

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on Tuesday, October 15, 1996, at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Robert Raines presiding.

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

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

The invocation was given by Rev. Bob Kespelher which was followed by the pledge of allegiance led by the Fire Chief, David Mullins.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the October 1, 1996 meeting as presented.

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During the audience for visitors, Carol Green, Coordinator of the Wise County Clean Team, presented Council with a plaque honoring the City of Norton as the winner of their Community Beautification Contest for the development of Legion Park. The City will also receive a sign to put at a location for the year.

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Mayor Raines thanked Ms. Green for the award and commended the work of the Wise County Clean Team.

A public hearing was held on An Ordinance Amending the Norton City Code Concerning the Removal, Repair, or Securing of Buildings and Other Structures and Providing When the Amendment Shall Be Effective.

The City Attorney advised the State Code had changed twice since our ordinance had and this amendment was taken verbatim from the State Code. He further recommended Council's adoption of this ordinance. 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. Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt An Ordinance Amending the Norton City Code Concerning the Removal, Repair, or Securing of Buildings and Other Structures and Providing When the Amendment Shall Be Effective. (Insert)

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A public hearing was held on an amendment to the 1996-97 General Fund Budget in the amount of \$100,000 to properly account for a Microenterprise Grant.

The City Manager advised that the City is the fiscal agent for this Microenterprise Grant from the Community Development Block Grant Fund and that the budget needs to be amended in order that we can receive and disburse the funds. There is no local funds in this amount.

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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.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to amend the 1996-97 General Fund Budget in the amount of \$100,000 to properly account for a

Microenterprise Grant.

Mr. Jeff Elkins, attorney for Loreto Heights, was present and gave Council an update on the Lee Clemons property. He advised Council that a lot of progress had been made and showed Council pictures of the property. Mr. Elkins advised they would continue working on this property.

Mayor Raines noted that substantial improvements had been made and he thanked Mr. Elkins for his report.

Mr. David Mullins, Fire Chief of the City of Norton, presented to Council the names of the working officers of the Fire Department for appointment by Council. These individuals are as follows: Gerald Lawson - Assistant Chief, Marty Hagy - Captain, Mike Lintz - First Lieutenant, Alan Bowers and John Bledsoe - Lieutenants, Earl Cash and Steve McElroy - Engineers, and Joe Fawbush - Safety Officer.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to appoint the above listed individuals as the working officers of the Norton Fire Department for the 1996-97 fiscal year.

Mayor Raines expressed his appreciation to the Fire Department for the job they do and for the many hours of service to the City.

Mr. Ward advised that the Fire Department works with the Police Department and City employees on Halloween in order for us to have a safe Halloween.

Council had a request for a sewer tap in the County for Life Care Ambulance Service, Inc. at 1728 Norton Road, S. W.

Mr. Ward advised sewer was available and he requests approval of this request.

Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to approve a sewer tap for Life Care Ambulance Service, Inc. at 1728 Norton Road, S. W.

Mr. Ward is to notify Life Care of Council's approval.

Council had a copy of a check issued to the Norton City Schools in the amount of \$175,000 for approval.

Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council approved a check in the amount of \$175,000 issued to the Norton City Schools.

Due to Election Day being on the same day as our first meeting in November, Council briefly discussed the Nov. 5, 1996 meeting.

It was the consensus of Council to hold this meeting at the Norton Rescue Squad Building on November 5, 1996 at 7:30 p.m.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to go into Executive Session to discuss the disposition of publicly held property as per 2.1-344(A) (3) of the Code of Virginia, as amended and probable litigation as per 2.1-344(A) (7) of the Code of Virginia, as amended.

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.

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 yes. The Clerk then read the entire Resolution of the Certification of Executive Meeting. Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution of the Certification of Executive Meeting. (Insert)

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Mayor Raines announced there were no comments or action from the Executive Session.

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In his comments, the City Manager advised:

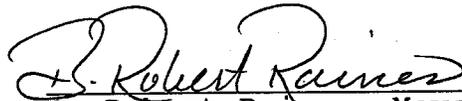
That he, Mayor Raines, Vice Mayor Mays, City Attorney Pippin, and Assistant City Manager Ramey would be out of town October 20 - 22, 1996 attending the Virginia Municipal League Conference.

There were no comments from the City Attorney or City Council.

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

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA


B. Robert Raines, Mayor

ATTEST:


Clerk