

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held on Tuesday, December December 3, 1996 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 Director of Social Services, Bill Stokes.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the November 19, 1996 meeting as presented.

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During the audience for visitors, Police Chief Sam Mongle came forth and presented to Mr. Jim Hill a plaque for 16 years of service on the City of Norton Auxiliary Police Department Unit. Mr. Hill, now a Wise County Deputy, was one of the founding members of this organization. Chief Mongle advised that he had a plaque for Mr. Jessie G. Coffey, another original member of the Auxiliary, for 16 years of service. Mr. Coffey was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

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Mayor Raines expressed Council's thanks to Mr. Hill and also to Mr. Coffey for the fine work they had performed on behalf of the City.

A public hearing was held on An Ordinance Concerning License Taxes and Providing When Same Shall Be Effective. Mr. Pippin, City Attorney, advised Council that this ordinance needs to be in effect by January 1, 1997 and briefly discussed this ordinance which covers the Business and Occupational License.

Mayor Raines opened the public hearing.

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

Following a brief discussion and with the recommendation of both the City Manager and City Attorney, a motion was made by Roy Roberts, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to adopt An Ordinance Concerning License Taxes and Providing When Same Shall Be Effective. (Insert)

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Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved that the above ordinance, entitled An Ordinance

Concerning License Taxes and Providing When Same Shall Be Effective, shall be effective January 1, 1997.

The City Attorney gave Council an update on the property of Lee Clemons. At the last meeting, Council had asked to have a representative of Loreto Heights be present at this meeting. Mr. Pippin advised that no one was present and discussed with Council four options that the City had in order to get this property cleaned up. Of the four options, his recommendation is that the City go ahead and advertise for a bid to have a contractor clean up this property.

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Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council authorized the City Manager to advertise for a contractor to come in and clean up this property.

Mr. Pippin is notify Mr. Elkins, attorney for Loreto Heights.

Council had been presented with a copy of the 1996-97 audit and present at tonight's meeting to discuss this with them was Mr. Bardin Thrower of Thrower and Thrower, the City's auditors.

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After his brief presentation to Council, Mr. Thrower advised he would be glad to answer any questions they may have tonight and in the future.

Council had in their packets a Resolution of the Governing Body of the City of Norton which covers authorizing the execution of various documents pertaining to the Esserville Sewer Agreement.

The City Attorney advised these forms are in extremely good legal form and his recommendation is that Council authorize the Mayor to sign these documents in order to receive the funds.

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Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Jack Wallace, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council authorized Mayor Raines to execute these forms and adopted A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Various Documents Pertaining to the Esserville Sewer Agreement. (Insert)

Mr. Ward advised Council that he and Mr. Ramey, the Assistant City Manager, had been working on a Deferred Compensation Plan for the employees which will supplement their retirement. He has found a plan which will cost the City nothing to implement and it will be administered by the International City Managers Association Retirement Corporation. He further advised that the City Attorney has found no problem with the documents, but before the Administration can proceed, Council needs to adopt this resolution.

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Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution Authorizing the Adoption of A Deferred Compensation Plan and authorized the City Manager to be Program Coordinator of this Plan. (Insert)

In their packets, Council had been given a Designating Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month Proclamation.

Upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Proclamation Designating Drunk and Drugged Week Driving (3D) Prevention Month 1996.

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Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Ron McCall, 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 Jack Wallace, 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 polled each member of the 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)

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Advising that Mr. Marty Hagy had served his two terms on the Social Service Advisory Board and could not be reappointed, Mayor Raines opened the floor for nominations to the Social Service Advisory Board for a four year term which will expire on November 21, 2000.

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William Mays nominated Rev. Jim Jenkins to be appointed to this Board.

Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to appoint Rev. Jim Jenkins to the Social Services Advisory Board for a four year term which will expire on November 21, 2000.

In his comments, the City Manager advised:

The Christmas Parade will be Saturday, Dec. 7, 1996 and will be followed by the Tree Lighting Ceremony at the City Park.

The City Christmas Dinner will be Thursday, December 5th at 7:00 at the Norton Rescue Squad Building at 7:00 p.m.

The Virginia Relay Center will hold an Open House on Friday, December 6, 1996 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Council had been extended a special invitation to attend.

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That designated snow removal routes and drivers had been established and divided into two (2) twelve hour shifts. He further advised that each truck would contain a map of that driver's route. The map is another item done with our new mapping system the City has purchased.

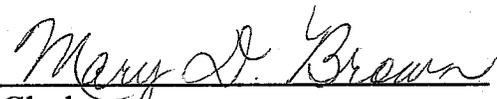
There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned.

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA



B. Robert Raines, Mayor

Attest:



Clerk