

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held on Tuesday, February 18, 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 Father Joe Facura followed by the pledge of allegiance which was lead by the Assistant City Manager, Fred Ramey.

Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the February 4th meeting as presented.

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

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The City Manager advised that Thompson and Litton, our engineers on the Downtown Revitalization Project, had reviewed the five bids received on this project. The low bid was submitted by Corte Construction Company of Bluefield, Va. in the amount of \$920,000. If we eliminate the Deductive Alternate #1 (Sewer lines in the amount of \$185,000 and #2 (Bumpouts in the amount of \$10,000), this would make the low bid \$725,000. This would have to be approved by the Department of Housing and Community Development.

Mr. Mike Hatfield of Thompson and Litton showed Council a video on the sewer lines which were included in this project and advised that they were in good shape considering their age. He also advised that there were some places where some work needed to be done.

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Following a lengthy discussion and upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to accept the recommendation of the City Manager and the City Engineer conditioned upon the approval of the Department of Housing and Community Development to execute a contract in the amount of \$725,00 (which is the bid price less the deductive alternates #1 (sewer line replacement in the amount of \$185,000 and #2 (bumpouts in the amount of \$10,000) with Corte Construction of Bluefield, Va. for the Downtown Revitalization Project.

Mr. Ward advised they would be coming back for more deductions and additions on this project.

Council had a request from Lost Creek Development Corporation for a variance to the Virginia Department of Transportation Urban Street Requirements. This request consist of reducing the width requirement of pavement from 30 feet to 22 feet for the Phase 1 Townhouse Area and then to 18 feet width for the Phase 2 Single Family Residential Lot Area and also a reduction in the right-of-way width requirement from 50 feet to 40 feet for the Phase 2 single family lot area.

Mr. Ward advised this request is legitimate and that it is the recommendation of the City Administration that Council authorize the City Manager to make this request from VDOT.

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Following a discussion and upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous vote, Council authorized the City Manager to request a variance on street size for the Lost Creek Development Corporation. Mr. Ward is to send the necessary documents along with his letter.

Council had a request from the Best Friend Festival Committee asking for a contribution toward the cost of street banners they purchased last year for the Festival. The total cost of these banners was \$3,718.88.

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At this time, Vice Mayor Mays advised he is a member of this Committee and will abstain from any discussion and vote on this item.

Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by the following vote: Roberts, Wallace, McCall, and Raines - YES; Mays - ABSTAIN, Council authorized the transfer of \$3,718.88 out of General Properties - Decorations as an expenditure for the Best Friend Festival thus making their total budget \$13,718.88.

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton Supporting the Four Laning and Completion of the Coeburn By-Pass was included in Council's packet for consideration.

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The City Manager advised even though it has just been announced that the Federal Government has authorized funds to four lane and complete this by-pass, Mr. Terry Gibson, Town Manger, asked that we proceed with the passage of this resolution.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous vote, Council authorized the adoption of A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton Supporting the Four Laning and Completion of the Coeburn By-Pass. (Insert)

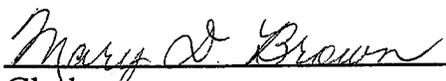
There being no comments from the City Manager, City Attorney, or Council and no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned.

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA



B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:



Clerk