

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held on Tuesday, July 15, 1997 at the Municipal Council Chambers with Mayor Raines presiding.

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

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

The invocation was given by the City Manager and was followed by the pledge of allegiance which was lead by Chief of Police Sam Mongle.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the July 1, 1997 meeting as presented.

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

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Mr. Ward advised Council that the City now has the keys and access to the Super Service Garage Property which the City had purchased over a year ago. He passed out some photos that had been taken at the garage and showed them to the members of Council.

Also present to discuss this property with Council was Mr. Mike Hatfield of Thompson and Litton. Mr. Hatfield advised that he did not think this building would be of any benefit to the City as a fire station. There is not enough room to house all the trucks, no wash area, and there is a short turning radius.

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Mr. Hatfield also advised Council that bid specs would be mailed out on Wednesday, July 16th covering the demolition of the Super Service Garage property in its entirety and a second request to leave part of the structure standing and demolish the rest.

It was the consensus of Council for the City Manager to proceed with the bid specs.

Mayor Raines thanked Mr. Hatfield for his report tonight.

Included in Council's packet was a draft Memorandum of Agreement Between the City of Norton, Virginia and the Town of Big Stone Gap, Virginia. This memorandum would be used to support the proposed Corps of Engineer's Study and also begin a dialog between Norton and Big Stone for the purpose of

establishing an emergency connection with another water system in order to insure a minimum water supply during periods of emergency.

Mr. Ward went over the Memorandum of Agreement.

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Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council authorized Mayor Raines to sign this Memorandum of Agreement with Big Stone Gap at the appropriate time to continue this particular project.

Mr. Ward is to work with Mr. Polly, Big Stone Gap Town Manager, on this.

The City Manager was in receipt of a memorandum from the Department of State Police advising that as of July 1, 1997, counties and cities may enact ordinances which would require any applicant for a concealed handgun permit to submit to fingerprinting for the purpose of obtaining the applicant's state and national criminal history record. Mr. Ward advised he had talked with the City Attorney and Chief of Police on this item.

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The City Attorney went over the differences in what the new ordinance would cover and the one in use presently. The City Attorney advised he was in favor of the passage of the new ordinance.

The Police Chief also discussed this with Council and advised that he was in favor of the passage of the new ordinance.

Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous vote, Council authorized the City Manager to advertise a public hearing for the Fingerprinting of Applicants for Concealed Handgun Permits.

Mr. Ward advised this public hearing would be held in August.

Mr. Ward gave Council an update on the annual Virginia Municipal League Conference which will be held in Hampton October 19 - October 21, 1997. He asked Council members to advise him as soon as possible if they plan to attend in order that he may make reservations for them.

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Council had a copy of a check made payable to the Norton City Schools in the amount of \$125,000.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to approve a check in the amount of \$125,000 made payable to the Norton City Schools.

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At this time, Mayor Raines stated he would like to commend the Virginia Department of Transportation for the work done in the Trent Street area off Rt. 23. He asked the City Manager to please write a letter to them expressing the City's appreciation for the work done which provides for a better traffic flow and a more vehicular friendly area.

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Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, 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.

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Mayor Raines declared the meeting in Executive Session.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Ron McCall, 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 as to the Certification of Executive Meeting with each answering yes. 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)

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Mayor Raines opened the floor for nominations to the Downtown Storefront Committee.

Ron McCall nominated Mr. Richard Hurt, City Building Official, Mr. William Mays, Vice Mayor, and Ms. Margaret Bolling, a downtown business owner.

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

Mayor Raines declared Mr. Richard Hurt, Mr. William Mays, and Ms. Margaret Bolling appointed to the Downtown Storefront Committee.

Mayor Raines opened the floor for nominations to the Norton Planning Commission for a four year term which will expire on July 31, 2001.

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Jack Wallace nominated Mr. T. J. Flanary to be reappointed to this Commission.

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

Mayor Raines announced Mr. T. J. Flanary reappointed to the Norton Planning Commission for a four year term which will expire on July 31, 2001.

In his comments, the City Manager advised:

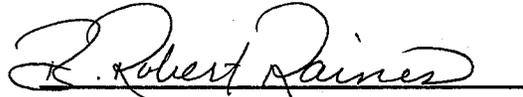
That the City reservoir is full as of today's date.

There were no comments from Council.

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

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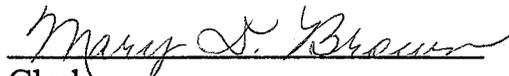
CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA



B. Robert Raines

Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Clerk