12:00 Noon.

Eighteen contractors were present today at a mandatory Pre-Bid Conference on the Downtown Revitalization Project. The scheduled bid opening is January 22, 1997 at 2:00. The Assistant City Manager has a copy of the plans if Council would like to view them.

There were no comments from the City Attorney or Council.

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

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA



B. Robert Raines, Mayor

Attest:



Clerk