

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

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

Absent: William Mays, Joe Pippin

Also Present: E. W. Ward, City Manager

The invocation was given by the City Manager and was followed by the pledge of allegiance which was led by the Fire Chief, David Mullins.

At this time, Mayor Raines advised that Vice Mayor William Mays would be late for tonight's meeting.

Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the September 16, 1997 meeting as presented.

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During the Mayor's call for visitors, Mrs. Peggy Peters, 415 Virginia Avenue, N. E. spoke to Council regarding an old shack that is near her property that she would like to have torn down. Following a brief discussion, Mayor Raines referred this to the City Manager and the Building Inspector.

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Mr. Ward advised Mrs. Peters they would follow up on this item this week.

Council held a public hearing on An Ordinance Prohibiting Dogs from Barking at Night and Disturbing the Public Rest. Mr. Ward advised this ordinance had been duly advertised for the public hearing and explained why we were adopting this new ordinance. The City had a case thrown out of court due to the word, "continuously" in the original ordinance. This ordinance is the same as the old one except this word has been deleted.

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There were no questions or comments from Council prior to the public hearing. Mayor Raines opened the public hearing.

There being no public comment, Mayor Raines closed the public hearing.

The City Manager answered questions from Council.

Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt An Ordinance Prohibiting Dogs From

Barking at Night and Disturbing the Public Rest which will go into effect in thirty days. (Insert)

The City Manager had a request from Mr. Carlos Diets of 1704 Hoot Owl Hollow Road seeking permission to cross a City paved road in order to run a water line to a well owned by Knob Development Company. Mr. Ward advised this can be done through the issuance of a Special Use Permit.

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Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous vote, Council approved a Special Use Permit for Mr. Carlos Diets of 1704 Hoot Owl Hollow Road.

Mr. Ward advised Council that the City had been awarded a \$6,000 grant from the Department of Rehabilitative Services for the purchase of accessible playground equipment. This is a matching grant and each locality is asked to commit \$750.00 toward the project. Since the City allocates \$500 annually to this Board, an additional \$250 needs to be added for the total of the \$750. The Parks and Recreation Director, Michele Knox, had a display to show the type of equipment the City would purchase and also answer any questions Council may have. Mr. Ward recommended that we take advantage of this grant.

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Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to amend the General Fund Budget in the amount of \$6,000 for the Accessible Equipment Grant and take the \$250 from the Parks and Recreation Contingency Account.

Fire Chief David Mullins and several members of his department were present to submit to Council the list of both the working and business officers of the Norton Fire Department for the year of 1997-98. Council has to appoint the working officers per Section 8-38 of the Norton City Code.

During this presentation, Vice Mayor Mays took his seat on Council at 7:55 p.m.

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Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to accept the nominations as presented as the working officers of the Norton Fire Department for the 1997-1998 year.

Mayor Raines expressed appreciation to Chief Mullins and his department for the work that is done by them. Chief Mullins expressed their thanks and appreciation to Council for their support.

Council had a request from Ms. Edith Partin of 6044-D West Norton Road for a water tap. Mr. Ward advised water is available.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by the following roll call vote: Roberts - NO, Wallace, Mays, McCall, and Raines - YES, Council approved a water tap for Ms. Edith Partin of 6044-D West Norton Road.

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Mr. Ward is to advise Ms. Partin.

The City Manager advised Council that both he and the Assistant City Manager will be out of town attending the Virginia Municipal League Conference on October 21, 1997 and that this is our regular meeting night. Also our first meeting in November, November 4<sup>th</sup>, is Election Day and Council Chambers will be in use as a voting precinct. His recommendation to Council is that we cancel the October 21<sup>st</sup> meeting and hold the November 4<sup>th</sup> meeting at another location.

Vice Mayor Mays offered the use of the Norton Rescue Squad Building and Council accepted.

Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to cancel the October 21<sup>st</sup> meeting and hold the November 4<sup>th</sup> meeting at the Norton Rescue Squad Building.

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Upon a motion by Ron McCall, 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, and the Disposition of Publicly Held Property and the Acquisition of Real Property as per 2.1-344(A) (3) of the Code of Virginia, as amended, and discussion of a prospective business where no previous announcement has been made as per 2.1-344(A) (5) of the Code of Virginia, as amended.

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Mayor Raines declared the meeting in Executive Session.

Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by Jack Wallace, 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 William Mays, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the Certification of Executive Meeting. (Insert)

17943

Mayor Raines opened the floor for nominations to the Mountain Empire Older Citizens Advisory Board for a two year term which will expire on 9/15/99.

Roy Roberts nominated Michele Knox to be reappointed to this Board.

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

Mayor Raines declared Michele Knox reappointed to the Mountain Empire Older Citizens Advisory Board for a two year term which will expire on 9/15/99.

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Mayor Raines opened the floor for nominations to the Wise County/City of Norton Health Advisory Board for a four year term which will expire on 9/30/2001.

Jack Wallace nominated Imogene Calhoun to be reappointed to this Board.

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

Mayor Raines declared Imogene Calhoun reappointed to the Wise County/City of Norton Health Advisory Board for a four year term which will expire on 9/30/2001.

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Mayor Raines opened the floor for nominations of a City Attorney to replace Mr. Joe Pippin who has resigned.

Ron McCall nominated the law firm of Bradshaw and Bradshaw subject to the City Manager negotiating a satisfactory contract. This was seconded by Roy Roberts and passed by unanimous vote.

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As to the disposition of publicly held property, which is the old Ramsey Sewage Treatment Plant Property, a motion was made by William Mays, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote to reject all proposals received.

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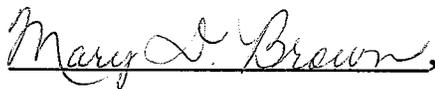
There were no comments from the City Manager or Council.

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

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA

  
B. Robert Raines  
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Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary D. Brown, Clerk